

Diversity of Kansas Native Plants

The state's varied landscape supports nearly 1,700 native species of flowering plants and ferns and roughly 400 alien species that have naturalized. Kansas spans most of the width of the grasslands that blanket the plains of central North America, and prairies are the hallmark of the state's natural heritage. Ranging from tallgrass in the east to shortgrass in the west, each prairie type is home to a unique set of species. Scattered across the state are marshes, forested bluffs, dry woodlands, glades, rocky uplands, chalk breaks, glaciated hills, and many other habitats, each contributing to the diversity of the flora.

2012 Wildflower of the Year



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Amorpha canescens
Lead Plant

To increase public awareness of our native Kansas flora, the Kansas Native Plant Society annually selects and promotes a native wildflower as Wildflower of the Year. Lead plant was chosen for 2012. The silvery grey color of the leaves gave lead plant its common name. This widespread, drought resistant native legume is found in upland prairies and has excellent forage value. Hence, the presence of lead plant in a pasture is considered an indicator of a healthy prairie. American Indians used its dried leaves for tea and for smoking and attributed some medicinal properties to this species.

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Annual Wildflower Weekend Photo Contest

KNPS holds a photo contest at the Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW). Winning photos are selected in the following categories: Wildflower of the Year, Scenery, Flora, Fauna, Garden, and Best in Show.



Best in Show
Oenothera speciosa
Showy Evening Primrose



First Place - Flora Category
Asclepias syriaca
Common Milkweed

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Join Kansas Native Plant Society

- KNPS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.
- New memberships are effective from the date of joining through December of the following year.
- Renewal memberships run January to December.
- KNPS does not share our membership information with other organizations.
- Earnings from the Legacy Fund are used for long term support of the KNPS mission.

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This is a Gift Membership from _____

X	Select Membership Level	Amount
	Student	\$10
	Individual	\$20
	Family	\$30
	Organization	\$35
	Contributing	\$100
	Lifetime	\$500
	Other	\$ _____

Additional **Legacy Fund** donation \$ _____

Additional general funds donation \$ _____

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Tallgrass Prairie in Kansas

Approximately four percent of our nation's original tallgrass prairie remains intact, and ninety-five percent of this prairie is in Kansas. Whether in vast acreages in the Flint Hills or small roadside remnants in the Glaciated Region, Kansans have an extraordinary opportunity as stewards of these vestiges of our natural heritage. Remnant prairies protect ecological diversity and provide habitat for increasingly rare species. They are also valuable blueprints for future prairie restoration efforts.



Tuttle Creek Reservoir Overlook
Pottawatomie County

KNPS membership benefits

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Free poster "Kansas Wildflowers: Gems of the Plains" (see website for details)
- Field Trips (enjoy plants in their natural habitats)
- AWW (Annual Wildflower Weekend includes forays, programs, silent auction, photo contest, socializing)
- Extensive Website, www.ksnps.org
- Education (identification, ecology, landscaping)
- Information (natural areas, propagation, restoration)
- E-list (electronic mailing list)
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Mary A. Bancroft Memorial Scholarship
- Link on KNPS website for member organizations
- Established in 1978, Kansas Native Plant Society was originally called the Kansas Wildflower Society

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2012 Outings and Events Sponsored by KNPS

We recommend sturdy footwear, long pants, a hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, and water!

Look for even more events listed on our website!

Mar 10: Feel the Love: Pollinators and Flowering Plants Presentation, Overland Park, 10am.

<ken@springvalleynursery.com> (913) 837-5112

Mar 24: Growing Wildflowers from Seed Workshop, Overland Park, 10am. <ken@springvalleynursery.com> (913) 837-5112

Apr 7, May 12: Spring Wildflowers of Wyandotte County Lake Park walk, Kansas City, KS, 1-4pm.

<chensley@kckpl.org> (913) 299-2384

Apr 11: Gardening with Flying Flowers, Leavenworth, 10:30am-noon. <LLarson@ndbh.com> (913) 284-3360

Apr 14: KNPS Spring Board Meeting & Outing, Wichita. 1pm Board meeting & 3pm tour trails at Great Plains Nature Center. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 864-3453

Apr 15 & 20: Overland Park Arboretum Wildflower Tour, Overland Park, 1-3pm. <ken@springvalleynursery.com> (913) 837-5112

Apr 20: Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time Film Screening, Kansas City, KS, 6:30pm. <chensley@kckpl.org> (913) 299-2384

May 9: Shunga Creek Woodland Wildflower Walk, Topeka, 6pm-dark. <hanjd@cox.net> (785) 806-6917

May 12: Barber County Wildflower Tour, Medicine Lodge, 8:30am. Barber Co. Conservation District Fee due May 9. (620) 886-3721, ext. 3

May 19: Natural History of Kansas Milkweeds Presentation, Kansas City, KS, 9am-noon. <chensley@kckpl.org> (913) 299-2384

May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 20: Chase County Tallgrass Prairie Walk, Strong City, 8-10am. <glennfell13@gmail.com> (620) 794-8478

Jun 3: Friends of Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk, Manhattan, 6:30pm. <konzaed@ksu.edu> (785) 587-0441

Jun 21: 10th Annual Grant-Bradbury Prairie Jaunt, Topeka, 6:30pm-dark. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 806-6917

Jul 14: KNPS Summer Board Meeting & Outing, Kansas City. 9am botany hike at Wyandotte Co. Lake Park & 1pm Board meeting. Bring your lunch. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 864-3453

Sep 21-23: KNPS 34th Annual Wildflower Weekend, Winfield. Visit natural areas in & near Cowley Co. <email@ksnps.org> (785) 864-3453



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The mission of the Kansas Native Plant Society is to encourage awareness and appreciation of the native plants of Kansas in their habitats and in our landscapes by promoting education, stewardship, and scientific knowledge.



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