Western Nebraska

Flowers for Pollinators

Blue flax
Linum perenne

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

Diversify!
More to Try

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

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

Sun	36" to 48" high	Scientific Name
○◐	Blue wild indigo	*Baptisia australis*
○◐	Carolina lupine	*Thermopsis villosa*

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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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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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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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More to Try

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 laeve*
○	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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