

## Plant Name: Purple Prairie Clover

**Scientific name:** *Dalea purpurea* Vent.

### Short Description:

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Purple prairie clover is a native warm-season perennial legume adapted to all but the eastern tier and western tier states of the United States. Purple prairie clover is very desirable component of warm season grass plantings. It is readily grazed by all classes of livestock and is an important food source for upland game birds. It is most abundant in upland sites in sand prairies, hill prairies, and gravel-hill prairies. Purple prairie clover has very showy cylindrical flowers and narrow slender leaves making it a very attractive and non-invasive ornamental plant for the gardens or wildflower plantings.

### Use:

**Landscape:** attractive in mass plantings as well as in species mixes

### Taxonomic Classification:

Purple Prairie Clover

Kingdom	Plantae
Subkingdom	Tracheobionta
Superdivision	Spermatophyta
Division	Magnoliophyta
Class	Magnoliopsida
Subclass	Asteridae
Order	Asterales
Family	Asteraceae
Genus	<i>Dalea</i> L.
Species	<i>Dalea purpurea</i> Vent.



### Plant Characteristics:

Height:	12 to 36 inches
Growth habit:	several stems from a single base
Bloom color:	pinkish-purple
Bloom period:	early summer
Sun requirement:	full sun
Leaf foliage color:	green narrow leaflets
Seeds per pound:	300,000 hulled
Minimum soil temperature for germination:	65 degrees F
Soil pH range:	6.5 to 8.0
Planting Rate:	3 oz/1000 or 8 lbs/acre
Planting Depth:	¼ to ½ inch
Planting season:	spring; fall