

## INTRODUCTION

The tract of land this prairie is located on is a parcel of land that was purchased by the Johnson County Conservation Board to enlarge the acreage at F. W. Kent Park. The land was purchased in 1973 under a federal cost share program known as the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. In 1982 a portion of the land was used for the location and construction of primary park road and overlook with parking lot and small shelter.

In 1985 Peter Kollasch and Lon Drake, after observing the native prairie remnants on this parcel of land, came up with a preliminary species list and a recommendation to the Johnson County Conservation Board for preservation and management of this prairie site within F. W. Kent Park.

In 1986 the conservation board had Paul Christiansen examine the site. He found the area to contain significant prairie flora. Although not rich in species, he concluded that site had considerable potential for developing into a fine example of Iowa prairie.

After conservation board designation of the F. W. Kent Park prairie tract, work began on the management plan to preserve this site as an Iowa prairie. Conservation board staff member Dave Wehde is the specialist assigned to the management of the F. W. Kent Park prairie tract.

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F. W. Kent Park Prairie  
Prairie Plant Inventory  
Plant Species Identified

Common Name ----- Scientific Name

Grasses  
*Sw. Am. grass*  
 Big bluestem                      Andropogon gerardi  
 Little bluestem                    Andropogon scoparius  
 Indian grass                        Sorghastrum nutans  
 Canada wild rye                    Elymus canadensis  
 Panic grass                         Panicum spp.  
 Satin grass                         Muhlenbergia  
*Three-Awl*                            cuspidatu

Common Name ----- Scientific Name

Common ragweed                    Amrosia  
     artemisifolia  
 Pussytoes                            Antennaria neglecta  
 Plantainleaf pussytoes            Antennaria  
     plantagunfolia  
 India hemp                         Apocynum cannabinum  
 Common milkweed                   Asclepias syrisia  
 Butterfly milkweed                A. tuberosa  
 Aster spp.                           Aster spp.  
 Didens spp.                         Didens spp.  
 Partridge pea                       Casia fasciculata  
 New Jersey tea                     *Ceanothus* Ceanothus americanus  
 Wild morning glory                 Convolvulus sepium  
 Lance leaved coreopsis            Coreopsis lanuolata

SITE A

Common Name ----- Scientific Name

Illinois tickclover                 Desmodium illinoense  
 Pale purple coneflower            Eihenacea pallida  
 Common horsetail                   Equestum arvense  
 Daisy fleabane                     Erigeron strigasus  
 Boneset                             Eupatorium  
     perfoliatum  
 Flowering spurge                   Euphorbia corollator  
 Wild strawberry                     Fragaria virginiana  
 Northern bedstraw                 Galium boreale  
 Slender fake foxglove             Gerardia tenuifolia  
 False boneset                      Kuhnia eupatorioides  
 Wild lettuce                        Lactuca ludoviciana  
 Roundheaded bush clover           Lespedega capitata

*Blood wort*