

dwarf larkspur *Delphinium tricorne*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Papaverales

Family: Fumariaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The dwarf larkspur is also called wild larkspur or spring larkspur. This perennial plant grows from roots. It may attain a height of two and one-half feet. The leaves alternate along the stem. Each leaf is divided into five to seven lobes. Several flowers are clustered on a stalk at the tip of the stem. Each blue, four-petaled flower may be one and one-half inches long. Five sepals are also present, one of which is developed into a spur.

BEHAVIORS

The dwarf larkspur may be found in the southern two-thirds of Illinois. It grows in rich woods. Flowers are present from April through June.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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