

foxglove beardstongue

Penstemon digitalis

Kingdom: Plantae
Phylum: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Scrophulariales
Family: Scrophulariaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

This plant grows to one to three feet in height. Leaves are opposite, and the base of the leaf clasps the stem. A leaf may be six inches long and two and one-half inches wide. Flower stalks arise in pairs from the base of the upper leaves. A member of the snapdragon family, this plant has white, tube-shaped flowers that have an upper two-lobed lip and a lower three-lobed lip. The name “beardstongue” was given because of the presence of a sterile, fuzzy stamen that looks like a beard.

BEHAVIORS

Foxglove beardstongue is found in woods and thickets statewide. It blooms from May through July.

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge