Viola pedatifida

PRAIRIE VIOLET

Look Alikes: No other blue flowered Viola species in Colorado have leaves dissected into narrow lobes.

Flowering/Fruiting Period: Flowers April-June.

Habitat: Prairies, open woodlands, and forest openings; rocky sites. Elev. 5800-8800 ft.
**Distribution:** Saskatchewan to Ohio, south to Oklahoma and Arizona. In Colorado in Boulder, Custer, Douglas, El Paso, Elbert, Garfield, Huerfano, Jefferson, Las Animas and Pueblo Cos.

**References:** Baird 1942; Brainerd 1921; Great Plains Flora Association 1986.