

## inland oats

### *Chasmanthium latifolium*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Liliopsida  
Order: Cyperales  
Family: Poaceae

#### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

#### FEATURES

This perennial grass has short, underground stems and smooth, upright stems that are unbranched. The elongate leaves are about one inch wide. Flowers are produced in spikelets, with each spikelet having three or more flowers. The fruit is a dark red, ellipsoid grain, approximately one-fourth inch long. Inland oats may attain a height of four feet.

#### BEHAVIORS

Inland oats may be commonly found in the southern one-half of Illinois and more rarely in the northern one-half of the state. It grows along streams and in moist woods. Flowers are produced from July through October.

#### ILLINOIS RANGE



plants with seeds



seeds

**Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests; rivers and streams

**Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

edge