**Rattlesnake Master**  
*Eryngium yuccifolium*

- **Soil preference:** Moist or dry soil well drained, Open woods and prairies
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun/ Partial shade
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Size at maturity:** 3-4 ft
- **Spacing:** 12-18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** White
- **Bloom time:** May, June, July, August
- **Additional info:** Rattlesnake master can be an aggressive self-seeder. Remove seed heads to control spread.

**Meadow Blazingstar**  
*Liatris ligulistylis*

- **Soil preference:** Damp low places, well drained to wet soils
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun/ Partial shade
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Size at maturity:** 3-4 ft
- **Spacing:** 12-18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** Lavender
- **Bloom time:** August, September
- **Additional info:** One of 5 native blazingstars to Minnesota. Meadow Blazingstar designated as a plant of special value to native bees.

**Wild Bergamot**  
*Monarda fistulosa*

- **Soil preference:** Moist to dry, Thrives in a wide variety of soils
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun to partial shade
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Size at maturity:** 2-3 ft
- **Spacing:** 18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** Lavender
- **Bloom time:** July, August, September
- **Additional info:** Wild Bergamot can grow in a wide variety of conditions. Most abundant species of the Monarda genus. High resistance to deer grazing.
**Smooth Ironweed**
*Vernonia fasciculata*

- **Soil preference:** Moist to wet soils
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun
- **Water requirements:** Medium to high, likes plenty of water
- **Size at maturity:** 5-6 ft
- **Spacing:** 12-18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** Purple
- **Bloom time:** July, August, September
- **Additional info:** Very aggressive, needs to be planted in areas with plenty of competition. Smooth Ironweed is a larval host for American painted lady butterflies.

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**Golden Alexanders**
*Zizia aurea*

- **Soil preference:** Moist, sandy, or sandy-clay soils
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun/Partial shade
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Size at maturity:** 2-3 ft
- **Spacing:** 12-18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** Golden yellow
- **Bloom time:** May, June
- **Additional info:** Moderate resistance to deer grazing. Golden alexanders are a larval host to Black Swallowtail butterflies and an important food source for Monarchs. May rebloom in later summer!

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**Prairie Smoke**
*Geum triflorum*

- **Soil preference:** Moist to dry
- **Sun requirements:** Full sun, partial shade
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Size at maturity:** 1-3 ft
- **Spacing:** 12 – 18 inches apart
- **Flower color:** Pink
- **Bloom time:** May, June
- **Additional info:** Mature plants form dense mats. Plants can grow in soils ranging from a thin layer over limestone to rich prairie loams.