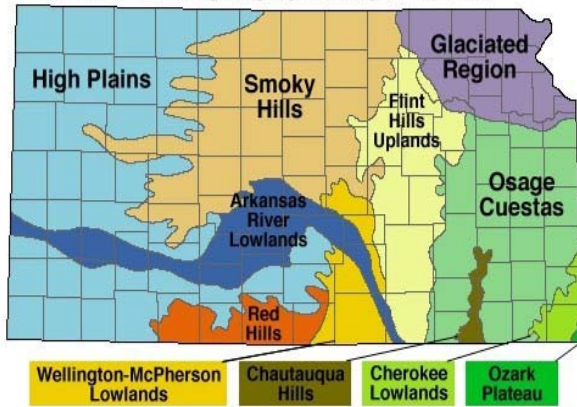


Generalized Physiographic Map of Kansas



Map courtesy of the Kansas Geological Survey

Region	Native Vegetation
Ozark Plateau	Oak-hickory mixed forest
Cherokee Lowlands	Tallgrass prairie and oak-hickory woodland.
Chautauqua Hills	Cross timbers savanna
Osage Cuestas	Mostly tallgrass prairie in the west to a combination of tallgrass prairie and oak-hickory woodland in the east.
Glaciated	Tallgrass prairie, scattered oak-hickory forests, and floodplain forests.
Flint Hills	Tallgrass prairie
Wellington-McPherson Lowlands	Tallgrass prairie and flood plain forests.
Smoky Hills	Transitional from tallgrass prairie in the East to mixed-grass prairie in the west. Some floodplain forests.
Arkansas River Lowlands	Sand prairie, sandsage prairie in the far west.
Red Hills	Mixed-grass prairie and sandsage prairie. Some floodplain forests.
High Plains	Mixed-grass prairie in the north. Sandsage prairie in the south in coarse textured soils. Shortgrass prairie in the south.

Reference: Chapman, S.S, et al., 2001. Ecoregions of Nebraska and Kansas (color poster with map, descriptive text, summary tables, and photographs) Reston, VA, U.S. Geological Survey.

Learn about the diversity of Kansas Native Plants

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To get an idea of the diverse regions of Kansas, see the physiographic map of Kansas. Each region has a unique geology, which in turn influences the vegetation. Precipitation also greatly affects the distribution of plants in Kansas. Shortgrass and sandsage prairies are found in the west, with mixed-grass prairies in the west and central part of the state, and tallgrass prairie in the east. We have deciduous forests in the east, as well as floodplain forests throughout the state. Each of these regions has a unique blend of native plants. A visit to any region, no matter the season, is sure to reward the visitor with some memorable discoveries.



Lithospermum incisum Fringed Puccoon
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Flint Hills tallgrass prairie
Konza Prairie © V Wright

KNPS membership benefits

- Field Trips (enjoy plants in their natural habitats)
- Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW includes forays, programs, silent auction, photo contest, socializing)
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- Quarterly Newsletter
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- Information (natural areas, propagation, restoration)
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- Volunteer Opportunities
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We recommend sturdy footwear, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat and water!

Mar 30: Baldwin Woods Wild Plant & Mushroom Outing, Douglas Co, 11am. Bring a sack lunch and meet Ken Lassman, the author of Wild Douglas County. <seasonsandcycles@yahoo.com> (785) 843-0253

Apr 19: Papermaking Workshop at Karlyle Woods, Topeka, 12pm. Food & materials \$25. Jeff Hansen, KNPS Past Pres. <email@KSNPS.org> (785) 806-6917

May 10: Barber County Wildflower Tour, Medicine Lodge, 8:30am. Co-sponsors: Barber Co. Conservation District & KNPS. Food & transport fee due May 5. (620) 886-3721, ext. 3

May 14: Tallgrass Prairie Evening Foray, Leavenworth Co, 6pm. <email@KSNPS.org> (785) 864-3453

May 17: Dr. Woody Holland's Wildflower Tour, Neosho Co, 1pm. (620) 449-2028

May 31: Coffey County Wildflower Tour, 9:30am. Co-sponsors: Coffey Co. Conservation District & KNPS. RSVP by May 23; call (620) 364-2182 ext. 3.

Jun 1: Third Biennial Coblentz Prairie Foray, Douglas Co, 1pm. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 864-3453

Jun 7: Wilson County Wildflower Tour, Fredonia, 8:30am. Co-sponsors: Wilson Co. Conservation District & KNPS. Food & transport fee due June 2. Contact Gina Thompson (620) 378-2866

Jun 7: Lake Wilson Wildflower & Rangeland Tour, Russell Co, 8:30am. Co-sponsors: Russell Co. NRCS & KNPS. <andy.phelps@ks.usda.gov> (785) 483-2826

Jun 8: Friends of Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk, 7pm. <keepkonza@ksu.edu> (785) 587-0381

June 14: Cowley County Wildflower Tour, Winfield, 8am. Co-sponsors: Cowley Co. NRCS & KNPS. RSVP by June 6; call (620) 221-1850 ext. 3.

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Oct 3-5: KNPS Annual Wildflower Weekend, Hays. Visit mixed-grass prairies in & near Ellis County. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 864-3453

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