

tall boneset *Eupatorium altissimum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Tall boneset is also known as tall thoroughwort. This perennial herb has pointed, stalkless leaves. The paired leaves are opposite each other on the stem. Each simple, entire, toothed leaf is lance-shaped or oval. Clusters of white flowers are borne in small, fuzzy heads. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Tall boneset may attain a height of eight feet.

BEHAVIORS

Tall boneset may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in open woods, lake edges, old fields and prairies. Flowers are produced from August through October.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; gravel prairie; hill prairie

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