Flowering Ornamentals Can Control Roadside Erosion

Flowering and ornamental plants normally grown in home gardens and landscapes can help control and beautify rural highway embankments, says Harold B. Harper, extension soil conservationist at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

A USDA research project in Georgia, covering a 9-year period, shows that daylilies, iris, crownvetch, English ivy, periwinkle, honeysuckle, broom-sedge, and other native plants have the most potential for roadside erosion control and beautification.

Crownvetch was one of the most promising plants in the USDA study, Harper reports. Daylilies and iris, planted three feet apart, covered the test banks in two years. Rooted cuttings of two small vines—peri-winkle and English ivy—formed a good protective cover but were not as showy as daylilies.

Native broomsedge developed an excellent cover and withstood drought well in the USDA trials.

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