Life Beyond the Fence: Creating a Wildlife Bridge in Your Backyard
Part 1: Native flowers and grasses

Wildlife Corridors:

Native Ecosystems of NE Kansas include:
- Oak savannah
- Mixed-grass and tall-grass prairies
- Creeks, streams, rivers and riparian zones
- Wetlands and watersheds
- Oak-Hickory deciduous forest

Wildlife and Ecological Relationships:

HABITAT: food → water → shelter → air → SPACE

Visualization Exercises:
1. Your backyard… note the plants, trees, low spots, high spots, wet and dry, sunny and shady and describe here:

2. The connection between your yard and your neighbor's… note the fence line, trees or bushes and describe here:

3. Imagine you were floating above your neighborhood, what do you notice? Note the trees, streams, plants and describe here:

4. Come back to your yard, what sort of wildlife have you noticed, who would you like to invite into your garden?

5. Take a moment to visualize your wildlife bridge. Where do you see it?

Creating Your Wildlife Bridge!
Now is the fun part, the part where we fall in love with and choose our native plants!

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What draws you to this particular plant?					

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This is an open space to DRAW your garden ideas,

WRITE your inspirations,

CREATE your wildlife bridge!

FIELD GUIDES, RESOURCES & INSPIRATIONS
- ***Edible Plants of the Prairie***, Kelly Kindscher
- ***Medicinal Plants of the Prairie***, Kelly Kindscher
- ***Bringing Nature Home***, Doug Tallamy
- ***The Secrets of Wildflowers***, Jack Sanders
- ***Braiding Sweetgrass***, Robin Wall Kimmerer
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