



9.4 South Central Semi-Arid Prairies



White Heath Aster

(Symphyotrichum 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.



Tickseed

(Coreopsis tinctoria)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-4 ft
DURATION: Annual
 This playful prairie species is a favorite of butterflies with striking flowers up to 2 inches across. It is easy to grow, can self seed, is ignored by deer, and is relatively pest and disease free.

**Not native in western parts of ecoregion*



Purple Prairie Clover

(Dalea purpurea)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This showy flower blooms for 4-6 weeks during the summer, after which birds feed on the seeds. This plant is deer and pest resistant, and self seeds under the right conditions.



Blanketflower or Firewheel

(Gaillardia pulchella)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Spring through fall
HEIGHT: 1-2 ft
DURATION: Short-lived perennial
 This showy flower has a striking red center up to 2 inches across and abundant nectar. This easy to grow plant has no serious pests or diseases, and readily self seeds.

**Not native in northern parts of ecoregion*



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.