

wild hyacinth

Camassia scilloides

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Liliopsida
Order: Liliales
Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native

FEATURES

Wild hyacinth is a perennial herb that has all of its leaves at the base of the plant. The long, linear, smooth leaves have a ridge lengthwise in the center. A leaf is generally five to 15 inches in length. Pale blue to white flowers develop as six-pointed stars on stalks, with about 10 to 12 flowers per stalk. The fruit is a capsule that contains seeds. Wild hyacinth may attain a height from one to two feet.

BEHAVIORS

Wild hyacinth may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in moist prairies and woodlands. Flowers are produced from April through June.

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flowers

ILLINOIS RANGE



Permanent



Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie