

large white trillium

Trillium grandiflorum

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliopsida
Class: Liliopsida
Order: Liliales
Family: Trilliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native

FEATURES

Large white trillium has three leaves in a whorl on its stem. The flower stalk arises from this point, and a single flower develops at the tip. The flower has three, white petals and three, green sepals. The petals are reflexed at the tip. The petals turn pink as they age. This species attains a height of 12 to 18 inches.

BEHAVIORS

Large white trillium grows in rich, moist woods throughout the state, but it is much more common in the northern one-half of Illinois. Flowers develop in April and May. Its fruits are capsules. Ants are important in seed dispersal.

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none