

# brown-eyed Susan

*Rudbeckia triloba*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Asterales  
Family: Asteraceae

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## FEATURES

The petallike ray flowers are yellow and surround the cone-shaped, dark brown center. Leaves are arranged alternately on the stem. The plant may reach a height of five feet. This species is similar to black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) but the flowers are smaller, have fewer rays (8-10 as opposed to 10-20) and more than one flower develops per plant. The lower leaves have three lobes.

## BEHAVIORS

Brown-eyed Susan is found throughout Illinois in fields, woodlands and along streams. Flowering occurs from June through October. The flowers of this plant are important to pollinator species.

## ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

rivers and streams

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; edge