

## Native Flowering Plants Across the Seasons

Season	Plant Name + Info.	Sun Needs	Soil Requirements	Water Use	≈ Height	Local Bloom Time	Wildlife Value
SP	<p><b>Indian Blanket a/k/a Firewheel</b> (<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aster family</li> <li>• Long-lived annual forb</li> <li>• Hard to kill (except overwatering)</li> <li>• Readily reseeds</li> <li>• Moderately deer resistant</li> </ul>	Full sun (tolerates very light shade)	Calcareous, sandy (well-drained, dry soil; poor quality soil)	Low (drought tolerant)	≈ 3-4' tall	Spring – fall	Nectar + pollen source
SP	<p><b>Scarlet Sage a/k/a Tropical sage</b> (<i>Salvia coccinea</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mint family</li> <li>• Perennial forb</li> <li>• Reseeds aggressively</li> <li>• Moderately deer resistant</li> </ul>	Full sun, part sun, part shade	Caliche, sandy, various loams, clay (moist to dry soil)	Medium	≈ 2-3' tall	Spring – late fall	Nectar + pollen source; seeds for small birds
SU	<p><b>Buttonbush</b> (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madder family</li> <li>• Perennial shrub</li> <li>• Toxic foliage</li> <li>• Moderately deer resistant</li> </ul>	Part shade, shade	Limestone-based, sandy, various loams, clay (moist to wet soil)	High	≈ 6-12' tall	Summer – early fall	Nectar + pollen source; host plant for some Sphinx Moths; seeds for birds
SU	<p><b>Spotted Beebalm a/k/a Spotted Horsemint</b> (<i>Monarda punctata</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mint family</li> <li>• Perennial forb</li> <li>• Reseeds aggressively</li> <li>• Deer resistant</li> </ul>	Full sun	Sandy soils (well-drained, dry soil)	Low (drought tolerant)	≈ 2-3' tall	Late spring – summer	Nectar + pollen source

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FA	<p><b>Blue Mistflower a/k/a Blue Boneset (Conoclinium coelestinum)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aster family</li> <li>• Perennial forb</li> <li>• Aggressively spreads by rhizome and seed</li> </ul>	Full sun, part sun, part shade	Loamy, sandy, clay (moist soil)	Medium	≈ 2-3' tall	Summer – late fall	Nectar + pollen source
FA	<p><b>Prairie Blazing Star a/k/a Kansas Blazing Star (Liatris pycnostachya)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aster family</li> <li>• Perennial forb</li> <li>• Regrows from corm</li> </ul>	Full sun	Rocky, sandy, sandy loam, clay (well-drained, moist to dry soil; poor quality soil)	Low to medium	≈ 2-5' tall	Late summer – fall	Nectar + pollen source
WI	<p><b>Frostweed a/k/a White Crownbeard (Verbesina virginica var. virginica)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aster family</li> <li>• Perennial/biennial forb</li> <li>• Sap freezes and bursts from stem, creating frozen ribbons.</li> <li>• Freely spreads by rhizome and seed</li> <li>• Highly deer resistant</li> </ul>	Full sun, part sun, light shade	Clay, loamy, sandy (well-drained, moist soil)	Low to medium	≈ 4-6' tall	Fall – December/frost	Nectar + pollen source

Primary source: Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center's Native Plant Database: <https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>