



Dalea purpurea

Purple prairie clover

- **Native plant:** Small, slender, perennial legume. Pea family.
- **Pollinators:** Attracts native bees (including polyester bees), bumble bees, honey bees. Host plant for various sulfur butterflies.
- **Bloom period:** Oklahoma: June-August
- **Exposure/soil:** Sun. High drought tolerance.
- **Environment/range:** Widely distributed in Oklahoma prairies and roadsides.
- **Landscape:** Striking when in bloom. Kerr Center has included it in its office landscape beds.
- **Value to Livestock:** Young growth is high in protein and is nutritious for livestock. While not considered an important indicator of range condition, it decreases in abundance with overgrazing.
- **Seeds/propagation:** Seeds mature in late summer. Scarify seedcoat with sandpaper before planting.

IMPRESSIONS: Like most legumes, it attracts pollinators and should be added to any prairie restoration project. It can grow one to two feet in height and is deep rooted. Multiple stems arise from the same plant. The plant looks frail in the landscape and you wonder how it can compete in a prairie setting, but it is considered one of the more important legumes found in native prairies.



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