

starry Solomon's-seal *Smilacina stellate*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Rusceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Starry Solomon's-seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Its aboveground stems are upright, unbranched, smooth or finely hairy. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped to oval and clasp the stem. The white flowers are arranged in a panicle at the end of the stem. The fruits are spherical, blue-black or black berries.

BEHAVIORS

Starry Solomon's-seal may be found in the northern three-fifths of Illinois plus St. Clair, Wabash and Crawford counties. This plant grows in woods and prairies. Flowers are produced from May through June.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie

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