PLANT FACT SHEET

Petalostemon purpureus (Vent.) Rydb.

GENUS *Petalostemon* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple prairie clover, Violet prairie clover

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Leaves - tea

The dried leaves are used for tea.
The roots are chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A pea family plant. An erect plant with many stems. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 45-90 cm high and spreads 45 cm wide. The leaves are 5 cm long. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 3-5 narrow small leaflets. The flowers are red or purple. They are small and occur in densely packed cylinder shaped heads. These can be 12-50 mm long. The fruit occur as many small dry pods.

HABITAT

It grows in the drier, tall grass prairie in central USA. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

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