

false Solomon's-seal *Smilacina racemose*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

False Solomon's-seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Its aboveground stems are upright, unbranched, smooth or finely hairy and up to three feet tall. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped to oval and usually hairy on the lower surface. Each leaf may be six inches long and three inches wide. Flowers are arranged in a panicle at the end of the stem, each flower up to one-sixth inch wide. The white flowers are six-segmented and do not have distinguishable petals or sepals. The fruits are spherical, red berries that may be one-fourth inch in diameter.

BEHAVIORS

False Solomon's-seal may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich, moist woods. False Solomon's-seal flowers from May through early June.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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