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Rhexia virginica

[Synonyms : *Rhexia stricta*, *Rhexia virginica* var. *purshii*, *Rhexia virginica* var. *septemnervia*]
VIRGINIA MEADOW BEAUTY is a perennial. Native to south-eastern North America it has small rose flowers with long arching, bright yellow stamens.

It is also known as Deer grass, Handsome Harry, Meadow beauty, Meadow pitchers, Robinhood, and Virginia soapwort.

The flowers die a few hours after blooming.

Virginica means 'of or from Virginia (United States)' which itself was named after the English 'Virgin Queen' Elizabeth I (1533-1603).

North American Montagnais Indians made a sour-tasting drink from the stems and leaves.

Records suggest that as a source of medicine it was only used by a very few North American tribes. Both the Montagnais and Micmac Indian tribes used it to cleanse throats.