Viola pedatifida
PRAIRIE VIOLET  (Violet Family)

Consists of a rosette of basal leaves; these basal leaves have a deeply lobed palmate structure, and are rather fan-shaped in appearance. The flowering stems are more or less erect, but curve abruptly downward where the flowers or buds occur. These flowers are about ¾” across and quite similar in appearance to other violets. The two upper petals are more or less rounded, but sometimes they are rather elongated. The lower side petals have white hairy beards at the throat of the flower. At the base of the lower center petal is a patch of white with fine lines of purple that function as nectar guides to visiting insects. 3-6’ high. (91-183 cm) At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms from the 3rd week in April through the 4th week in May.