

flat-topped aster *Doellingeria umbellata*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Flower heads develop in clusters at the stem tip. The ray flowers are white, while the disk flowers are yellow. The seeds produced from fertilized flowers are dry, hard and have a tuft of hairs. The plant may attain a height of two to five feet.

BEHAVIORS

Flat-topped aster grows in fens, bogs and low areas in the northern one-half of the state. Flowers are produced from July through October. Many pollinators are attracted to the flowers, and many other animals eat the seeds of this species.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

peatlands; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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