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Anemone patens

[Synonyms : *Anemone hirsutissima*, *Anemone ludoviciana*, *Anemone multifida*, *Anemone nuttalliana*, *Anemone patens* var. *multifida*, *Anemone patens* var. *nuttalliana*, *Anemone patens* var. *wolfgangiana*, *Pulsatilla flavescens*, *Pulsatilla hirsutissima*, *Pulsatilla kioviensis*, *Pulsatilla latifolia*, *Pulsatilla ludoviciana*, *Pulsatilla multifida*, *Pulsatilla nuttalliana*, *Pulsatilla patens*, *Pulsatilla patens* subsp. *hirsutissima*, *Pulsatilla patens* subsp. *multifida*, *Pulsatilla patens* subsp. *patens*]

EASTERN PASQUE FLOWER is a circumpolar perennial. Native to northern Europe, Russia and North America, it has yellowish white outside, bluish-violet or lilac flowers with golden stamens.

It is also known as American pasqueflower, American pulsatilla, April-fools, Badger, Cat's-eyes, Crocus, Cutleaf anemone, Easter flower, *Finger-Küchenschelle* (German), Gosling, *Hämeenkylmänkukka* (Finnish), Hartshorn-plant, Headache plant, *Koniklec otevrěný* (Czech), *Kylmänkukka* (Finnish), Lion's-beard, Mayflower, Meadow-anemone, *Nipsippa* (Swedish), Old man, Pasqueflower, *Poniklec* (Slovak), Prairie anemone, Prairie crocus, Prairie hen-flower, Prairie smoke, *Prostrel raskrytyi* (Russian), Red calf-flower, Rocklily, *Son-trava* (Russian), Spreading anemone, Spreading pasqueflower, Stone-lily, Twin-flower, Wild crocus, Wind anemone, and Windflower.

The flowers close at night and during cloudy weather.

Flowers are pollinated by bees.

Patens is derived from Latin *pateo* (stand open, lie open) meaning 'spreading'.

Eastern pasque flower has been cultivated as an ornamental.

Records indicate that the North American Dakota Indians held this harbinger of Spring in such deep respect that they expressed this regard in song.

For the North American Omaha Indian tribe the leaves in a poultice offered a remedy for easing headaches and rheumatism.

The flower was adopted in 1903 as a state emblem by South Dakota in the United States. In 1906 it was also adopted by the Province of Manitoba in Canada after it had been chosen by children there.