

Western Nebraska Flowers for Pollinators

Insects critical to our food and ecosystems depend on an abundant array of spring, summer and autumn pesticide-free blooms. Here are some species to consider.

Spring Top Garden Picks



Pasque Flower
Pulsatilla patens



Prairie Smoke
Geum triflorum



Ohio Spiderwort
Tradescantia ohiensis



Golden Alexander
Zizia aurea



Blue Wild Indigo
Baptisia australis



Carolina Lupine
Thermopsis villosa



Blue flax
Linum perenne

Diversify! More to Try

Sun	6" to 18" high	Scientific Name
○	Pasque flower	<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>
○	Rocky Mountain penstemon	<i>Penstemon strictus</i>
○	Rock soapwort*	<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>
◐	Prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>
◐	Karmina geranium	<i>Geranium 'Karmina'</i>
◐	Rozanne geranium	<i>Geranium 'Rozanne'</i>
◐	Basket of gold	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>

Sun	18" to 36" high	Scientific Name
○	Shell-leaf penstemon	<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>
○	Ohio spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>
○	Catmint*	<i>Nepeta faassenii</i>
○	Blue flax	<i>Linum perenne</i>
◐	Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>
◐	Rocky Mountain columbine	<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>

Sun	36" to 48" high	Scientific Name
◐	Blue wild indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>
◐	Carolina lupine	<i>Thermopsis villosa</i>

○ = full sun ◐ = part shade ◑ = full sun to part shade

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Butterfly milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa

Early Summer

Top Garden Picks



Missouri Primrose
Oenothera macrocarpa



Lanceleaf Coreopsis
Coreopsis lanceolata



Purple Prairie Clover
Dalea purpurea



Pale Purple Coneflower
Echinacea pallida



Leadplant
Amorpha canescens



Purple Poppy Mallow
Callirhoe involucrata

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Sun 6" to 18" high Scientific Name

- Yarrow *Achillea millefolium*
- ◐ Missouri primrose *Oenothera macrocarpa*

Sun 18" to 36" high Scientific Name

- Lanceleaf coreopsis *Coreopsis lanceolata*
- Butterfly milkweed *Asclepias tuberosa*
- Purple prairie clover *Dalea purpurea*
- Jupiter's beard* *Centranthus ruber*
- Salvia 'Cardonna'* *Salvia nemorosa 'Cardonna'*
- Veronica 'First Match' *Veronica longifolia 'First Match'*
- ◐ Pale purple coneflower *Echinacea pallida*
- ◐ Licorice mint hyssop *Agastache rupestris*
- ◐ Purple poppy mallow *Callirhoe involucrata*
- ◐ Catmint *Nepeta racemosa*

Sun 36" to 48" high Scientific Name

- Leadplant *Amorpha canescens*
- Gray-headed coneflower *Ratibida pinnata*
- ◐ Purple coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*

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Blue Globe Thistle
Echinops ritro

Late Summer

Top Garden Picks



Blanket Flower
Gaillardia aristata



Rattlesnake Master
Eryngium yuccifolium



Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



Virginia Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum virginicum



Scarlet Beebalm
Monarda didyma



Thickspike gayfeather
Liatris pycnostachya

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Sun 6" to 18" high Scientific Name

- Fringed Sage *Artemisia frigida*
- Blanket flower *Gaillardia aristata*
- ◐ Nodding onion *Allium cernuum*

Sun 18" to 36" high Scientific Name

- Rattlesnake master *Eryngium yuccifolium*
- Blue giant hyssop *Agastache foeniculum*
- Swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*
- Spiked gayfeather *Liatris spicata*
- ◐ Virginia mountain mint *Pycnanthemum virginianum*
- ◐ Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia fulgida*

Sun 36" to 48" high Scientific Name

- Scarlet beebalm *Monarda didyma*
- Joe Pye plant *Eutrochium purpureum*
- Thickspike gayfeather *Liatris pycnostachya*
- Blue globe thistle* *Echinops ritro*
- Blue mist spirea* *Caryopteris x clandonensis*
- ◐ False sunflower *Heliopsis helianthoides*

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New England Aster
Aster novae-angliae

Autumn

Top Garden Picks



'Autumn Joy' Sedum
Sedum spectabile



Aromatic Aster
Aster oblongifolium



Zigzag Goldenrod
Solidago flexicaulis



Blue Pitcher Sage
Salvia azurea



Helen's Flower
Helenium autumnale



Wild Senna
Senna hebecarpa

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Sun 6" to 18" high Scientific Name

○ Snow flurry aster *Aster ericoides*

Sun 18" to 36" high Scientific Name

○ Goldenrod 'Wichita Mountains' *Solidago speciosa* 'Wichita Mountains'

○ *Sedum 'Autumn Joy' *Sedum spectabile* 'Autumn Joy'

○ Zigzag goldenrod *Solidago flexicaulis*

○ Stiff goldenrod *Solidago rigida*

○ Aster, blue wood *Aster cordifolium*

○ Aster, bigleaf *Aster macrophylla*

○ Aster, Short's *Aster shortii*

○ Calamint *Calamintha nepeta*

Sun 36" to 48" high Scientific Name

○ Aster, smooth *Aster laevis*

○ Aster, New England *Aster novae-angliae*

○ Aster, aromatic *Aster oblongifolium*

○ Wild senna *Senna hebecarpa*

○ Blue pitcher sage *Salvia azurea*

○ Helen's flower *Helenium autumnale*

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