

# *Dalea purpurea*

# Purple Prairie Clover



<b>Plant type:</b>	Perennial
<b>Season of Interest:</b>	Mid to late summer
<b>Height:</b> 12-30"	<b>Spread:</b> 1-2'
<b>Water needs:</b>	Moderate, low, dry
<b>Native Region:</b>	CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, WY
<b>Elevation:</b>	to 7,700'
<b>Important to know:</b>	Thrives in full sun with moist soil. Drought tolerant once established



<b>Maintenance:</b>	Low
<b>Characteristics:</b>	Showy
<b>Garden uses:</b>	Beds/borders
<b>Habitat:</b>	Prairie, plains, foothills, rocky slopes



## Ease of Propagation: Medium

**Propagation:** Store seeds dry at 40° F. Seeds require scarification and inoculant (optional, but effective), but no cold stratification to germinate. After the last frost in the spring, sandpaper seeds with hulls. Dehulled seeds don't need sandpaper treatment. Then put seeds in a bowl of boiling water. Cool and soak for 24 hours. Repeat bath as needed to increase seed size (seeds imbibe water) Or, instead of the boiling water bath, put seeds in a 3% peroxide bath for 20 minutes. Drain and rinse seeds, then roll in a light dust of inoculant. Sow in cells or pots. Cover with 1/8" of medium. Expose to 70° F. Scarified seeds can be sown in situ outside in early spring; press into soil surface or cover lightly with soil.

