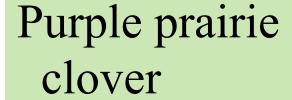


# White prairie clover

Dalea candida (Pea family)

Native

Often in low sprawling clumps



Dalea purpurea (Pea family)

Native

In large clumps this year. Iconic flower of the prairies





### Musk thistle

Carduus nutans (Sunflower family)

Introduced

A tall weed that found where the land has been disturbed -- along roads and trails. This didn't appear in Colorado until 1950. On state noxious weed list



## Poppymallow

Callirhoe involucratas (Mallow family)

**Native** 

Deep taproot, sprawling form. Few flowers so brightly colored

#### Flax

Adenolinum lewisii (Flax family)

Native

Native Americans made cordage from the plant fibers. Another species in the family has been used for millenia to make linen





#### Dwarf milkweed

Asclepias pumila (Milkweed family)

Introduced

Look for this hiding under a bush close to the trail



## Prickly lettuce

Lactuca serriola (Sunflower family)

Alien

Frequent weed in gardens and fields

## Blue grama

Chondrosum gracile (Grass family)

**Natived** 

A dominant of the short grass prairie. Withstands drought well and produces good forage. Tends to be inconspicuous. Also called "eyelash grass"





## Buffalo grass

Buchloe dactyloides (Grass family)

Native

The other dominant of short grass prairie. Males and females are on separate plants. This is a male. These line the path edges.