



# Project BudBurst

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**Common Name:** American Pasqueflower

**Scientific Name:** *Pulsatilla patens* aka. *Anemone patens*

**Plant Family:** Ranunculaceae

**Identifying Characteristics:**

Size: 30 to 45 cm (1 to 1.5 ft) tall perennial forb

Leaves: Highly dissected, fern-like leaves are hairy on the underside

Flowers: 7.5 cm wide (3 in), 5-8 purple or bluish, hairy sepals (these appear petal-like)

Habitat: Open areas such as dry prairies and sandy hillsides and outcrops

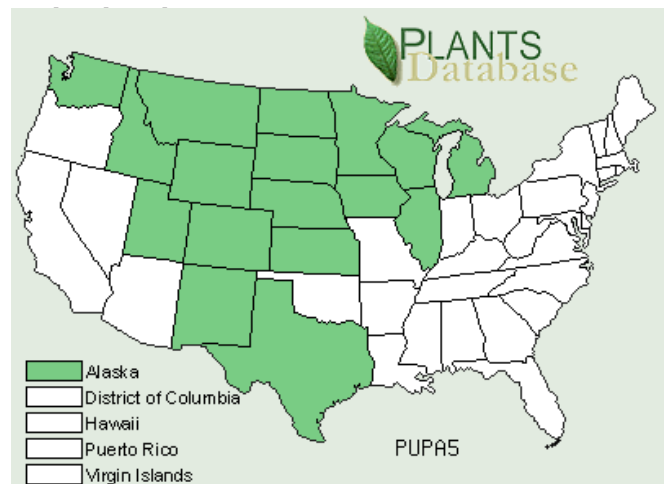
Bloom time: Late March-May; one of the earliest prairie flowers to bloom



Photograph by Robert Freckmann, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Herbarium

**Phenological observation:**  
First Flower

**Did you know?** Pasque flower is the state flower of South Dakota.



Map courtesy of USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database (plants.usda.gov)