

# pasque-flower

## *Anemone patens*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Ranunculales  
Family: Ranunculaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

Pasque-flower is a perennial herb that is covered with hairlike structures. Leaves develop in a whorl at the base of the plant. Each leaf is deeply divided into thin lobes. Five to seven, large, white or blue-violet sepals are present. There are no petals on the flowers. Flowers appear before the leaves of this plant. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Seeds are clustered in a dense head. Pasque-flower may attain a height of about eight inches.

### BEHAVIORS

Pasque-flower may be found in the extreme northern counties of Illinois. It grows in dry prairies. Flowers are produced from March through April. In the northern prairies of the United States, this plant's flowers were regarded as a sign of spring's arrival.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





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stem leaves



fruiting plants



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clump of flowers



flowers

**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

none

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; gravel prairie; hill prairie