

# Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Plants Mid-Late June 2013



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## Two-grooved milkvetch

*Astragalus bisulcatus*

(Pea family)  
native

This plant varies in color from white to purple. The purple form is particularly abundant near the road coming in.



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## Drummond's milkvetch

*Astragalus drummondii*

(Pea family)  
native

Looks very similar to species above, but Drummond's has very dense silky hairs on the leaves so that they look gray-green--unlike green leaves of two-grooved





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**Wild blue flax**

*Linum lewisii*  
(Flax family)

native

Each flower lasts only one day--blooming in the morning and falling off by late afternoon. Native Americans used the fibers for cordage--other species yield linen.



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**Wild onion**

*Allium textile*  
(Onion family)

native



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**Whiskbroom parsley**

*Harbouria tracchyleura*  
(Parsley family)

native

The very fine leaves differentiate this from similar plants. This occurs in a narrow band along the Front Range



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**Scarlet gaura**

*Guara coccinea*  
(Evening primrose family)

native

Drought tolerant beauty with long blooming season



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**Lambert's locoweed**

*Oxytropis lambertii*  
(Pea family)

native

negatively affects nervous system of livestock



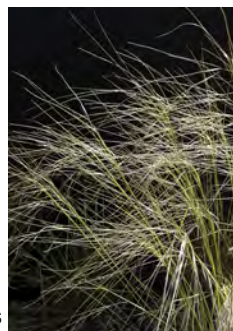
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**Wild rose**

*Rosa woodsii*  
(Rose family)

native

flowers buds and hips used for food and medicine



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**Needle-n-thread grass**

*Hesperostipa comata* (Grass family)

native

One of our most beautiful native grasses with long awns (tails) that blow in the wind; can be used as a needle