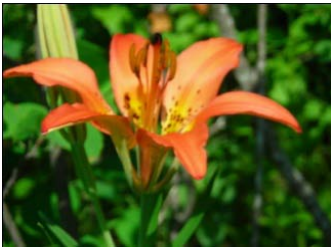




State Park Summer Wildflowers

Summer wildflowers dot the state parks forest, wetland and prairie landscapes in beautiful hues of purple, blue, red, pink, yellow and orange. Visit a state park and check out the profusion of sun-worshipping wildflowers. Summer wildflowers will make your hike on the state parks trail system a memorable one. Here are just a few of the parks most distinctive summer wildflowers and where you can find them.

Common Red and Orange Summer Flowers



Prairie Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*)

Blooms: Late spring – early fall

Habitat: Prairies



Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*)

Blooms: Early mid summer

Habitat: Prairies



Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

Blooms: Late spring – early summer

Habitat: Open woods, wood edges



Scarlet Mallow (*Malvastrum coccineum*)

Blooms: Spring - summer

Habitat: Prairies, roadsides

Common Pink Summer Flowers



Pink Wild Onion (*Allium stellatum*)

Blooms: Midsummer-fall

Habitat: Prairies



Prairie Rose (*Rosa arkansana*)

Blooms: Late spring - fall

Habitat: Prairies, ditches, open woodlands



Fireweed (*Chamerion angustifolium* (L.) Holub.)

Blooms: Summer-fall

Habitat: Prairies, open parklands, forests

Other common pink summer wildflowers:

American Vetch (*Vicia americana*)

Showy Milkweed (*Asclepia speciosa*)

Scarlet Gaura (*Gaura coccinea*)

Rocky Mountain Bee Plant (*Cleome serrulata*)

Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)

Skeletonweed (*Lygodesmia juncea*)

Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*)

Joe-Pye-Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum* var. *bruneri*)

Common Blue and Purple Summer Flowers



Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)

Blooms: Late spring-early fall

Habitat: Prairies, along streams, open woodlands



Spiderwort (*Tradescantia bracteata*)

Blooms: Late spring - fall

Habitat: Prairies, wet meadows, roadsides

Comment: Flowers last just a single day



Dotted Blazing Star (*Liatriis punctata*)

Blooms: Midsummer – fall

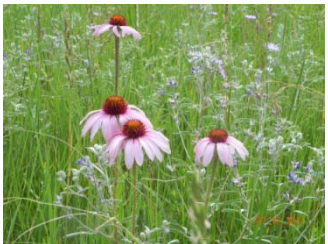
Habitat: Prairies



Blue Flax (*Linum perenne var. lewisii*)

Blooms: Spring-fall

Habitat: Prairies and roadsides



Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)

Blooms: Late spring – mid summer

Habitat: Prairies, badlands, ditches



Lead Plant (*Amorpha canescens*)

Blooms: Late spring - summer

Habitat: Prairies

Other common blue and purple summer wildflowers:

Silver-Leaf Scurf Pea (*Psoralea argophylla*)

Blue Lettuce (*Lactuca oblongifolia*)

Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)

Northern Gentian (*Gentiana affinis*)

Smooth Blue Aster (*Aster laevis*)

Common Yellow Flowers



Yellow-lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*)

Blooms: Mid spring – early summer

Habitat: Prairies, woodlands and wetlands

Comment: North Dakota plant species of concern



Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Blooms: Summer

Habitat: Prairies, thickets, along streams



Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida columnifera*)

Blooms: Late spring – fall

Habitat: Prairies, thickets, along streams, roadsides



Goats' Beard (*Tragopogon dubius*)

Blooms: Summer - fall

Habitat: Ditches, disturbed sites, roadsides



Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximilianii*)

Blooms: Summer - fall

Habitat: Upland prairie, ditches, roadsides

Other common yellow summer wildflowers:

False Dandelion (*Agroseris glauca*)

Plains Yellow Primrose (*Calyophus serrulatus*)

Golden Aster (*Chrysopsis villosa*)

Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)

Hawkweed (*Hieracium umbellatum*)

Yellow Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis stricta*)

Threadleaf Buttercup (*Ranunculus flabellaris*)

Common Evening Primrose (*Oenothera villosa*)

Curly-Top Gumweed (*Grindelia squarrosa*)

Spotted Touch-Me-Not (*Impatiens capensis*)

Common White Summer Flowers



Palespike Lobelia (*Lobelia spicata*)

Blooms: Early-midsummer

Habitat: Prairies



Meadow Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)

Blooms: Spring-Summer

Habitat: Woods and wet prairies

Other common white summer wildflowers:

Wild Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza lepidota*)

Ovalleaf milkweed (*Asclepias ovalifolia*)

Wild Buckwheat (*Polygonum convolvulus*)

Arrowhead (*Sagittaria cuneata*)

Panicled Aster (*Aster simplex*)

Aster (*Aster panus*)

Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

Night-Flowering Catchfly (*Ranunculus flabellaris*)

White-Stemmed Primrose (*Oenothera nuttallii*)

False Boneset (*Kuhnia eupatorioides*)

Sneezewort Aster (*Solidago ptarmicoides*)



*No matter how chaotic it is,
wildflowers will spring up in the middle of nowhere.”*

-Sheryl Crow-

