

# common boneset

## *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native



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plants with flowers

### ILLINOIS RANGE



### FEATURES

Common boneset is a perennial herb with white, hairy stems that may grow to five feet tall. The lance-shaped leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Leaves are hairy, toothed, up to six inches long and up to two inches broad. Flowers are crowded into small, white heads. Five white petals are present per flower. Petals form a tube. Fruits are single seeds about one-tenth inch long, each with a tuft of white bristles.

### BEHAVIORS

Common boneset grows in swamps, wet meadows, wet prairies, sloughs, around ponds and lakes, and along streams. Common boneset flowers from August through October.



### **Aquatic Habitats**

lakes, ponds and reservoirs; rivers and streams; swamps; marshes; wet prairies and fens

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none