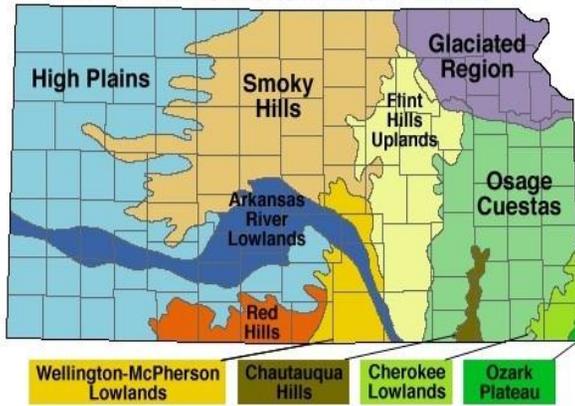


Generalized Physiographic Map of Kansas



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

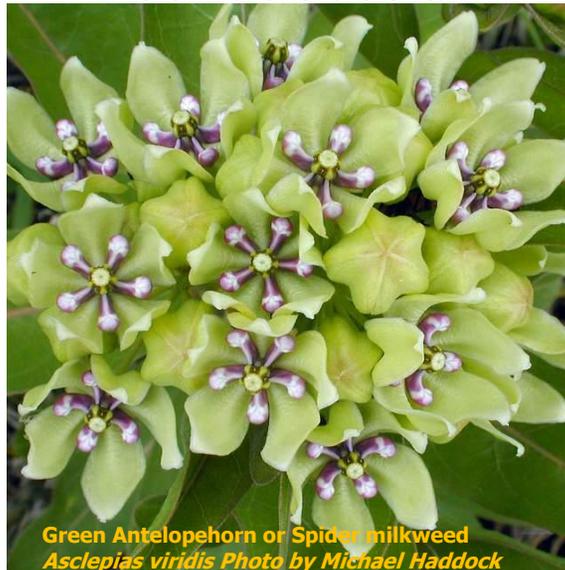
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Learn about the diversity of Kansas Native Plants

The Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) provides many opportunities to learn more about our native plants, their habitats, and how to protect them.

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. Wildflowers produce a kaleidoscope of colors and forms as they bloom and fruit in our prairies, forests, wetlands, and gardens. A visit to any region, no matter the season, is sure to reward the visitor with some memorable discoveries.

2015 Wildflower of the Year



Green Antelopehorn or Spider milkweed
Asclepias viridis Photo by Michael Haddock

To increase public awareness of native Kansas flora, the Native Plant Society annually selects and promotes a native plant as Wildflower of the Year. For 2015 the honor goes to *Asclepias viridis*, Green Antelopehorn. These perennial plants are an important host for monarch butterflies! Look for these showy, green flowers in spring and early summer on prairie pastures.

Join the Kansas Native Plant Society!

- Established in 1978, Kansas Native Plant Society was originally called the Kansas Wildflower Society.
- KNPS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.
- KNPS does not share membership information with other organizations.
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Tallgrass Prairie in Kansas

Approximately 4% of our nation's original tallgrass prairie remains intact, and 95% 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.



Prairie coneflower
Ratibida columnifera
Photo by Phyllis Scherich

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

Find events on our website at www.ksnps.org

Typical Outings and Events Sponsored by KNPS

For outdoor events we recommend sturdy footwear, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat and water!

Board Meetings & Outings

- An outing open to the public is planned before or after each meeting: winter, spring & summer.

AWW – Annual Wildflower Weekend

- Typically the 3rd weekend in September
- 3 days of events and outings. Join us in exploring a different area of Kansas each year!
- Enter your own photos in the annual Photo Contest!
- Enjoy speakers and presentations.
- Reserve your spot today! \$20 general public and only \$10 for KNPS members.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve near Strong City, KS

- Call for tours 620-273-8494.

Maxwell Wildlife Refuge near Canton, KS

- Call for tours 620-628-4455.

Regional plant walks – find wildflowers near you!

- There are 21 Membership regions, each with their own leader. Find your region at www.ksnps.org
- Consult the website for the latest regional events! www.ksnps.org



Scarlet globemallow
Sphaeralcea coccinea
Photo by Mike Haddock



Kansas Native Plant Society

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.



Red Hills
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