skunk cabbage
*Symplocarpus foetidus*

**FEATURES**
The skunk cabbage is a perennial herb. It has no stems. The smooth leaves, which may be up to two and one-half feet long and nearly one foot wide, are produced after flowering. The flowers are located close to the ground on a thickened structure that is surrounded by a purple to green sheath. The fruits are berries.

**BEHAVIORS**
The skunk cabbage grows in fens and other areas with springs. This plant flowers from March through May.
flower and fruit

Aquatic Habitats
wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats
upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats
none