Rorippa palustris fernaldiana
MARSH CRESS (Mustard Family)

in the Peacock Prairie at the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve

The upper stems terminate in racemes of flowers about 4-12" long. The small yellow flowers bloom at the apex of each raceme, while the siliques (cylindrical seedpods) develop below. Each flower is about ¼–½" across, consisting of 4 yellow petals, 4 greenish yellow sepals, several stamens with yellow or light brown anthers, and a pistil with a stout style. This plant is normally erect and branches occasionally to frequently. The alternate leaves are up to 7" long and 2" across, becoming smaller as they ascend the stems. 1-3' (30 - 91 cm) tall. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie blooms about the 2nd week of July through the 4th week of August.