**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.