

Discover Aurora's True Nature: Aurora Wildflowers

Aurora wildflowers overcome the many challenges of prairie life with beauty and grace.



Easter daisies bloom very early. A low profile and very hairy leaves protect this beauty from frost and wind.



Water conservation is the key to success for many prairie blooms. Reduced or absent leaves allow plants like this skeletonweed to conserve precious moisture.



Attracting pollinators is a competitive business. This native wavy-leaf thistle does it by grouping numerous small flowers into one showy head, which provides enough space for a bumblebee to land and dine.



Protecting leaves, stems, and blooms from plant-eating herbivores is essential business. The prickly-covered prickly poppy would make any herbivore think twice before taking a bite!

Where to watch...

Aurora's blooming season begins in March and does not end until late October. Some of the best places to look for wildflowers include: Aurora Reservoir, Plains Conservation Center, Quincy Reservoir, the out-of-play areas at Saddle Rock Golf Course, and Ponderosa Preserve (guided tours only). For more information on what's blooming, contact us at nature@auroragov.org or 303.739.2428