

purple trillium *Trillium recurvatum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The purple trillium, also called purple wake Robin, is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its upright, unbranched stem may be 18 inches tall. Three leaves are present in a whorl under the flower. Leaves are mottled in appearance and up to four inches long. A single flower may be found at the tip of the stem. The three, maroon petals may each be one and one-half inches long. The fruit is an ovoid, six-angled, dry berry, about three-fourths inch in length.

BEHAVIORS

The purple trillium may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. Flowering occurs from late March to late May.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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