

PERENNIALS

***Achillea millefolium* 'Cassis'**

Height: 24"
Spread: 18-24"

Cassis Yarrow

Flower Color: Deep red
Zone: 4



Masses of attractive intense deep red flowers over a long period. Strong upright stems. Fleuroselect Quality Mark Award. Drought tolerant, attracts butterflies.

***Achillea millefolium* 'Red Beauty'**

Height: 18"
Spread: 12-18"

Red Beauty Yarrow

Flower Color: Crimson-red
Zone: 3



Large crimson-red flowers summer through fall. Drought tolerant, attracts butterflies.

***Achillea millefolium* 'White Beauty'**

Height: 24"
Spread: 18-24"

White Beauty Yarrow

Flower Color: White
Zone: 3



Lovely white selection. Drought tolerant, attracts butterflies.

***Achillea millefolium* 'Paprika'**

Height: 24"
Spread: 18-24"

Paprika Yarrow

Flower Color: Ruby red
Zone: 3



Very finely dissected foliage and bright ruby red flowers with yellow centers have a tendency to fade to a lighter pink as they mature. Drought tolerant, attracts butterflies.

Amorpha canescens

Height: 4'
Spread: 1-3'

Lead Plant

Flower Color: Violet blue
Zone: 3



This stunning legume with its lacy foliage is a Great Plains native. It becomes very conspicuous in mid-summer, when the bush blooms with numerous thin spikes of orange-eyed, violet-blue flowers. Leadplant is a deep-rooted perennial that nitrifies the soil. It grows in a wide range of soil conditions, but avoid wet clays and very dry, sandy soils. An annual late-fall pruning back to a foot tall will increase the flowers. Drought tolerant, deer & rabbit resistant, attracts butterflies. * 1999 *GreatPlants Winner*

Amsonia hubrichtii

Height: 3'
Spread: 2-3'

Narrowleaf bluestar

Flower Color: Pale blue
Zone: 4



A graceful and long lived native plant with very fine foliage, clusters of pale blue flowers in May and June on an upright, bushy plant. Excellent golden fall color. Slow to grow at first, but takes off in the second year. Best in mass plantings. * 2009 *GreatPlants Winner*

Amsonia illustris

Height: 3'
Spread: 3-4'

Shining bluestar

Flower Color: Light blue
Zone: 4



A native with light blue flowers, thick, leathery foliage with gold fall color.

Asclepias tuberosa

Height: 24-36"
 Spread: 15"

Butterfly Milkweed

Flower Color: Orange
 Zone: 5



Showy orange flower heads from mid to late summer on this outstanding native prairie wildflower. Monarch butterfly food source. Tough, durable plant once established, well worth the effort. Extreme care must be taken not to overwater in young or dormant stages. Tap rooted and drought tolerant. Rain garden plant. *
2000 GreatPlants Winner

Aster 'Alert'

Height: 12-15"
 Spread: 15"

Alert Aster

Flower Color: Crimson-red
 Zone: 3



Deep crimson-red flowers with yellow center in late summer-fall. Best short red.

Aster fendleri 'My Antonia'

Height: 12"
 Spread: 12-15"

My Antonia Aster

Flower Color: White
 Zone: 4



Pure white flowers with yellow centers from summer through fall on plants with glossy dark green leaves. *
1999 GreatPlants Release

Aster divaricatus 'Wood's Purple'

Height: 12-15"
 Spread: 12-15"

Wood's Purple Aster

Flower Color: Dark purple
 Zone: 4-9



Dark purple flowers in August through October make this a great addition to the autumn perennial border. Dwarf stature and mildew resistant. Well drained soils are best. Attracts butterflies.

Baptisia australis

Height: 3-4'
 Spread: 2'

False indigo

Flower Color: Violet-blue
 Zone: 4



Violet-blue pea-shaped flowers in late spring. Attractive blue-green foliage all season. Showy 2-3" black seed pods. Dependable, long lived plant for the back of the garden. Tolerates a wide range of soil types including very dry ones. Attracts butterflies.

Baptisia minor

Height: 15-24"
 Spread: 18-24"

Dwarf Blue indigo

Flower Color: Indigo blue
 Zone: 4



Indigo blue flowers on what looks like a miniature version of B. australis. Slow in the first year, but returns with its grace and beauty for years to come. * *2005 GreatPlants Winner*

Callirhoe alcaeoides 'Logan Calhoun'



Height: 8-12"
 Spread: 48"



Poppy Mallow



Flower Color: White
 Zone: 4





Sparkling white 'wine cups' on this outstanding Great Plains native found by the late dedicated native American plantsman, Logan Calhoun and named in his honor. * *2000 GreatPlants Intro*


<i>Centranthus ruber</i> 'Albus' Height: 24-36" Spread: 15-18"	Red Valerian / Juniper's Beard Flower Color: White Zone: 5-8	 
Small, star-shaped, white flowers appear in dense terminal clusters atop upright to relaxed stems rising above the foliage to 3' tall. Flowers are fragrant. Fleshy, gray-green, oval to lance-shaped leaves to 4" long. Blooms late spring through summer. Tolerates poor soils.		


<i>Centranthus ruber</i> 'Pretty Betsy' Height: 24-36" Spread: 15-18"	Red Valerian / Juniper's Beard Flower Color: Red Zone: 5	 
Red flowered selection, glossy foliage. Species has been widely used along Nebr. roadsides.		

<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> Height: 6-8" Spread: 18"	Plumbago Flower Color: Blue Zone: 5	 
Intense blue flowers, gossy green foliage. Low ground cover, late to break dormancy.		

<i>Clematis hexapetala</i> 'Mongolian Snowflakes' Height: 3' Spread: 2-3'	Mongolian Snowflakes Clematis Flower Color: White Zone: 5	
Masses of 1 1/2" fragrant, white flowers followed by feathery, bright silver seed heads covering this shrubby Clematis in late spring. Both flower stems and seed heads make excellent cuts with a long vase life. Drought-tolerant, it forms a sprawling, 3' high mound of dark green foliage. Selected for its extra large flowers. * 2009 <i>GreatPlants Release</i>		

<i>Dalea purpureum</i> 'Stephanie' Height: 15-18" Spread: 15-18"	Purple Prairie Clover Flower Color: Lavender Zone: 4	
Bright lavender flowers on compact, bushy plants with as many as 40 stalks per plant. Great selection with darker green foliage, does not lodge. A prize from UNL breeder, Dale Lindgren. * 2002 <i>GreatPlants Intro</i>		

<i>Dianthus</i> 'Prairie Pink' Height: 18" Spread: 24"	Prairie Pink Dianthus Flower Color: Fuschia-pink Zone: 5	
Large, double, bright fuschia-pink, fragrant flowers all season. Glaucous foliage. Intro from Dale Lindgren of Univ. of Nebraska. * 2006 <i>GreatPlants Release</i>		

<i>Echinacea pallida</i> Height: 4' Spread: 2'	Pale Purple Coneflower Flower Color: Pale pink Zone: 4	
Prairie native that flowers in early summer above the grasses. Large, pale pink flowers are 3" or more in diameter and last for about a month; black, central cones are conspicuous until late autumn.		

<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Height: 24-30"	Purple Coneflower Flower Color: Rosy-purple	
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Spread: 18-24"

Zone: 3-8

This is one of the finest native perennials for today's landscape. The 2-3" flowers have a brown central cone surrounded by rosy-purple petals. Begins to flower in midsummer and continues until fall. Good cut flower. The leaves are 6-8" long and dark green. Tolerant of heat, drought, and wind. * 2003 GreatPlants Winner

***Echinacea 'Emily Saul'* (PPAF)**

Height: 12"

Spread: 10-12"

Big Sky After Midnight Coneflower

Flower Color: Magenta purple

Zone: 4-9



A dwarf coneflower with strongly fragrant, brilliant magenta blooms and a reddish black cone. Ideal for containers or the front of the border.

***Echinacea 'Evan Saul'* (PPAF)**

Height: 32-40"

Spread: 18-24"

Big Sky Sundown Coneflower

Flower Color: Orange

Zone: 4-9



This beautiful new selection has warm, russet-orange flowers with a henna-brown central cone. Nice wide plants are slightly reflexed and overlap, giving the blossoms a full, substantial presence. Delightful rose-like fragrance. Strong stems keep the plant upright and make good cut flowers.

***Echinacea 'Sunrise'* (PP16,235)**

Height: 30-36"

Spread: 18-24"

Big Sky Sunrise Coneflower

Flower Color: Citron Yellow

Zone: 4-9



Sunrise is a beautiful yellow with a central cone of green that matures to gold. Flowers have a nice rose fragrance.

Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'

Height: 30-36"

Spread: 18-24"

Magnus Coneflower

Flower Color: Dark purple

Zone: 3



Excellent, intense dark selection, petals do not droop. 1998 PPA Plant of the Year.

Echinacea purpurea 'Primadonna White'

Height: 28-32"

Spread: 18"

Primadonna White Coneflower

Flower Color: White

Zone: 3-8



The 4-5" pure white petals surrounding dark eyes on this coneflower bloom mid-summer to frost. Strong, durable stems. Attracts butterflies.

Eryngium yuccifolium

Height: 48"

Spread: 18-24"

Rattlesnake Master

Flower Color: White

Zone: 5



Impressive native with glaucous, yucca-like foliage. Clusters of small, white flowers July-September.

Eupatorium altissimum 'Prairie Jewel'

Height: 3'

Spread: 2-3'

Variegated Mist Flower

Flower Color: White

Zone: 4



Clusters of lovely white flowers adorn this handsome, rugged, pest-free Prairie Jewel. An attractively cream-speckled and mottled foliage variation of an Eastern Great Plains native selected by Ed Rassmussen of the Fragrant Path. * 2009 GreatPlants Release

***Eupatorium purpureum* 'Gateway'**

Height: 4-5'
Spread: 2-3'

Gateway Eupatorium

Flower Color: Mauve
Zone: 4



Large clusters of tiny mauve flowers bloom from mid-summer to early fall and attract butterflies. Interesting seedheads follow and last into winter. This clump-forming, erect perennial has dark green leaves that whorl around burgundy stems. It grows best in fertile, moist to wet soil. * 2010 GreatPlants Winner

***Eupatorium rugosum* 'Chocolate'**

Height: 3-4'
Spread: 2-3'

Chocolate Joe-Pye Weed

Flower Color: White
Zone: 4



This plant has a more dwarf habit and chocolate-purple tones to the leaves and stems. Blooms in late summer with white flowers which can be used for cutting.

***Gaillardia* 'Burgunder'**

Height: 16"
Spread: 24"

Burgunder Blanket Flower

Flower Color: Wine-red
Zone: 5



Rich wine-red flowers, drought tolerant. Attracts butterflies.

***Gaillardia grandiflora* 'Fanfare'**

Height: 18-24"
Spread: 18-24"

Fanfare Blanket Flower

Flower Color: Red with yellow at tips
Zone: 4-9



The flowers are quite unique. Surrounding the dark center of the flower is a single row of red tubular petals that flare out and change to bright yellow at the tips. The plant forms a neat, tidy mound, and blooms from June thru fall.

***Geranium macrorrhizum* 'Bevan's Variety'**

Height: 8-12"
Spread: 12"

Crane's-Bill

Flower Color: Magenta
Zone: 3



Deep magenta petals with deep red sepals above pine-scented foliage. Mounded form. Blooms late spring to summer. One of the best flowering selections.

***Geranium sanguineum* 'Vision Violet'**

Height: 6-12"
Spread: 12-15"

Bloody Crane's-Bill

Flower Color: Violet
Zone: 3-9



Appealing violet cup-shaped flowers in spring to summer. Forms a dense mound of dark green lacy leaves that turn crimson red in fall. * 2002 GreatPlants Winner

Geum triflorum


Height: 8"
Spread: 8-12"


Prairie Smoke



Flower Color: Reddish-Pink
Zone: 3-7







Perhaps the most distinguishing feature of this North American native prairie plant is not the reddish pink to purplish, nodding, globular flowers that bloom in late spring, but the fruiting heads which follow. As the flower fades and the seeds begin to form, the styles elongate (to 2" long) to form upright, feathery gray tails which collectively resemble a plume or feather duster. The green foliage is fern-like, pinnately divided. Best in dry conditions. * 2008 GreatPlants Winner


<p><i>Iris cristata</i> Height: 6" Spread: 8"</p>	<p>Dwarf Crested Iris Flower Color: Blue Zone: 3-9</p>	
This woodland native blooms mid to late spring in shades of blue. Can spread quickly, forming a tight colony. Does best in average to moist soils. Great for shaded rock gardens.		

<p><i>Iris pallida</i> 'Variegata' Height: 2-3' Spread: 1-2'</p>	<p>Variegated Japanese Iris Flower Color: Lavender blue Zone: 4</p>	
Fragrant, lavender-blue flowers; handsome leaves variegated with creamy-white and gray-green.		

<p><i>Iris sibirica</i> 'Butter & Sugar' Height: 28" Spread: 15-24"</p>	<p>Siberian Iris Flower Color: White Zone: 3-9</p>	 
This cultivar has flowers with white standards and butter yellow falls. Blooms in June. The 2-3" wide flowers are held well above the foliage. Siberian Iris are native to moist areas, so moisture throughout the season is crucial to healthy plants. Excellent as a border plant.		

<p><i>Iris sibirica</i> 'Caesar's Brother' Height: 24-36" Spread: 15-24"</p>	<p>Siberian Iris Flower Color: Violet-blue Zone: 3-9</p>	 
Tall and stately with dark velvety violet-blue flowers. Blooms in June. Moisture throughout the season is crucial to healthy plants.		

<p><i>Iris versicolor</i> Height: 24-36" Spread: 18"</p>	<p>Blue Flag Iris Flower Color: Blue Zone: 3</p>	 
Native, wild iris. The blue flowers have yellow and white markings and are 3-4" across. Blooms from May through July. Best in heavy, rich moist soil. Great plant for water features.		

<p><i>Kniphofia uvaria</i> 'Flamenco' Height: 30" Spread: 24"</p>	<p>Red Hot Poker Flower Color: White, orange, red Zone: 5-9</p>	
Beautiful, 8" flowering spikes of creamy-white, orange-yellow, and red appear early summer to late summer. Very tolerant of hot, dry sites. Avoid wetness. Excellent cut flower.		

<p><i>Liatris ligulistylis</i> Height: 42" Spread: 18"</p>	<p>Large-headed Liatris Flower Color: Purple Zone: 4</p>	 
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Outstanding Great Plains native. Large, purple florets on long spike with terminal flower being the largest. Blooms July-September. An Eastern South Dakota ecotype.

Monarda 'Prairie Gypsy'

Height: 18-24"
Spread: 18"

Prairie Gypsy Bee Balm

Flower Color: Raspberry-pink
Zone: 4



Scored of exciting, extra large, 1 1/2" raspberry-pink, floral tubes with 2 lips; the upper, narrow and very hairy with stamens; the lower, wide with fine hairs on the lip edges and colorful lines of narrow spots. These large, 3"+ fragrant flowers clusters form at the terminals. The nectar attracts many species of butterflies. Fragrant minty scent. * 2009 *GreatPlants Introduction*

Oenothera macrocarpa 'Comanche Campfire'

Height: 12-15"
Spread: 18-24"

Missouri Primrose

Flower Color: Yellow
Zone: 4



The large, shiny silver, drought and sun resistant leaves are complimented by glowing ruby stems topped with huge, delicious yellow flowers until fall. * 2001 *GreatPlants Release*

Penstemon barbatus 'Navigator Mix'

Height: 12"
Spread: 8"

Navigator Mix Penstemon

Flower Color: Carmine-pink or blue
Zone: 4



Luminous, electric, carmine-pink, or blue flowers on compact plant, blue-green foliage. This 'must have' blooms from July through October.

Penstemon cobaea & P. triflorus

Height: 26"
Spread: 18"

Prairie Splendor Penstemon

Flower Color: White & shade of pink
Zone: 4



Large flowers in white and magnificent shades of rose, lavender, and pink for about four weeks. Intro from Dale Lindgren at University of Nebraska North Platte Station. * 2005 *GreatPlants Release*

Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'

Height: 30"
Spread: 18-24"

Husker Red Penstemon

Flower Color: White tinged with pink
Zone: 3-8



Known for its red foliage and stems, with white flowers that are tinged pink. Blooms early to midsummer. The leaves are 7" long and toothed. Utilize in a perennial border, natural plantings, or rock gardens. Also good as a cut flower. Well-drained soil is essential as it will rot in wet soils. Univ. of Nebraska Introduction
* 1996 *Perennial Plant of the Year*

Penstemon grandiflorus 'War Axe'

Height: 2-4'
Spread: 2'

War Axe Penstemon

Flower Color: Wide color range
Zone: 4



Exceptionally wide color range including pinks, maroon, reds, and purples. *2005 *GreatPlants Release*

Phlox divaricata

Height: 9-12"
Spread: 9-12"

Wild Blue Phlox

Flower Color: Blue
Zone: 3-8



Masses of blue flowers in spring; durable dark green foliage.

***Polygonatum multiflorum* 'Variegatum'**

Height: 24"
Spread: 24"

Variegated Soloman's Seal

Flower Color: White
Zone: 3



White edged leaves. Tiny, white, bell flowers in spring on arching stems. Good woodland plant
2004 GreatPlants Winner

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Pulsatilla patens

Height: 6"
Spread: 18"

Pasque Flower

Flower Color: Lavender
Zone: 3/4



Delicate lavender, cup-shaped flowers early spring. South Dakota state flower. * *2006 GreatPlants Winner*

***Pulsatilla vulgaris* 'Heiler Hybrids'**

Height: 12"
Spread: 12"

Heiler Hybrids Pasque Flower

Flower Color: Wide range
Zone: 5



From dark red to bright red, pink, violet, blue, cream, and pure white flowers. * *2006 GreatPlants Winner*

***Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm'**

Height: 24-30"
Spread: 24-30"

Black Eyed Susan

Flower Color: Golden Yellow
Zone: 3-9



Produces masses of showy golden yellow daisy-like flowers from July to mid-October. Goldfinches love the seeds. Vigorous. Fertile, loose soil. Drought tolerant, attracts butterflies.

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1999 Perennial Plant of the Year

***Rudbeckia speciosa* 'Viette's Little Suzy'**

Height: 12-18"
Spread: 12-15"

Dwarf Black-eyed Susan

Flower Color: Medium yellow
Zone: 4-8



Beautiful dwarf variety of this popular, easy-to-grow perennial. Showy yellow flowers from mid-summer to mid-fall. Compact habit. Foliage turns to beautiful mahogany in the fall. Wonderful for fronts of sunny borders or for mass plantings as a ground cover. Also nice in patio containers.

***Rudbeckia* 'Denver Daisy'**

Height: 18-28"
Spread: 10-25"

Denver Daisy Black-eyed Susan

Flower Color: Bright yellow
Zone: 3



Striking bright yellow flowers with dark coloration radiating about a third to half way down the petals from the center. Peak flowering is in July/August. Hybridized by Benary from native *Rudbeckia hirta*. This showy plant commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Denver.

***Scabiosa superba* 'Mongolian Mist'**

Height: 12"
Spread: 12"

Pinchusion Flower

Flower Color: Purple-blue
Zone: 3



Large, dazzling purple-blue, full pinchusions arising from substantial stems above elegant, deep green, textured mounds. The originals were collected by Great Plants members Gustafson, Bieberich, Morissey, and Hamernik in 1997 on a mountain north of Hohot, Inner Mongolia. * 2004 GreatPlants Release

Scutellaria resinosa 'Smoky Hills'

Height: 12"
Spread: 12-16"

Skull cap

Flower Color: Deep blue - purple
Zone: 4



Deep blue or purplish flowers tipped with 2 small white patches from May to July. Leaves have a grayish pubescence. Rounded form. This handsome Great Plains native is an essential! *

2004 GreatPlants Release

Scutellaria scoridifolia 'Mongolian Skies'

Height: 4"
Spread: 12-24"

Skull cap

Flower Color: Bluish-purple
Zone: 4



Bluish-purple, tubular, hooded flowers on low mat, rhizome forming, hardy perennial. Shining, deep green, narrow leaves; like sunny, well-drained location. * 2004 GreatPlants Introduction

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'

Height: 24-48"
Spread: 24-36"

Fireworks Goldenrod

Flower Color: Golden-yellow
Zone: 4



The golden-yellow flowers arch gracefully downward like glittering trails from an exploding skyrocket. Blooming from mid-September past mid-October, greatly extends garden color and excitement. A very easy-to-grow native. Deer resistant, attracts butterflies. * 2007 GreatPlants Winner

Solidago 'Wichita Mountains'

Height: 24-30"
Spread: 18"

Wichita Mountains Goldenrod

Flower Color: Bright gold
Zone: 4



Outstanding, long standing, attractiv specimen with tall rods of bright gold in late summer. Collected in the Wichitas in SW Oklahoma by Steve Bieberich of Sunshine Nursery. * 2005 GreatPlants Release

Tradescantia tharpaii

Height: 12"
Spread: 12"

Dwarf Spiderwort

Flower Color: Shade of blue, purple
Zone: 4



Exciting, dwarf spiderwort is literally covered with showy flowers in shades of pink, rose, blue, and purple in May. Linear leaves are covered with hairs. Naturally semi-dormant in the heat of summer, with new fans appearing in cooler days of fall. * 2003 GreatPlants Introduction