

... One of the first flowers of spring on upland prairies and dry hillsides, spiny phlox usually occurs concurrently with pasque flowers. This compact, mat-forming perennial is only a few inches tall. Leaves are opposite, linear, up to about $\frac{1}{3}$ inch long and $\frac{1}{16}$ th inch wide. Flowers are solitary and terminal. The petals are white, forming a short tube with 5 lobes at right angles to the tube, and with a yellow throat; the lobes are up to $\frac{1}{3}$ inch long and $\frac{1}{6}$ th inch wide. The fruit is a small oval capsule ...