

Summer

Wildflowers of Summer

- ☐ **Wild Aster**
- ☐ **Crown Vetch**
- ☐ **Goldenrod**
- ☐ **Mullein**
- ☐ **Queen Anne's Lace**
- ☐ **Random yellow plant**
- ☐ **False Dragonhead (Obedient Plant)**
- ☐ **Purple Loosestrife**
- ☐ **Black-eyed Susan**
- ☐ **Dandelion**

Wild asters have long, thin, petals. Flowers are blue, purple, or white. They look slightly like daisies.

Fun Fact: According to the authors of *Up North Again*, Ojibway hunters camouflaged their scent by smoking aster rootlets to simulate the scent given off by deer. - Canadian Wildlife Federation

Crown Vetch has many purple petals that look like little shoes. It has multiple leaflets, attached to small twigs.

The leaves are somewhat fern-like with multiple leaflets attached to a single stem.

Mulleins have fuzzy looking grey leaves in a rosette and a tall stalk topped with the small yellow flowers they can be taller than 2 meters! Mulleins are a biennial, which means the first year when they grow, there is only leaves and the flower stalk grows the second year.

Queen Anne's Lace has feathery foliage and large flat white flowerheads consisting of many smaller flowers. It is also known as wild carrot and is related to carrots and dill. However, it is also related to many toxic plants, such as poison hemlock, giant hogweed, and wild parsnip. Like those, the sap of Queen Anne's Lace can cause skin irritation, so it's best to look and not touch. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

False Dragonhead (Obedient Plant) is about 1 to 1.5 metres tall, with a flower spike about 15 cm long, and many small purple flowers growing out of it. Bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies love it. If you move the flowers to one side or another, they will stay, which is why it is called "obedient". It spreads by runners and will also self-seed.

Purple Loosestrife has also a stalk covered with small purple flowers, like False Dragonhead, but the flowers are much darker. It grows in marshy areas and near water. Purple Loosestrife is invasive because it chokes out native plants.

Fun fact: Some varieties of purple loosestrife are cultivated in ornamental purposes and used in folk medicine. -Softschools.com

Black-eyed Susan look like a daisy with flowers up to 8 cm across. The brown or black centers 'rise' above the yellow petals.

Dandelions have long, narrow, flat, toothed leaves. The yellow flower turns into a white puffball of seeds in late summer that you can pick and make a wish!