



***Geum triflorum* – Prairie Smoke**

COMMON NAME: Prairie Smoke, Prairie Avens

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Geum triflorum* (an ancient name used by Pliny, and *triflorum* meaning three-flowered)

FLOWER COLOR: Soft, brick red, pink

BLOOMING PERIOD: Late May, early June

SIZE: Usually one foot or less in height.

BEHAVIOR: Forms mats. Established plants are easily divided. Most of the foliage is basal.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Needs a dry site in full sun. Can be grown on sands or even gravel.

NATURAL RANGE: Northern New York west to Ontario and Alberta, south to Illinois and west to Montana. Found in the southern two-thirds of Wisconsin, where it occurs most frequently in dry prairies.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Probably better known for its fluffy seed heads rather than its subtle flowers.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water sparingly to establish new plantings, then little care is needed. Protect from too much competition from taller species.

COMPANION PLANTS: Pasque flower, lead plant, little bluestem, thimbleweed, white and silky asters, side-oats grama, shooting star, downy gentian, alumroot, rough blazing star, purple prairie clover, downy phlox, stiff goldenrod, prairie dropseed, and bird's foot violet.