

white trout lily *Erythronium albidum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The white trout lily is also commonly called the adder's tongue or white dog-tooth violet. This perennial plant is a member of the lily family. It has no leaf-bearing stem but does produce two basal leaves. The plant may be six to nine inches tall. The single flower has six white petals that may show purple on the back. The fruit is a capsule with several seeds.

BEHAVIORS

The white trout lily may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in woods and fields. This plant flowers from April through May.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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