

NATURAL DIVISIONS OF ARKANSAS



courtesy of the Arkansas State Department of Parks & Tourism

- █ Ozark Plateau - OZ
- █ Arkansas River Valley - RV
- █ Ouachita Mountains - OU
- █ West Gulf Coastal Plain - CP
- █ Mississippi Alluvial Plain - AP
- █ Crowley's Ridge - CR

Match the abbreviations following each wildflower description to this map of Natural Divisions of Arkansas



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A Colorful Future

Through preserving existing wildflowers, planting native wildflowers along highway rights-of-way, and the Wildflower Sign Program, many of Arkansas' roadsides erupt into glorious blankets of color year after year.

which strives to increase public awareness of the AHTD Wildflower Program. These programs help reduce long-term maintenance costs, enhance roadside wildlife habitat, provide an attractive roadside environment, and preserve native plant populations.

Wildflower Routes

Throughout the State of Arkansas, approximately 1,000 miles of Highways have been included in a system of Wildflower Routes to showcase existing wildflower populations. Maintenance practices along these routes allow annual and perennial wildflowers to prosper and return year after year.

Operation Wildflower

Operation Wildflower establishes new roadside wildflower populations with seed donated by a sponsor. Wildflower populations may be established along interstates and primary highways with wide rights-of-way because of their potential for showy displays in the large planting area they offer. Planting sites are limited by safety restrictions, site accessibility, chemical and physical soil characteristics, and availability of seed.

Wildflower Sign Program

The Wildflower Sign Program increases public awareness of the AHTD Wildflower Program by providing signs identifying wildflower areas sponsored by local clubs, groups, and businesses.

AHTD Wildflower Program

"The Natural State" is graced with more than 600 species of wildflowers. Wildflowers are now being utilized by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) to help beautify the over 200,000 acres of highway roadsides it maintains.

AHTD's Wildflower Program has three parts: a Wildflower Route Program, which preserves existing wildflower populations; Operation Wildflower, which establishes new wildflower populations; and the Wildflower Sign program



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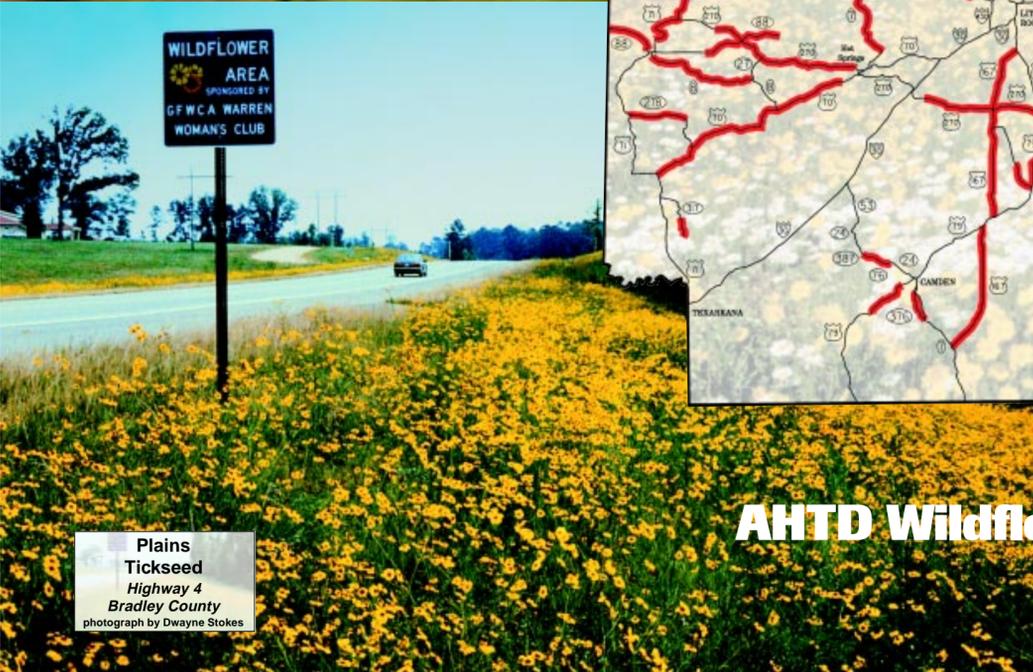
Wildflowers
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Roadways



Pale Purple
Coneflower
Highway 51
Clark County
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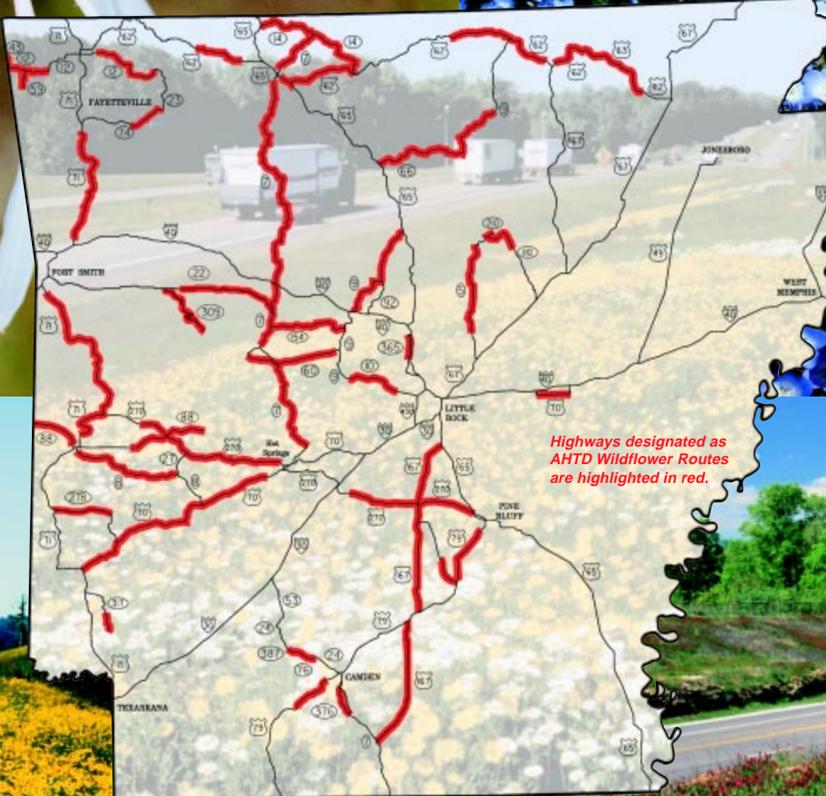
Baby
Blue Eyes
Interstate 40
Faulkner County
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Plains
Tickseed
Highway 4
Bradley County
photograph by Dwayne Stokes



Crimson
Clover
Highway 412
Marion County
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Highways designated as AHTD Wildflower Routes are highlighted in red.

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