

## Purple Coneflower

*Echinacea purpurea*



This flower is pollinated by bees, bee flies, butterflies, and skippers!

The Eastern Goldfinch occasionally eats the seeds during summer and early fall.

Photo: Emilie Janes

## Annual Fleabane

*Erigeron annuus*



The nectar and pollen provide food for a variety of insects. Deer enjoy eating the foliage, while the white-footed mouse eats the seeds.

This native pioneer species competes directly with invasive weeds!

Photo: Emilie Janes

## Prairie Blazingstar

*Liatris pycnostachya*



Our friends, the monarch and honey-bee, love to visit the Prairie Blazingstar!

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## Partridge Pea

*Chamaecrista fasciculata*



The seeds of the Partridge Pea, encased in seed pods, are an important food source for the near threatened Bobwhite Quail and Greater Prairie Chicken!

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**Swamp Milkweed**  
*Asclepias incarnata*



Swamp Milkweed grows in wet or moist habitats, like swamps and along rivers and ponds.

Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed—milkweed species are critical to the survival of our beautiful Monarchs!

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**Butterfly Milkweed**  
*Asclepias tuberosa*



Unlike other species of milkweed, the Butterfly Milkweed lacks the toxic milky latex in its stem and leaves.

Nonetheless, herbivores (plant-eaters) still avoid it!

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**Foxglove Beardtongue**  
*Penstemon digitalis*



Foxglove Beardtongue is in the Snapdragon family!

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**Smooth Blue Aster**  
*Symphyotrichum laeve*



The nectar and pollen from this wildflower attract many native pollinators: honeybees, bumblebees, cuckoo bees, wasps, butterflies, and skippers!

Photo: Dr. John Hilty



## Illinois Bundleflower

*Desmanthus illinoensis*



Photo: Dr. John Hilty

The native Illinois Bundleflower occurs primarily in northeast Illinois, in loamy or sandy soils.

## Narrowleaf Mountain Mint

*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*



Photo: Emilie Janes

Mountain Mint leaves emit a minty, refreshing aroma when crushed!

## False Sunflower

*Heliopsis helianthoides*



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This wildflower is not a true sunflower, but it is common throughout the county. It provides nectar and pollen to a large amount of pollinator species, including the Goldenrod Soldier Beetle.

## Black-eyed Susan

*Rudbeckia hirta*



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Bees that visit this flower include Carpenter bees, Leaf-Cutting bees, Green Metallic and other sweat bees, Andrenid bees, and others.