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| _____ Pussytoes | <i>Antennaria parvifolia</i> |
| _____ Ragwort | <i>Senecio plattensis</i> |
| _____ Reedgrass | <i>Phragmites australis</i> |
| _____ Rock cress | <i>Arabis hirsuta</i> |
| _____ Rock cress | <i>Arabis holboellii</i> |
| _____ Rocky mountain juniper | <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> |
| _____ Russian thistle | <i>Salsola iberica</i> |
| _____ Saltgrass | <i>Distichlis spicata</i> |
| _____ Scarlet gaura | <i>Gaura coccinea</i> |
| _____ Scarlet globemallow | <i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i> |
| _____ Siberian pea shrub | <i>Caragana arborescens</i> |
| _____ Silver sagebrush | <i>Artemisia cana</i> |
| _____ Silver scurfpea | <i>Psoralea argophylla</i> |
| _____ Silverberry | <i>Elaeagnus commutata</i> |
| _____ Skunkbush | <i>Rhus aromatica</i> |
| _____ Slender beardtongue | <i>Penstemon gracilis</i> |
| _____ Smooth brome | <i>Bromus inermis</i> |
| _____ Sow thistle | <i>Sonchus arvensis</i> |
| _____ Stiff goldenrodd | <i>Solidago rigida</i> |
| _____ Stiff sunflower | <i>Helianthus rigidus</i> |
| _____ Stinging nettle | <i>Urtica dioica</i> |
| _____ Sulfur cinquefoil | <i>Potentilla recta</i> |
| _____ Sun sedge | <i>Carex heliophila</i> |
| _____ Tall cinquefoil | <i>Potentilla arguta</i> |
| _____ Tall meadowrue | <i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i> |
| _____ Tartarian honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera tartarica</i> |
| _____ Thread-leaved sedge | <i>Carex filifolia</i> |
| _____ Torchflower | <i>Geum triflorum</i> |
| _____ Tumbling mustard | <i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i> |
| _____ Westernwheatgrass | <i>Agropyron smithii</i> |
| _____ White beardtongue | <i>Penstemon albidus</i> |
| _____ White wild onion | <i>Allium textile</i> |
| _____ Wild licorace | <i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i> |
| _____ Wild plum | <i>Prunus americana</i> |
| _____ Wild vetch | <i>Vicia americana</i> |
| _____ Wood sorrel | <i>Oxalis stricta</i> |
| _____ Wood's rose | <i>Rosa woodsii</i> |

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| _____ Wormwood | <i>Artemisia absinthium</i> |
| _____ Yarrow | <i>Achillea millefolium</i> |
| _____ Yellow sweetclover | <i>Melilotus officianalis</i> |
| _____ Yucca | <i>Yucca glauca</i> |

If you would like to share your observations or species lists, especially those species not included in this checklist, please stop at the park visitor's center or mail findings to the park manager at



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Sources: Flora of the Great Plains by Members of the Great Plains Flora Association, Wildflowers of North Dakota by Paul Kannowski, and last but not least Plants of Lake Sakakawea State Park compiled by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Other great plant identification resources for North Dakota include: Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers-A Falcon Field Guide with text by Doug Ladd and Photos by Frank Oberle, Grassland Plants of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains by James R. Johnson and Gary E. Larson in cooperation with South Dakota State University and the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, and Wildflowers Grasses & Other Plants of the Northern Plains and Black Hills by Theodore Van Bruggen of the University of South Dakota.

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LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK

Preliminary PLANT CHECKLIST



Blue-eyed grass

This checklist contains over 115 plant species which are known to occur within Lake Sakakawea State Park.

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This checklist is designed to help you identify as many plant species within LSSP as possible. Successful use of this plant checklist will require utilizing a field guide containing color photos or illustrations. A small hand lens and camera may prove beneficial. Please refer to the following table, for guidance on common wild plant blooming seasons.



Common Wild Plants and Their Blooming Times

Blooms	Common Name	Color
Mar-June	Ground plum	Blue to purple
Apr.-May	Pasque flower	Pale pink/purple
Apr-June	Prairie smoke	Pink-Red
Apr-Aug	Scarlet globemallow	Orange-red
Apr.-Sept.	Scarlet gaura	Orange-red
May-July	Canada anemone	White
May-Jul	Dwarf wild indigo	Purple
May-Aug	Pincushion cactus	Pink-purple
June-Aug	Blanket flower	Yellow to orange
June-Aug.	Purple coneflower	Purple
June-Aug.	Purple prairie clover	Pink to purple
June-Aug.	Harebell	Purple
June-Sept	Prairie coneflower	Yellow
June-Oct.	Bergamot	Pink
July-Sept.	Goldenrod	Yellow

"Ecological flowering times are generalities for the plants as they occur in our range. Some reasonable freedom must be employed in using the flowering times, for there is considerable variation from year-to-year in the Great Plains, as well as from south to north for widespread species" (Flora of the Great Plains, 1986).

Check	Common Name	Latin Name			
_____	Alumroot	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	_____	Flixweed	<i>Descurainia sophia</i>
_____	American elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	_____	Flodman's thistle	<i>Cirsium flodmanii</i>
_____	Ballcactus	<i>Coryphantha vivipara</i>	_____	Foxtail barley	<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>
_____	Beaked sedge	<i>Carex sprengeii</i>	_____	Fringed sage	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>
_____	Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	_____	Gooseberry	<i>Ribes sp.</i>
_____	Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	_____	Green ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
_____	Black medic	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	_____	Green needlegrass	<i>Stipa viridula</i>
_____	Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	_____	Ground plum	<i>Astragalus crassicaarpus</i>
_____	Blue eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i>	_____	Gumweed	<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>
_____	Blue flax	<i>Linum perenne v. lewisii</i>	_____	Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
_____	Blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	_____	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus rotundifolia</i>
_____	Blue lettuce	<i>Lactuca pulchella</i>	_____	Horseweed	<i>Conyza canadensis</i>
_____	Boxelder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	_____	Juneberry	<i>Amelanchia alnifolia</i>
_____	Breadroot	<i>Psoralea esculenta</i>	_____	Junegrass	<i>Koeleria pyramidata</i>
_____	Broomrape	<i>Orobanche fasciculata</i>	_____	Kentucky bluegrass	<i>Poa pratensis</i>
_____	Buckbrush	<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>	_____	Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
_____	Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	_____	Lead plant	<i>Amorpha nana</i>
_____	Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	_____	Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>
_____	Burdock	<i>Arctium minus</i>	_____	Little bluestem	<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>
_____	Canada anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	_____	Milkwort	<i>Polygala alba</i>
_____	Canada goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	_____	Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>
_____	Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	_____	Needle-and-thread	<i>Stipa comata</i>
_____	Canada wildrye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	_____	Northern bedstraw	<i>Galium boreale</i>
_____	Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	_____	Nuttall's violet	<i>Viola nutallii</i>
_____	Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	_____	Oval-leaved milkweed	<i>Asclepias ovalifolia</i>
_____	Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	_____	Pasque flower	<i>Anemone patens</i>
_____	Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	_____	Pasture sage	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>
_____	Creeping juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	_____	Peppergrass	<i>Lepidium campestre</i>
_____	Crested wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron cristatum</i>	_____	Peppergrass	<i>Lepidium densiflorum</i>
_____	Dame's rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	_____	Pin cherry	<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>
_____	Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	_____	Poison ivy	<i>Toxicodendron rydbergii</i>
_____	Downy brome	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	_____	Prairie coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
_____	Downy paintbrush	<i>Castilleja sessiliflora</i>	_____	Prairie sandreed	<i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i>
_____	Dwarf juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	_____	Prairie violet	<i>Viola pedatifida</i>
_____	False gromwell	<i>Onosmodium molle</i>	_____	Prickly sow thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>
_____	False indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	_____	Pricklypear	<i>Opuntia polyacantha</i>
_____	Fleabane	<i>Erigeron philadelphica</i>	_____	Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>
			_____	Purple locoweed	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>
			_____	Purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>