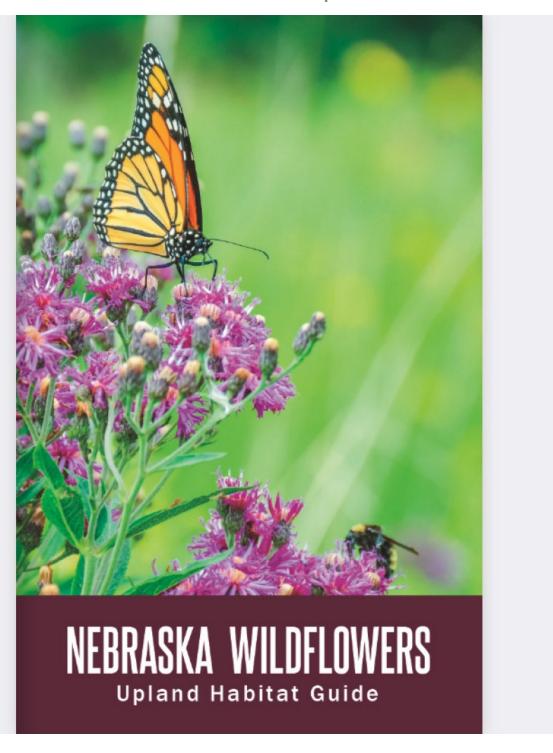
Nebraska Wildflowers field guide by Pheasants Forever celebrates prairie birthdays and pollinators

Discover 240 wildflowers found in Nebraska, keep track of when they bloom, and learn about their pollinator interactions in the Nebraska Wildflowers: Upland Habitat Guide.



Hastings, Nebraska Apr 7, 2024 (Issuewire.com) - Pheasants Forever of Nebraska is thrilled to announce the release of its self-published book, *Nebraska Wildflowers: Upland Habitat Guide*. This field guide serves as a valuable resource for landowners, conservationists, phenologists, and nature enthusiasts alike, taking them on a journey through the natural progression of 240 wildflowers blooming

from April to October in Nebraska's grassland communities.

The book, authored and edited by Scott Schmidt, Project Assistant at Pheasants Forever of Nebraska, makes field identification both accessible and enjoyable. Each plant is accompanied by a detailed description, including information on its soil preferences, life cycle, status, and pollinator associations. With vibrant photo galleries showing important details of the flower, leaves, stem, and occasional pollinator, readers will learn to identify each wildflower while gaining a deeper appreciation and awareness of the crucial role they play in supporting pollinators.

A unique feature of *Nebraska Wildflowers* is its focus on phenology, arranging species by the average first bloom date, or "prairie birthday", which celebrates the beauty and importance of wildflowers. "Most field guides organize plants by similar colors or taxonomic groups," says Schmidt. "But if you view habitat through the eyes of a bee or butterfly, the availability and accessibility of resources is critical for survival. Monarchs, for example, need milkweed to reproduce and late-blooming nectar plants such as asters, goldenrods, pitcher sage, and sunflowers to fuel their fall migration."

Whether you're a landowner looking to identify wildflowers on your property, or a nature enthusiast seeking to expand your knowledge, *Nebraska Wildflowers* is a valuable tool for anyone interested in prairies, plants, or pollinators. The guide also features educational briefs on topics including pollinator conservation; habitat planning, establishment, and management; conservation challenges; and quick references to help identify common bees, butterflies, and grassland birds you might encounter alongside Nebraska's wildflowers.

"This book is a testament to our organization's commitment to conserving the beauty and diversity of Nebraska's grassland communities, " said Kelsi Wehrman, Nebraska State Coordinator at Pheasants Forever. "We're excited to share this guide with our conservation partners, resource professionals, and landowners across the state." *Nebraska Wildflowers: Upland Habitat Guide* is available for purchase online at NebraskaPF.com or bit.ly/nebraska-wildflower-book. Get your copy today and start celebrating Nebraska's wildflowers.

About Pheasants Forever of Nebraska

Pheasants Forever is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public access, education, and conservation advocacy. As the nation's leading upland wildlife habitat conservation organization, Pheasants Forever is actively engaged in conservation efforts and partnerships which promote pollinator-friendly habitat. To date, Pheasants Forever has impacted over seven million acres in Nebraska through private land conservation programs, chapter projects, and partnerships.





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