



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



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 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.



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.

