

# yellow dog-tooth violet

## *Erythronium americanum*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native

### FEATURES

As a member of the lily family of plants, this species grows from a bulb. The plant has two basal leaves with dark marks on them. A single flower arises on a stalk from the base of the leaves. The six petals are yellow and curve backwards. A single plant may grow from four to 10 inches tall.

### BEHAVIORS

The yellow dog-tooth violet, also known as the yellow trout lily or adder's tongue, grows in moist woodlands mainly in the eastern and southern parts of the state as well as in Calhoun County. It blooms in April and May.

## ILLINOIS RANGE





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## **Aquatic Habitats**

none

## **Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forest

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none