

purple spring cress *Cardamine douglassii*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: 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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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