

Lake Carroll Wildflower Survey

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Lake Carroll plays host to an abundance of beautiful wildflowers. Many residents enjoy walking the paths so that they may be immersed in these wonderful gifts of nature. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we've wrongly identified any of the flowers, as well as help us identify the two we are unsure of. Some of the many flowering plant species are...



Purple Cone Flower: this 2 to 3 foot tall purple flower has a cone-like center filled with rough teeth



Prairie Golden Aster: the golden flower blooms in late summer and is distinguished by its smaller leaves with variable petals



Queen Anne's Lace: a very recognizable wildflower. It is classified by its soft, delicate and lace like flower



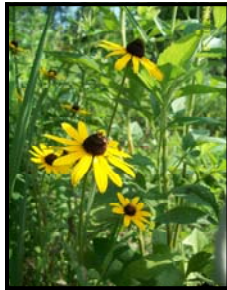
Grey-Headed Cone Flower: sometimes confused as Black-Eyed Susan, this cone flower actually has a grey cone with extremely reflexed petals



Long-leaved Speedwell: with a tapering design, this tall violet flower stands out in a crowd



Giant Blue Hyssop: found in thickets and prairies, this 2 to 4 foot flower is quite unusual it has violet blue flowers with 2 pairs of protruding stamens



Black-Eyed Susan: this beautiful daisy-like flower has vibrant yellow petals and a chocolate colored disc center



Blue Vervain: this branching, pencil-like plant is filled with small violet flowers that bloom a few at a time



Wild Parsnip: the wild parsnip bears a close resemblance to Queen Anne's Lace but differs in its yellow coloring



Clover: a low to the ground plant, you will recognize this by its small orb like purple flowers



Wild Quinine: a smaller plant that holds white ray-like flowers and large toothed leaves



Culver's Root: the culver's root is a tall plant found in woods and thickets. It has white tube-like flowers and sharp toothed leaves



Daisy Fleabane: this daisy like flower is quite small and starts blooming in spring. It has 40 to 70 petals and grows in fields



Camphor Weed: this yellow flower is similar to the golden aster, but has wavy leaves that clasp the stem



Rattlesnake Master: this unusual plant is part of the parsley family, categorized by round heads filled with tiny flowers and spiny edged leaves



Virginia Mountain Mint: with rather flat topped flowers, this mountain mint is distinguished by narrow and toothless leaves



Hedge Bindweed: this white flowering plant is part of the morning glory family recognized by its opening white flowers and arrowhead leaves



Spotted Touch-Me-Not: this vibrant orange flower hides in wet and shady areas it has a small flower that hangs like a succulent jewel

These are only a few of the wildflowers that Lake Carroll has to offer, there are many more species out there, so we encourage you to search our fields. There is nothing more enjoyable than soaking up the sun and viewing some wildflowers for yourself! If you can identify the two that stumped us, please send their names to webmaster@golakecarroll.com or call 815-493-2552 ext 11. *Photos by K Kucher & B Howe*

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