



The [inflorescence](#) is an [umbel](#) with (usually) three nodding flowers.



The rosy pink to red flowers are [perfect](#), with the reddish [sepals](#) covering the lighter colored [petals](#) within. Five narrow, rosy pink [bracts](#) stick out like wings from the nodding flower.



Prairie smoke grows from a low [basal rosette](#). The flowers rise several inches above the rosette.



Once the flowers are pollinated, they become upright and form [achenes](#) with long silky hairs attached. As a group, they give the appearance of smoke hanging over the tops of the plants.



The leaves grow in a low [rosette](#). They are [pinnately compound](#) with irregular [leaflets](#) that have coarsely toothed [margins](#). This gives the leaf a very deeply divided look.

