

MELASTOMATACEAE – MELASTOME FAMILY

Plant: herbs, vines, shrubs or trees

Stem: sometimes 4-sided or even winged

Root:

Leaves: mostly opposite, rarely whorled, simple, entire; with stipules

Flowers: perfect or imperfect (dioecious), mostly regular; 4-5-7 sepals and petals, bracts may be colored; 4 to many stamens; ovary superior or inferior, 1 style and 1 stigma, few to many ovules

Fruit: capsule or berry, many seeds

Other: Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 180+ genera

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Maryland Meadowbeauty

Rhexia mariana L.

Melastomataceae (Melastome Family)

Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge,

White County, Arkansas

Notes: 4-petaled flower, light purple to white;
leaves lanceolate, with petiole; fruiting capsule
neck as long or longer than the rounded body;
stem not winged; plant with very long hairs;
summer to early fall

[V Max Brown, 2007]



Meadow Beauty [Handsome Harry]

Rhexia virginica L.

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Taum Sauk Mountain State Park, Iron County,
Missouri

Notes: 4-petaled flower, rose purple; leaves ovate to lanceolate;
fruiting capsule neck as long or usually shorter than the
rounded body; stem with well developed wings;
plant with long hairs; likes acid soils; summer to fall

[V Max Brown, 2010]

