

OKLAHOMA WELCOMES



In a cooperative effort, the Oklahoma Department of Highways and the Federated Garden Clubs are beautifying Oklahoma's 12,000 miles of state highways with native wildflowers. The Highway Department is planting all wildflower seeds donated and delays mowing flowering areas until wildflowers have gone to seed. Garden clubs, civic clubs and youth

The year old program has brought national recognition, increased beauty, substantial savings in mowing costs and best of all, a tremen-

dous growth in community spirit. Driving past waving fields of yellow daisies, crimson clover and vivid Indian paintbrush

makes us all glad to be living in a state where people care. STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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1. Plains Coreopsis or Calliopsis. Stands of this summer blooming annual are frequent at road edges. Coreopsis tinctoria. 2. Beard Tongue. Represented by several attractive species in the state. This is a

spring bloomer. Penstemon cobaea. 3. Yellow Flax. The large flowered yellow flaxes are both spring flowering. Linum sulcatum is largely in eastern half of the state and Linum rigidum chiefly in western half. Both occur in central areas.

4. Coneflower. With long drooping rays, these appear in late spring. They are perennials with the flowers varying from purple to white. Echinacea. 5. Sensitive Briar. The globular clusters of

flowers on this prairie plant are easily recognized. The stems are prickly and almost creeping. Schrankia nuttallii. 6. Purple Prairie Clover. Limited to a prairie habitat, this plant is infrequent be-

fore June but flowers well into the summer. Petalostemon purpureum. 7. Phlox. Several spring blooming species occur in the state, primarily prairie plants

and some woodland species. Phlox. 8. Wild Bergamot. A member of the mint family, this is found in late spring and into summer along fence rows and edges of

woods. Monarda fistulosa. 9. Evening Primrose. This pink or white spring blooming plant is seen in dense patches along our highways. Oenothera

10. Indian Paintbrush. Vivid blooms are abundant in spring especially in southcentral and southeastern areas. Castilleja

11. Butterfly bush. This perennial flowers statewide from late spring to summer. In east flowers are reddish to orange, but in the west they are yellow. Leaves are poisonous to livestock. Asclepias tuberosa.

12. Green Milkweed. This prairie plant is widespread and flowers in late spring and early summer. Later large, upright pods appear, giving rise to the common name of Antelope Horn. Asclepias viridis.

13. Rose Mallow, Wine Cup, or Cowboy Rose. This relative of hollyhock occurs plentifully, especially in central Oklahoma. It is a low growing plant with large showy blossoms. Callirhoe involucrata.











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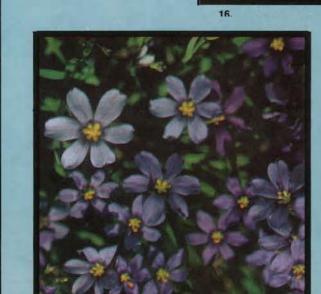




















abundant in the central and westcentral areas. Widespread plantings with their re and yellow heads, gave rise to the common name of Indian Blanket. Gaillardi 17. Thistle. Will flower in late spring and

into summer. Leaves are white-hairy on both sides. Cirsium undulatum. 18. Daisy Fleabane. This white rayed

late spring and well into the summer 19. Vetch. The purple flowered vetches bloom in spring and early summer as

20. Slender Vervain. Most are spring blooming prairie plants. This is to be found in the southeast and southcentral parts o

the state. Verbena halei. 21. Blue-eyed Grass. Especially frequen in the spring on our prairies, roadsides and even in lawns, this is a member o

iris family. Sisyrinchium. 22. Coreopsis. Brilliant yellow long blooming perennial found statewide and frequently seeded as part of Highway Department planting program. Coreopsis Grandiflora. (cover photograph)

23. Rose Gentian. Sometimes are so abundant as to color expanses of our prairies in the late spring with their characteristic rose-pink. Sabatia campestris.

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