Lespedeza capitata
PRAIRIE BUSHCLOVER (Pea Family)

Erect plant with flowers creamy white and purple-spotted, in dense clusters at the top of the stem or in the upper axils. Leaves alternate and divided; leaves entire; leaflets 3, short-stalked with the middle one distinctly stalked, the leaflets 3 times longer than wide; leaflets elliptical, 1-1½ ” long, silvery beneath. 2-5’ (61-152 cm) tall. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, begins blooming about the 3rd week in August.

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