



Geum triflorum

Prairie Smoke, Old Man's Whiskers

Geum triflorum forms low leafy rosettes of evergreen fern-like foliage. In spring, flower stalks rise to about 1' and are topped by umbels with 3 nodding pinkish-red florets. Clusters of achenes with showy pink feathery tails follow in summer. Plants gradually spread by rhizomes to form a groundcover in sunny moderately moist to dry sandy or gravelly sites.

Sun., light shade. Tolerates a wide range of soils

Height: 6 - 18 inches Spread: 6-12 inches

Bloom Time: March, April

Bloom Color: Pink

Geum triflorum is a clumping perennial wildflower. Foliage is 4-8" long, blue-green, pubescent and fern-like. Leaves are odd-pinnately compound with 7-13 irregularly toothed leaflets.

After pollination, the florets turn upward and form dense clusters of achenes with showy 2" feathery pink styles. The dramatic fruit display is reminiscent of smoke billowing in the wind.

Geum triflorum prospers in sunny well drained sites in climates with cool summers. Plants are resistant to pests and are unpalatable to deer and other herbivores.

.TRIVIA: The bud-like florets remain mostly closed and are pollinated by bumblebees which are strong enough to force their way in to sip the nectar.