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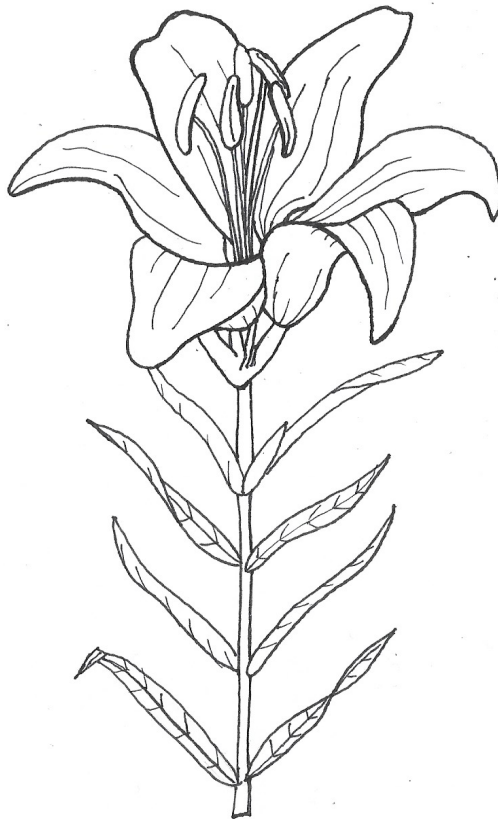
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# Prairie LILY

*Lilium  
philadelphicum*



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# CONEFLOWER

*Echinacea sp.*



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# BUTTERFLY MILKWEED

*Asclepias tuberosa*

## Description:

- Herbaceous perennial
- Attracts butterflies
- Large geographic range

## Flowers:

- Grows in clusters 2-5 in. wide
- Yellow-orange and orange colors
- Blooms early summer-late fall

## Fun Fact:

- Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on this plant, which are then eaten by caterpillars
- Chewing this plant's roots has been known to heal various illnesses



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# CONEFLOWER

*Echinacea sp.*

## Description:

- Herbaceous perennial
- Attracts butterflies and honeybees
- Can survive periods of heat and drought

## Flowers:

- About 1 in. diameter
- Colors ranging from pink to lavender and purple
- Blooms mid-summer and fall

## Fun Fact:

- They can produce chemicals that prevent their competitors from growing!
- Plant roots have been used as healing remedies



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# Prairie Lily

*Lilium  
philadelphicum*

## Description:

- Herbaceous perennial
- Cross pollinated by large butterflies
- Large geographic range

## Flowers:

- About 3 in. diameter
- Orange-red color with purple spots
- Blooms in summer months

## Fun Fact:

- This lily and its relatives can be found far and wide, from Canada down to New Mexico!
- A favorite food for deer and gophers to snack on!



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*Geranium  
maculatum*

## Description:

- Herbaceous perennial
- Grows in clumps about 2 feet wide
- Creeping roots that can grow in a variety of soils

## Flowers:

- About 1 in. diameter
- Lavender colored
- Blooms late spring-early summer

## Fun Fact:

- Geranium is derived from the greek word geranos, which means 'crane'
- This nickname refers to the seed pod, which takes on a crane-looking shape!



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