Flowers are small and white, in a slender, often tight spirally twisted spike. Leaves entire, and either grasslike or short and egg-shaped. 2 - 3 leaves grow mainly from the base of the plant, although there may be a few small stem leaves, and all of the leaves may have disappeared by flowering time. 6-12" (15-30 cm) high. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms begin about the last week of August.