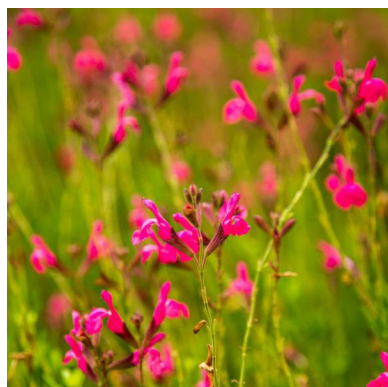


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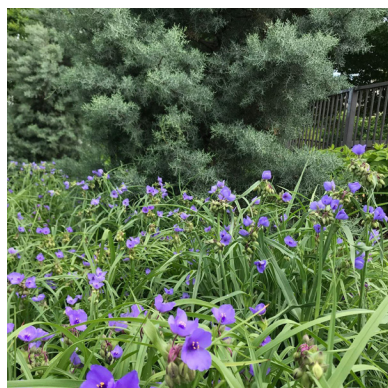
April 29, 2023 **What's In Bloom**



**Common Name: Autumn Sage**

Botanical Name: *Salvia greggii* 'Pink Preference'

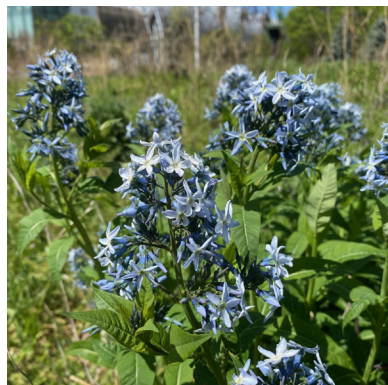
Autumn sage is a popular flowering perennial for hot, dry areas. It's a low grower with aromatic foliage that is said to quicken the senses. Its brightly colored flowers are made up of two lips. The upper lip is curled in a tight hood while the lower lip, which resembles a flowing dress, is broad and stands out like a billboard to pollinators.



**Common Name: Prairie Spiderwort**

Botanical Name: *Tradescantia* sp.

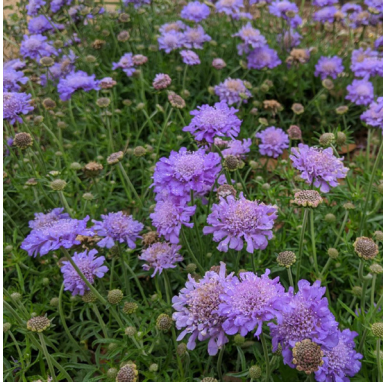
Prairie spiderwort is a grass-like perennial growing 2 feet tall. It will spread by underground rhizomes and can be used as a groundcover, but it won't get out of control. The three-petaled flowers are light purple and accented by bright yellow stamens. Each flower lasts less than a day but several are produced each day during its blooming season in late spring.



**Common Name: Blue Star Flower**

Botanical Name: *Amsonia tabernaemontana*

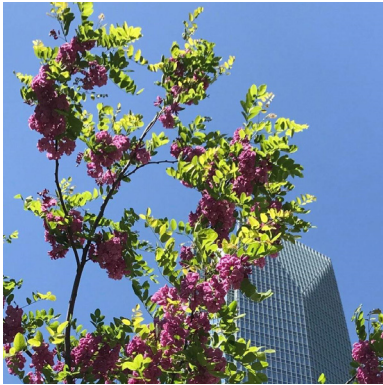
This plant is a 1-3 ft., erect-stemmed perennial forming large, multi-stemmed clumps. The smooth stems are crowded with narrow, oval leaves which turn golden-yellow in the fall. Blue tubular flowers, the rim flaring to a star-shape, appear in loosely congested clusters at the tips of the stems. The 'Blue Ice' cultivar is planted in the Water Wise Garden east of the Prairie Garden. It is a much more compact and densely growing variety reaching 15 inches tall, and it blooms much more vigorously.



**Common Name: Pincushion Flower**

Botanical Name: *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue'

This whimsical plant is so fun and easy to grow it was awarded the Perennial Plant of the Year award in 2000. Pincushion flowers are long-blooming, compact plants with uniquely shaped, eye-catching flowers. The pincushion-shaped flowers are produced most heavily in spring and will flower repeatedly when spent blooms are removed.



**Common Name: Black Locust**

Botanical Name: *Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Purple Robe'

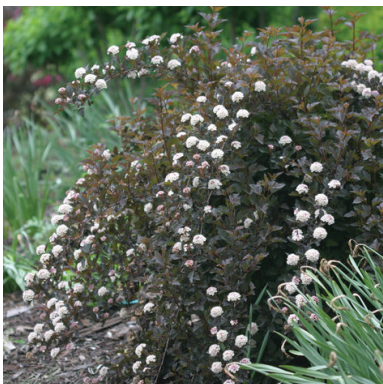
Black Locust 'Purple Robe' provides a show-stopping display of lavender, wisteria-like, fragrant flowers in late-spring. Flowers can reach eight inches long and typically all the flowers are done blooming within two weeks. The foliage can turn yellow in the fall. This variety is typically thornless but some plants will form them. This tree casts a medium speckled shade and grows up to 40 feet high. Its pinnate leaves allow more light through its canopy than other shade trees, so a lawn can grow better under it.



**Common Name: Eastern Red Columbine**

Botanical Name: *Aquilegia canadensis*

Columbine is an Oklahoma native woodland perennial that adds grace and charm to any shade garden. The gray-green leaves have a soft texture. In late spring, showy bell-like flowers appear with unique spurred tubes that point up. This plant is attractive to hummingbirds and long-tongued insects. In the garden it will spread quickly by self-seeding.



**Common Name: Ninebark**

Botanical Name: *Physocarpus opulifolius* Summer Wine™

Ninebark is tough durable shrub native to North America. The unique exfoliating bark peels away to reveal several lighter layers, hence the name. It has clusters of pink buds that open to bright white flowers. The Summer Wine™ cultivar has burgundy-colored leaves that contrast dramatically with its flowers. It may reach dimensions of over five feet with graceful arching branches.





**Common Name: Autumn Fern**

Botanical Name: *Dryopteris erythrosora*

This fern is a very tough and drought tolerant plant with truly stunning leaves. All the newly emerging foliage in the spring is a copper-orange color, and will fade to a shiny dark green as the leave matures. New leaves in the summer will also have the same coppery tone. This fern is also deer and rabbit resistant. Autumn fern is slow to spread and stays in neat clumps.



**Common Name: Pink Evening Primrose**

Botanical Name: *Oenothera speciosa*

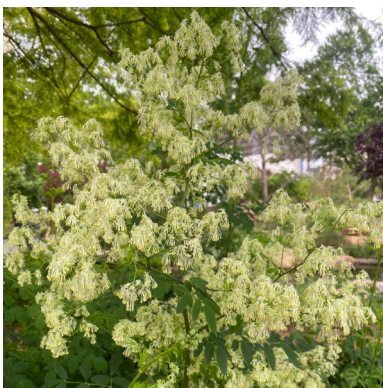
The evening primrose is native to Oklahoma and is often sighted along highways, blooming in large colonies in late spring. Differing from other species, the pink evening primrose actually opens its flowers in the morning and closes them at night. It will remain in a garden perpetually, spreading by seed and a vast networks of underground stems.



**Common Name: Grassy-leafed Sweet Flag**

Botanical Name: *Acorus gramineus* 'Ogon'

This tough perennial can be used as a groundcover and provide a bright focus for a shaded garden. Individual plants will stay under ten inches high and slowly spread to a foot or more wide. When planted in mass, acorus will form a solid mat of light green, nearly yellow, grassy foliage. The leaves have a sweet and spicy smell when crushed. Sweet Flag is semi ever-green and will provide bright color during mild winter.



**Common Name: Meadow Rue**

Botanical Name: *Thalictrum dasycarpum*

Meadow rue is native wild flower that will grow well in full shade to part sun. It quickly grows to a height of about 5 feet in early summer and has a brief but large and spectacular display of frilly, white flowers. The grey-green lacy foliage is very attractive all the rest of the summer. Meadow rue will seed heavily in your garden, but the plants are easy to weed out by hand.



**Common Name: Threadleaf Bluestar**

Botanical Name: *Amsonia hubrichtii*

Threadleaf bluestar grows wild on the rocky outcrops of Arkansas and Oklahoma and is one of our all-around best native perennials. In the spring, blue star-shaped flowers top the long feathery shoots. Reaching up to three feet, the finely-textured foliage adds interest to perennial or mixed borders and looks great in mass plantings. Threadleaf bluestar really shines in the fall when the foliage turns a brilliant golden yellow.



**Common Name: False Indigo**

Botanical Name: *Baptisia 'Carolina Moonlight'*

Celebrated for its showy yellow flowers, attractiveness to butterflies and drought tolerance, false indigo is a star in the spring. This 3 to 4 feet tall, rounded perennial sends up lupine-like flowers in the spring. The green inflated seed pods eventually turn charcoal black providing another ornamental element. Once established, the plant has an extensive root system that keeps it low maintenance but also means it should be left in place.

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