

Wild Pea-vine



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Lathyrus venosus Muhl.

The Wild Pea-vine was a valuable source of forage and hay in earlier days of settlement, especially in the parklands of the prairie provinces. It is still abundant along the river banks north of Saskatoon where we can see it during the June meeting this year. This climbing plant has stout stems and rather pubescent leaves. The dense racemes of 10-20 flowers are a glowing royal purple.