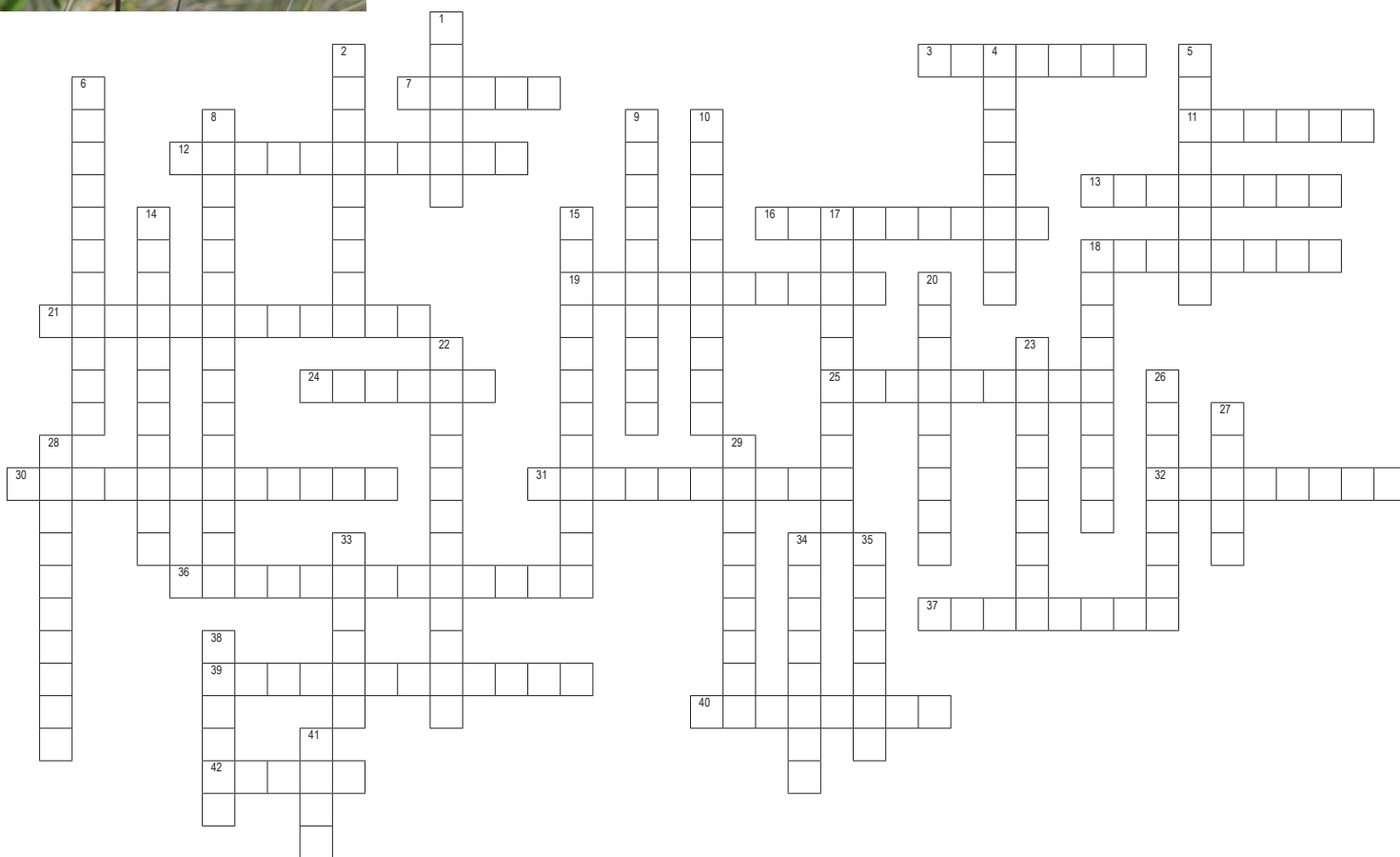




Celebrate Nebraska's Wildflowers

Wildflower Week | June 1-8, 2025

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No space between words when name contains more than one word. *Asterisk denotes woodland wildflower.

ACROSS

- 3 Bane of pastures and noxious weed.
- 7 Has very sharp, swordlike foliage.
- 11 Placed on wounds to stop bleeding during Civil War.
- 12 Two body parts in this single common name.
- 13 Wouldn't want to wash with this, though common name implies that.
- 16 Cat's claws.
- 18 Hat for bald head.
- 19 Common name refers to stem juices that can be stretched out like spider's strands.
- 21 Western wildflower with huge white blossoms and spiny foliage.
- 24 Edible and oniony.
- 25 Juices of this plant are reddish.
- 30 Sap from stems was used as chewing gum.
- 31 Dried seedhead looks like part of a pine tree.
- 32 Important food source for butterflies.
- 36 Stems were tough enough to be bundled as brooms.
- 37 Fragrant and deep-rooted; common to Nebraska roadsides.
- 39 Leaves can be dried to make a wonderful hot beverage.
- 40 Wonderful plant for honey production.
- 42 Airy pink to white flowers on tall stems.

DOWN

- 1 Handle with gloves! Milky juices can irritate skin.
- 2 Vessel for dairy spread.
- 4 Not made of this element, but a sturdy plant nonetheless.
- 5 Name contains month and fruit name.*
- 6 A color plus sewing fiber.
- 8 Doesn't sound native to the region, but it is.
- 9 Highly prized medicinal.*
- 10 Achoo!
- 14 Beautiful blue flowers on plant best cut back to avoid flopping.
- 15 Common name of this early-bloomer refers to spring holiday.
- 17 Small, sweet fruits on this groundcover.
- 18 This plant won't necessarily make you more intelligent.
- 20 Shaped like Native American artifact.
- 22 Leaves fold in strong winds or from handling.
- 23 State flower does not cause hay fever, in spite of common misconception.
- 26 Deep roots & narrow leaves make it extremely drought-tolerant.
- 27 In heights from creeping to standing.*
- 28 An animal's facial hair.*
- 29 Spring native with red and yellow blossoms.
- 33 Common to lawns and a shade of purple.*
- 34 Greek botanical name refers to dolphin-like shape of the flowers.
- 35 gentian One form of this plant is closed ("bottle").
- 38 Refers to beautiful blue blossoms.
- 41 Also called blue flag.



Nebraska Wildflower Crossword Puzzle

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ANSWERS WITH QUESTIONS

ACROSS

- 3 thistle / Bane of pastures and noxious weed.
- 7 yucca / Has very sharp, swordlike foliage.
- 11 yarrow / Placed on wounds to stop bleeding during Civil War.
- 12 beardtongue / Two body parts in this single common name.
- 13 soapweed / Wouldn't want to wash with this, though common name implies that.
- 16 pussytoes / Cat's claws.
- 18 skullcap / Hat for bald head.
- 19 spiderwort / Common name refers to stem juices that can be stretched out like spider's strands.
- 21 prickly poppy / Western wildflower with huge white blossoms and spiny foliage.
- 24 allium / Edible and oniony.
- 25 bloodroot / Juices of this plant are reddish.
- 30 compass plant / Sap from stems was used as chewing gum.
- 31 coneflower / Dried seedhead looks like part of a pine tree.
- 32 milkweed / Important food source for butterflies.
- 36 prairie clover / Stems were tough enough to be bundled as brooms.
- 37 wild rose / Fragrant and deep-rooted; common to Nebraska roadsides.
- 39 New Jersey tea / Leaves can be dried to make a wonderful hot beverage.
- 40 bee plant / Wonderful plant for honey production.
- 42 gaura / Airy pink to white flowers on tall stems.

DOWN

- 1 spurge / Handle with gloves! Milky juices can irritate skin.
- 2 buttercup / Vessel for dairy spread.
- 4 ironweed / Not made of this element, but a sturdy plant nonetheless.
- 5 mayapple / Name contains month and fruit name, though flower rather than fruit appears in this month.*
- 6 greenthread / A color plus sewing fiber.
- 8 New England aster / Doesn't sound native to the region, but it is.
- 9 wild ginger / Highly prized medicinal.*
- 10 sneezeweed / Achoo!
- 14 pitcher sage / Beautiful blue flowers on a plant that is best cut back early to avoid flopping.
- 15 pasqueflower / Common name of this early-bloomer refers to spring religious holiday.
- 17 strawberry / Small, sweet fruits on this groundcover.
- 18 smartweed / This plant won't necessarily make you more intelligent.
- 20 arrowhead / Shaped like Native American artifact.
- 22 bundleflower / Leaves fold in strong winds or from handling.
- 23 goldenrod / State flower does not cause hayfever, in spite of common misconception.
- 26 primrose / Deep roots & narrow leaves make it extremely drought-tolerant.
- 27 phlox / In heights from creeping to standing.*
- 28 goat's beard / An animal's facial hair.*
- 29 columbine / Spring native with red and yellow blossoms.
- 33 violet / Common to lawns and a shade of purple.*
- 34 larkspur / Greek botanical name refers to dolphin-like shape of the flowers.
- 35 gentian / One form of this plant is closed ("bottle").
- 38 indigo / Refers to beautiful blue blossoms.
- 41 iris / Also called blue flag.

