Gentiana puberulenta

PRAIRIE GENTIAN  PLAIN GENTIAN  (Gentian Family)

This native perennial plant is unbranched and about \( \frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{1}{2} \) (23-46 cm) tall. The central stem is slightly reddish ...; opposite leaves are up to 3" long and 1\( \frac{1}{4} \)" across; ... at the apex of the plant, the leaves occur in a whorl of 3-7 smaller leaves. ... One or more clusters of 1-8 flowers occur at or near the apex of the plant. ... The violet-blue flowers are about 2" long and 1" across when fully open. The corolla is tubular and vase-shaped, but divides into 5 small triangular lobes that reflex outward. Within the corolla, there is a prominent stigma with a divided white tip, which is surrounded by 5 stamens with white anthers. ... At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms about the 1st week of September through the 2nd week of October.

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