



9.2 Temperate Prairies



Mexican Hat Plant

(*Ratibida columnifera*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through fall
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This long-blooming plant offers consistent pollen, as well as seeds for birds well into the fall. It is relatively disease and pest free.



Black-Eyed Susan

(*Rudbeckia hirta*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-3 ft
DURATION: Short-lived perennial
 This short-lived perennial with 3 inch blooms self seeds and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



Cutleaf Coneflower

(*Rudbeckia laciniata*)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun
WATER: Average to high
SEASON OF INTEREST: Mid summer through fall
HEIGHT: 3-9 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This 3-4 inch flower grows well in a large pot with support, and its attractive seedheads extend the season of interest into the winter. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



Stiff Goldenrod

(*Solidago rigida*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 3-5 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 A beautiful late season bloom that produces thick clusters of yellow flowers. It is attractive to pollinators and seed birds. It is deer resistant and thrives in poor, dry soil.



White Heath Aster

(*Symphotrichum ericoides*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This densely blooming and compact plant resembles a spreading Juniper shrub when not in bloom. This low maintenance species does not have any serious pests or diseases.



Smooth Aster

(*Symphotrichum laeve*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-4 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 These small and densely blooming flowers are a striking blue to purple color with a golden-yellow center. This species has no serious pests or diseases.

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Calico Aster

(Symphyotrichum lateriflorum)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Average

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Late summer through fall

HEIGHT: 1-2 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This plant produces unique white flowers with berry-pink centers late summer through fall. It is a great source of nectar to butterflies and bees. Susceptible to powdery mildew.

**Not native to SD, NE, or KS*



New England Aster

(Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Average

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Late summer through fall

HEIGHT: 4-6 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This easy to grow plant produces purple, daisy-like flowers with a yellow or red center that attracts pollinators. Do not worry if flowers close at night or in cloudy weather, they will perk up once the sun returns. Resistant to deer and rabbits.



Prairie Ironweed

(Vernonia fasciculata)



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Average to high

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Mid summer through fall

HEIGHT: 2-6 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This flower provides a pop of purple color that will bloom again when deadheaded. This species may need support, is deer resistant, and has no serious diseases or pests.