

# Flora of McKnight Prairie

Arranged alphabetically by genus  
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## Scientific Name - Common Name

- Abutilon theophrasti* - Velvet leaf  
*Acalypha rhomboidei* - Three-seeded Mercury  
*Achillea millefolium* - Yarrow  
*Agrostis gigantea* - Redtop  
*Agrostis hyemalis* - Ticklegrass  
*Allium stellatum* - Pink wild onion  
*Ambrosia artemisiifolia* - Annual ragweed  
*Ambrosia trifida* - Giant ragweed  
*Amorpha canescens* - Lead plant  
*Andropogon gerardii* - Big bluestem  
*Anemone canadensis* - Canada anemone  
*Anemone cylindrica* - Thimbleweed  
*Anemone virginiana* - Tall thimbleweed  
*Antennaria neglecta* - Field pussytoes  
*Antennaria parlinii* - Plainleaf pussy-toes  
*Apocynum cannabinum* - Indian hemp  
*Arabidopsis lyrata* - Lyrate rockcress  
*Arabis pycnocarpa* - Hairy rock cress  
*Aristida basiramea* - Forked three-awn  
*Artemisia dracunculus* - Tarragon  
*Artemisia ludoviciana* - White sage  
*Asclepias syriaca* - Common milkweed  
*Asclepias tuberosa* - Butterfly milkweed  
*Asclepias verticillata* - Whorled milkweed  
*Asclepias viridiflora* - Green milkweed  
*Astragalus canadensis* - Canadian milkvetch  
*Astragalus crassicaarpus* - Ground plum milkvetch  
*Baptisia bracteata* - Longbract wild indigo  
*Baptisia lactea* - Wild white indigo  
*Barbarea vulgaris* - Garden yellow-rocket  
*Berteroa incana* - Hoary alyssum  
*Besseyia bullii* - Kitten tails  
*Bomus latiglumis* - Earlyleaf brome  
*Bouteloua curtipendula* - Side-oats grama  
*Bouteloua hirsuta* - Hairy grama  
*Brickellia eupatorioides* - False boneset  
*Bromus inermis* - Smooth brome  
*Bromus tectorum* - Cheatgrass  
*Calylophus serrulatus* - Plains yellow primrose  
*Calystegia sepium* - Hedge bindweed  
*Campanula rotundifolia* - Harebell  
*Capsella bursa-pastoris* - Shepard's purse  
*Carex bicknellii* - Bicknell's sedge  
*Carex brevior* - Short-beaked sedge  
*Carex gravida* - Heavy sedge  
*Carex inops* - Sun sedge  
*Carex meadii* - Mead's sedge  
*Castilleja coccinea* - Scarlet paintbrush  
*Celastrus scandens* - American bittersweet  
*Ceanothus americanus* - New Jersey Tea  
*Cerastium fontanum* - Mouse-ear chickweed  
*Chamaecrista fasciculata* - Partridge pea  
*Chenopodium album* - Lamb's quarters  
*Cirsium flodmanii* - Flodman's thistle  
*Comandra umbellata* - Bastard toad-flax  
*Conyza canadensis* - Horseweed  
*Coreopsis palmata* - Finger coreopsis  
*Cornus racemosa* - Gray dogwood  
*Cornus sericea* - Red osier dogwood  
*Crepis tectorum* - Hawk's beard  
*Crocanthemum bicknellii* - Hoary frostweed  
*Cyperus lupulinus* - Great Plains flatsedge  
*Cypripedium parviflorum* - Small Yellow Lady's-Slipper  
*Dalea candida* - White prairie-clover  
*Dalea purpurea* - Purple prairie-clover  
*Dalea villosa* - Silky prairie-clover  
*Delphinium carolinianum* - Prairie larkspur  
*Desmodium canadense* - Canada ticktrefoil  
*Dianthus armeria* - Deptford pink  
*Dichanthelium acuminatum* - Tapered rosette grass  
*Dichanthelium depauperatum* - Starved panicgrass  
*Dichanthelium oligoanthes* - Heller's rosette grass  
*Dichanthelium villosissimum* - Whitehair rosette grass  
*Digitaria cognata* - Fall witchgrass  
*Draba reptans* - Caroline whitlow-grass  
*Drymocaliis arguta* - Tall cinquefoil

*Echinocystis lobata* - Wild cucumber  
*Elymus repens* - Quackgrass  
*Elymus trachycaulus* - Slender wheatgrass  
*Equisetum hymale* - Rough horsetail  
*Equisetum laevigatum* - Smooth horsetail  
*Eragrostis spectabilis* - Purple lovegrass  
*Erigeron annuus* - Annual fleabane  
*Erigeron philadelphicus* - Philadelphia fleabane  
*Erigeron strigosus* - Daisy fleabane  
*Euphorbia corollata* - Flowering spurge  
*Euphorbia dentata cf* - Toothed spurge  
*Euphorbia glyptosperma* - Ridge-seed spurge  
*Fragaria virginiana* - Wild strawberry  
*Froelichia floridana* - Plains snakecotton  
*Galearis spectabilis* - Showy orchis  
*Galium aparine* - Catchweed bedstraw  
*Galium boreale* - Northern bedstraw  
*Galium triflorum* - Fragrant bedstraw  
*Gentiana puberulenta* - Prairie gentian  
*Geum aleppicum* - Yellow avens  
*Geum triflorum* - Prairie smoke  
*Glycyrrhiza lepidota* - Wild licorice  
*Hackelia virginiana* - Virginia stickseed  
*Hedeoma hispida* - Rough pennyroyal  
*Helianthus giganteus cf* - Giant sunflower  
*Helianthus grosseserratus* - Sawtooth sunflower  
*Helianthus pauciflorus* - Stiff sunflower  
*Helianthus tuberosus* - Jerusalem artichoke  
*Heliopsis helianthoides* - Ox-eye  
*Hesperostipa spartea* - Porcupine grass  
*Heterotheca villosa* - Golden aster  
*Heuchera richardsonii* - Alumroot  
*Hieracium aurantiacum* - Orange hawkweed  
*Hieracium longipilum* - Hawkweed  
*Hudsonia tomentosa* - Woolly beachheather  
*Hypericum punctatum* - Spotted St. John's-wort  
*Juncus tenuis* - Path rush  
*Juniperus virginiana* - Eastern red cedar  
*Koeleria macrantha* - Junegrass  
*Lactuca canadensis* - Wild lettuce  
*Lathyrus venosus* - Veiny pea  
*Lechea intermedia* - Largepod pinweed  
*Lepidium densiflorum cf* - Green-flower peppergrass  
*Lespedeza (hybrid)* - Bush clover hybrid  
*Lespedeza capitata* - Bush clover  
*Lespedeza leptostachya* - Narrow-leaved bush clover  
*Liatris aspera* - Rough blazing star  
*Liatris pycnostachya* - Prairie blazing star  
*Lilium philadelphicum* - Wild wood lily  
*Linum sulcatum* - Grooved flax  
*Liparis lilifolia* - Lily-leaved twayblade  
*Lithospermum canescens* - Hoary puccoon  
*Lithospermum carolinense* - Plains puccoon  
*Lithospermum incisum* - Narrow-leaved puccoon  
*Lobelia spicata* - Pale-spike lobelia  
*Lonicera sp.* - Bush Honeysuckle  
*Lysimachia quadriflora cf* - Prairie loosestrife  
*Maianthemum stellatum* - Starry false solomon's seal  
*Medicago lupulina* - Black medic  
*Melilotus alba* - White sweet clover  
*Melilotus officinalis* - Yellow sweet clover  
*Mirabilis hirsuta* - Hairy four o'clock  
*Mirabilis nyctaginea* - Wild four o'clock  
*Monarda fistulosa* - Wild bergamot  
*Monarda punctata* - Spotted horsemint  
*Morus alba* - White mulberry  
*Muhlenbergia cuspidata* - Plains muhly  
*Muhlenbergia racemose* - Marsh muhly  
*Nepeta cataria* - Catnip  
*Oenothera biennis* - Common evening primrose  
*Oenothera clelandii cf* - Cleland's evening primrose  
*Onosmodium bejariense* - False gromwell  
*Opuntia macrorhiza* - Plains prickly pear  
*Oxalis stricta* - Yellow wood sorrel  
*Oxalis violacea* - Violet wood sorrel  
*Packera plattensis* - Prairie ragwort  
*Panicum virgatum* - Switch grass  
*Parthenocissus inserta* - Woodbine  
*Paspalum setaceum* - Thin paspalum  
*Pediomelum esculentum* - Prairie turnip  
*Penstemon grandiflorus* - Large beardtongue  
*Persicaria pensylvanicum* - Pennsylvania smartweed  
*Phalaris arundinacea* - Reed canary grass  
*Phemeranthus rugospermus* - Prairie flameflower  
*Phleum pratense* - Timothy  
*Phlox pilosa* - Prairie phlox  
*Physalis heterophylla* - Clammy ground cherry  
*Physalis longifolia* - Long-leaf ground cherry  
*Physalis virginiana* - Virginia ground cherry  
*Plantago aristata* - Buckhorn plantain  
*Plantago patagonica* - Patagonian plantain  
*Poa compressa* - Canada bluegrass  
*Poa pratensis* - Kentucky bluegrass  
*Polygonatum biflorum* - Solomon's seal

*Polygonella articulata* - Coast jointweed  
*Populus tremuloides* - Quaking aspen  
*Potentilla argentea* - Silvery cinquefoil  
*Potentilla recta* - Rough-fruited cinquefoil  
*Prunus americana* - Wild plum  
*Prunus pumila* - Sand cherry  
*Prunus virginiana* - Choke cherry  
*Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium* - Fragrant cudweed  
*Pulsatilla patens* - Pasque flower  
*Pycnanthemum virginianum* - Virginia mountain mint  
*Ranunculus rhomboideus* - Prairie buttercup  
*Ratibida pinnata* - Gray-headed coneflower  
*Rhus glabra* - Smooth sumac  
*Rosa arkansana* - Prairie wild rose  
*Rubus sp.* - Brambles  
*Rudbeckia hirta* - Black-eyed susan  
*Rumex acetosella* - Common sheep sorrel  
*Rumex crispus* - Curly dock  
*Sambucus canadensis* - Common Elderberry  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* - Little bluestem  
*Scrophularia lanceolata* - Figwort  
*Scutellaria parvula* - Leonard's skullcap  
*Setaria pumila* - Yellow foxtail  
*Setaria viridis* - Green foxtail  
*Silene antirrhina* - Sleepy catchfly  
*Silene latifolia* - White campion  
*Silphium laciniatum* - Complant  
*Sisyrinchium campestre* - Blue-eyed grass  
*Solidago altissima* - Tall goldenrod  
*Solidago gigantea* - Late goldenrod  
*Solidago missouriensis* - Prairie goldenrod  
*Solidago nemoralis* - Gray goldenrod  
*Solidago ptarmicoides* - Sneezewort aster  
*Solidago rigida* - Rigid goldenrod  
*Solidago speciosa* - Showy goldenrod  
*Sorghastrum nutans* - Indian grass

*Spartina pectinata* - Cordgrass  
*Spiraea alba* - Meadow-sweet  
*Sporobolus compositus* - Rough dropseed  
*Sporobolus heterolepis* - Prairie dropseed  
*Symphoricarpos occidentalis* - Wolfberry  
*Symphyotrichum ericoides* - Heath aster  
*Symphyotrichum laeve* - Smooth blue aster  
*Symphyotrichum lanceolatum* - Panicked aster  
*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium* - Aromatic aster  
*Symphyotrichum oolentangiense* - Azure aster  
*Taraxacum officinale* - Common dandelion  
*Teucrium canadense* - American germander  
*Thalictrum dasycarpum* - Tall meadow rue  
*Toxicodendron rydbergii* - Poison ivy  
*Tradescantia bracteata* - Long-bracted spiderwort  
*Tragopogon dubius* - Goat's beard  
*Trifolium arvense* - Rabbit-foot clover  
*Trifolium pratense* - Red clover  
*Trifolium repens* - White clover  
*Triplasis purpurea* - Sandgrass  
*Ulmus pumila* - Siberian elm  
*Urtica dioica* - Stinging nettle  
*Verbascum thapsus* - Common mullein  
*Verbena hastata* - Blue vervain  
*Verbena stricta* - Hoary vervain  
*Verbena urticifolia* - White vervain  
*Veronicastrum virginicum* - Culver's root  
*Vicia americana* - American vetch  
*Vicia sativa* - Common vetch  
*Viola pedata* - Bird's-foot violet  
*Viola pedatifida* - Prairie violet  
*Vitis riparia* - Riverbank grape  
*Zanthoxylum americanum* - Prickly ash  
*Zigadenus elegans* - Death camas  
*Zizia aptera* - Heart-leaved Alexanders  
*Zizia aurea* - Golden Alexanders