(Not to Scale)		Color	Resistant?	Layers?	Calcareous?	Bentonite Beds?	Common Plants	
Pierre Shale (lower part)		Black	No	Yes (very thin)	Mostly not	Yes	Grasses, Yucca, Asters, Sage	
Niobrara Formation	Smoky Hill Shale Member		Weathers light gray at ridge tops; "mustardy" near contact with Pierre Shale.  Fresh = very dark gray or black in softer parts	Only at tops of three little ridges	Yes (thin)	Yes, especially at the 3 little ridge tops	Yes	Milkvetches Cream Tips Golden Banner Bell's Twinpod
	Fort Hays Limestone Member		Weathers off-white Fresh = medium gray	Yes	Yes (thick)	Yes!	Mixed in?	Grasses Shrubs Blue Flax Rough Sunflower
Codell Sandstone Member  Benton Formation		Medium to dark gray with tan streaks and swirls	No	No (all mixed together)	Mostly not	Mixed in	Grasses Wild Onion Gayfeather Cactus	

**Six Mile Fold Stratigraphy and Cross-Section** 



