

American gromwell *Lithospermum latifolium*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: 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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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