

# American gromwell

## *Lithospermum latifolium*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Lamiales  
Family: Boraginaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

An individual plant may be one and one-half to two and one-half feet tall. Its stems and leaves are covered with small hairs. Flowers develop individually from the leaf axils at the stem tip. Flower color is yellow. The fruit is a nutlet.

### BEHAVIORS

American gromwell grows in rich woodlands statewide. Flowers are produced from April through June. Long-tongued bees and butterflies are pollinators that can take advantage of the flowers.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none