

purple spring cress

Cardamine douglassii

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Capparales
Family: Brassicaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Purple spring cress has basal leaves that are generally round and on a long stalk. The stem leaves have no stalk and are lightly toothed. The plant's stems are hairy. Flowers have four petals and are pink or purple. This species may attain a height of four to 12 inches.

BEHAVIORS

Purple spring cress grows in low woods in the northern two-thirds of Illinois and in Johnson County. Flowering occurs from April through May.

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none