

***Asparagus officinalis***

ASPARAGUS (Lily Family)

in the **Peacock Prairie** at the **James Woodworth Prairie Preserve**

**THIS NON-NATIVE SPECIES IS AN EXOTIC, ALIEN, INVASIVE UNDESIRABLE**



Leaves (actually clusters of short branches ) very short and narrow, giving the plant a feathery appearance. The flowers are small (1/4" long), yellow-green bells hanging here and there along the branches. The true leaves are tiny scales. Fruit a scarlet berry. 3 to 5' (91-152 cm) high. Escaped from gardens to fields and waste places. If it blooms, Asparagus blooms around the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June.