

The Observations of John Larkin - June 1996

Bloomed from May 10 to June 10, 1996

Years from this present time, I hope the following wildflowers will still be around, and flourishing, to please our senses: (*) indicates number of months in bloom

Achillea millefolium, **White Yarrow** - Perennial herb to 2' lacy foliage white flowers in flat clusters. (2)

Aphanostephus skirrobasis, **Lazy Daisy** - Annual to 20", 3/4" white flowers with yellow centers, resembles Daisy Fleabane. (2)

Centrosema virginianum, **Butterfly Pea** - A thin herbaceous vine, three leaflets per stem, 1" lavender/blue pea shaped flowers, fruit a thin, stiff twisting pod.

Daubentonia punicea, **Red Rattlebox** (Introduced) - 4-8 foot shrub with Mimosa-like leaves. Orange/red, drooping flower clusters. Seems to like wet feet.

Echinacea purpurea, **Purple Coneflower** - Pretty 3" flowers with dark centers and pink petals. Drought resistant perennial. The plants I sowed in Dottie Jenkins' front garden are doing great, there are at least a dozen in bloom now. We have a full pound of these for fall planting.

Helenium amarium, **Bitterweed** - Annual or biennial herb to 2' tall with many 3/4" all yellow flowers. Will bloom after mowing.

Heterotheca subaxillaris - Perennial herb to 3', many branches, with clusters of 1" yellow flowers. Were late to start blooming this year, because of the drought.

Iris verna, **Dwarf Iris** - Perennial from rhizomes (mostly underground stems). Small white flower, about 6-12" tall.

Lilium tigrinum, **Tiger Lily** - 4-5' tall, orange flowers, with reflexed petals and dark spots. Increase by producing bulbils in the axils of the leaves. One of the oldest lilies in existence.

Lonicera sempervirens, **Coral Honeysuckle** - Not rampant, evergreen vine with clusters of bright red tubular flowers. (4)

Mimosa strigillosa, **Sensitive Plant** - Perennial herb with spineless stems. Pink, puffy flowers. Leaves fold when touched.

Oenothera speciosa, **Showy Evening Primrose** (4) - 3" pink or white flowers. (We have 1/2 pound for fall sowing).

Polygala mariana - Small annual plant to 10", narrow leaves, 1/2" lavender/white/yellow terminal racemes. W.F.S.E.U.S., p. 94.

Psoralea psoralioides, **Sampson Snake Root** - Erect perennial to 2', three foliate leaves to 3" long. Purple flowers on 6" clusters. Attractive in ditch by McDonald's, U.S. 90 and La. 22.

Rosa bracteata, **Chickasaw Rose** - Evergreen, 2 1/2" white rose with yellow centers. Not as high climbing as Cherokee Rose. Imported

Rudbeckia .amplexicaulis, *R fulgida*, & *R hirta* are still in bloom. **Cone-flower**.

R maxima, **Giant cone-flower** is also in bloom.

Ruellia caroliniensis, **Wild Petunia** - Perennial herb to 12", 1" pinkish-blue flowers.

Stylosanthes biflora, **Pencil Flower** - Small perennial, erect stems, three leaflets per stem. 1/2" pea shaped yellow flowers.

Verbena rigida and *V. tenuisecta* are both in bloom. (2)

Viburnum ashei, **Ash's Arrowwood** - Woody shrub to 10'. Leaves opposite, notched, white flower clusters.