

blue cohosh *Caulophyllum thalictroides*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Ranunculales

Family: Berberidaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The flowers of blue cohosh are six-parted and are green-yellow to brown. The fruits are dark-blue berries. The leaves have seven to nine leaflets. A single plant may be one to three feet tall

BEHAVIORS

Blue cohosh grows statewide in moist woods. Flowers are produced in April and May. The flowers attract pollinators, and the fruits are eaten by wildlife, particularly birds.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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