



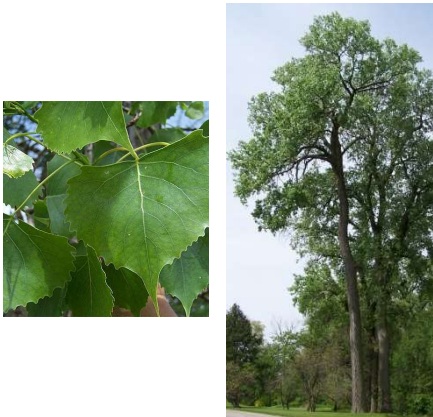



I, Spy...FLORA!

Can you find any of these plants that are often found at Bluff Lake in the Spring?

Put a check mark in the box when you spot one!

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Sand Lily <i>(Leucocrinum montanum)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Prairie</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as a Star Lily or Mountain Lily • grow across much of the open forests, dry grasslands and sagebrush deserts of the western United States. • Sweet smelling 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Prickly Pear Cactus <i>(Opuntia polyacantha)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Prairie</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually have red, yellow, or purple flowers • The fruits of most prickly pears are edible • Over a dozen different species 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Soapweed Yucca <i>(Yucca glauca)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Prairie</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as Spanish bayonet. • Was a traditional Native American medical plant • Seeds can be used as food, leaves used for making ropes or baskets, and roots are mashed and used like soap
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Cattails <i>(Typha latifolia)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Bluff Lake</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can grow to almost 10 feet • Almost every part of the plant is used by other species • Each head produces around 300,000 seeds 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Cottonwood Trees <i>(Populus deltoides)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Bluff Lake</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeds clump in cotton like balls which drift in the breeze and almost look like snow • Grow very quickly: a young tree can grow 6 feet in a year! 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Box Elder Maple Trees <i>(Acer negundo)</i></p> <p><u>Where to look:</u> Bluff Lake</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also called Ash Leaf Maple, or Three Leaf Maple • Grows well in areas with ample water supply, like near lake edge



Evening Primrose
(*Oenothera coronpifolia*)

Where to look: Prairie



- Also called Crownleaf Evening Primrose
- Grows in clusters
- White flowers are about 2 inches across with four petals
- 8 four-pronged stamens



Leafy Spurge
(*Euphorbia esula*)

Where to look: All Over



- Non-native deep-rooted perennial that spreads by seed and extensive, creeping roots.
- The roots can extend as deep as 30 feet into the soil
- Milky, latex sap in stems and leaves



Narrow-leaved Penstemon
(*Penstemon angustifolius*)

Where to look: Prairie



- Looks like an open mouth with a fuzzy tongue, inspiring the name “beardtongue.”
- Native to parts of the United States, this plant bears beautiful flowering spires through the summer months!



Blue Grama
(*Bouteloua gracilis*)

Where to look: Shortgrass Prairie



- Is the dominant grass of Shortgrass prairies across the Western US
- Foliage turns golden brown in autumn, sometimes also developing interesting hues of orange and red.



Scarlet Globemallow
(*Sphaeralcea coccinea*)

Where to look: Prairie



- Native to grasslands and prairies of the Great Plains and western regions of northern North America.
- While on the course of his expedition, near the Marias River, Meriwether Lewis collected a specimen of this species



American Licorice
(*Glycyrrhiza lepidota*)

Where to look: Near Pavilion



- Seeds are spiky “burrs” that easily get stuck to clothes
- Flower is white
- Licorice root is used for medicines and flavorings