

Burnett County Native Plant Lists



Wet Meadow

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| <i>Grasses and Sedges</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue joint grass | <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> | 3-5' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | | • |
| Bottlebrush sedge* | <i>Carex comosa</i> | 1-2' | NA | NA | • | | • | • | | | • | • |
| Broad-leaved cattail* | <i>Typha latifolia</i> | 5-9' | NA | NA | • | | • | • | | | • | |
| Caterpillar/Fringed sedge* | <i>Carex crinita</i> | 2-5' | NA | NA | | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Fox sedge | <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> | 1-3' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | • | • |
| Green bulrush | <i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> | 3-5' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | • | |
| Hard-stem bulrush* | <i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i> | 3-9' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | | |
| Lake sedge* | <i>Carex lacustris</i> | 24-42" | NA | NA | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Path rush | <i>Juncus tenuis</i> | 2-14" | NA | NA | | | • | | • | | | |
| Pointed broom sedge | <i>Carex scoparia</i> | 6-30" | NA | NA | • | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Prairie cordgrass | <i>Spartina pectinata</i> | 4-8' | NA | NA | • | | | • | | | • | • |
| Rattlesnake manna grass* | <i>Glyceria canadensis</i> | 2-3' | NA | NA | | | | | | | | |
| Retorse sedge | <i>Carex retrorsa</i> | 16-40" | NA | NA | | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| River bulrush* | <i>Scirpus fluviatilis</i> | 3-6' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | • | • |
| Soft rush* | <i>Juncus effusus</i> | 18-48" | NA | NA | | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Soft-stem bulrush* | <i>Scirpus validus</i> | 3-9' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | • | |
| Spike rush* | <i>Eleocharis palustris</i> | 2-3' | NA | NA | | | • | | | | • | |
| Sweet flag* | <i>Acorus calamus</i> | 2-3' | NA | NA | | | • | | | | • | |
| Switch grass ^o | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> | 3-5' | NA | NA | • | | • | • | • | | | • |
| Tussock sedge* | <i>Carex stricta</i> | 1-4' | NA | NA | | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Wool grass | <i>Scirpus cyperinus</i> | 3-5' | NA | NA | | | • | • | | | • | |
| <i>Wildflowers</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bergamot ^o | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | 2-4' | Lavender | July -Aug | • | • | | • | | | | |
| Blue flag iris | <i>Iris virginica</i> | 18-30" | Blue | June-July | • | | • | • | • | | | |
| Blue vervain | <i>Verbena hastata</i> | 2-6' | Blue | June-Sept | • | | • | | | | • | |
| Boneset | <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> | 3-4' | White | June-Aug | • | | • | • | • | • | • | |
| Bottle gentian | <i>Gentiana andrewsii</i> | 18-30" | Blue | Aug -Oct | • | • | • | | | | | • |
| Cardinal flower | <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> | 2-5' | Red | July -Oct | • | • | • | | | | | |

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| <i>Wildflowers (cont.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Culver's root | <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> | 3-6' | White | June -Sept | • | | | | | | | |
| Cup plant° | <i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> | 3-8' | Yellow | July -Sept | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • |
| Fireweed | <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> | 2-6' | Pink | June-Aug | • | • | | | | | • | • |
| Flat-topped aster° | <i>Aster umbellatus</i> | 1-5' | Cream | July -Aug | | | • | | • | | • | • |
| Golden alexander | <i>Zizia aurea</i> | 1-3' | Yellow | May-July | • | | | | | | | |
| Great blue lobelia | <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> | 1-4' | Blue | July -Oct | • | • | • | | | | | • |
| Green headed coneflower | <i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> | 3-12' | Yellow | July -Sept | • | | • | | • | | | |
| Ironweed | <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i> | 4-6' | Purple | July-Sept | • | | | | | | | |
| Joe pye weed° | <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> | 4-6' | Pink | July -Sept | • | | • | | • | • | • | |
| Grassleaf goldenrod | <i>Euthamia graminifolia</i> | 2-3' | Yellow | July -Oct | | | | | • | | • | • |
| Monkey flower | <i>Mimulus ringens</i> | 1-3' | Violet | July -Sept | • | | • | | | | | |
| Mountain mint | <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> | 20-36" | White | July-Sept | • | | | | | | | |
| Narrow-leaf loosestrife° | <i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i> | 1-2' | Yellow | July -Aug | | | | | | | | |
| New England aster° | <i>Aster novae-angliae</i> | 2-5' | Purple | Aug-Oct | • | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Northern blue flag iris | <i>Iris versicolor</i> | 1-3' | Blue | June-July | • | • | | • | | • | • | |
| Obedient plant° | <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> | 2-5' | Pink | July -Oct | • | • | | | | | | |
| Panicked aster° | <i>Aster lanceolatus</i> | 2-3' | White | Aug -Oct | • | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Sawtooth sunflower | <i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i> | 3-12' | Yellow | July-Oct | • | | • | | • | | • | • |
| Showy tick trefoil ¹ | <i>Desmodium canadense</i> | 2-5' | Pink | June-Sept | • | | | | • | | • | • |
| Sneezeweed° | <i>Helenium autumnale</i> | 2-5' | Yellow | July-Oct | • | | • | | • | | | |
| Swamp aster° | <i>Aster puniceus</i> | 2-6' | White | Aug-Oct | • | | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Swamp milkweed | <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> | 3-4' | Pink | June-Aug | • | | • | | | | | |
| Tall blazing star° | <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> | 2-4' | Purple | July-Sept | • | | | | | | • | • |
| Turtlehead | <i>Chelone glabra</i> | 3-4' | Cream | July-Oct | • | • | | | | | | |
| <i>Shrubs</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meadowsweet° | <i>Spiraea alba</i> | 3-6' | White | June-Aug | • | | • | | • | | | • |
| Steeplebush° | <i>Spiraea tomentosa</i> | 2-4' | Pink | July-Aug | • | | • | | • | | | • |

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¹ Note: Showy tick trefoil has beautiful pink flowers that bloom from June – September. Be aware that later in the season the seeds that form will stick to clothing and pets and are difficult to remove.

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Carex comosa



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Calamagrostis canadensis



Indian grass
Sorghastrum nutans



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Spartina pectinata



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Eupatorium perfoliatum



Culver's root
Veronicastrum virginicum



Fireweed
Epilobium angustifolium



Cardinal flower
Lobelia cardinalis










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NPIN: Native Plant Database: www.wildflower.org

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