In the Peacock Prairie at the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve

Polygonum pensylvanicum
PINKWEED    PENNSYLVANIA SMARTWEED   (Buckwheat Family)

Pink or rose-colored flowers. ...very small flowers of 5 petal-like sepals, growing in spikes or spike-like racemes or in the axils; ... spikes thick, usually more than 2; leaves lance-shaped, long-pointed, tapering at the base. The stems are jointed and the stem immediately about each joint is surrounded by a membrane called a sheath. Upper part of the stem bears numerous, short, glandular hairs. 8-36” high. (20-91 cm)

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