



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Searls' Prairie Clover (*Dalea searlsiae*)



Zone: 7a - 11

Color: Purple

Bloom Time: May to July

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 10-24 inches

Mature Spread: 6-10 inches

Water Use: Low once established

Soil Type: Prefers well-drained, infertile soils, particularly those that are sandy or gravelly. It thrives in areas with alkaline and lime-rich soils.

Range and Native Habitat: *Dalea searlsiae* is native to the southwestern United States, specifically southeastern California, much of Nevada, western and southern Utah, and northern Arizona. It is found in the Central Basin and Range, Colorado Plateau, Arizona Plateau, and Mojave Basin. This clover grows in a wide variety of habitats, including grassland, meadow, riparian areas, and rocky landscapes warm and cool desert shrublands, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and less commonly, spruce-fir forests.

Suggested Maintenance: Cut back in late spring, avoid overwatering as that can cause floppy, reaching growth.

Other: Besides high nutritional bee forage, *Dalea* is considered a valuable forage species for livestock, particularly sheep, due to its high nitrogen value and lack of toxic compounds. Protect from animal grazing until well-established.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low



Summer Irrigation
2x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 1-2 mos stratification, scarification recommended