

yellow puccoon *Lithospermum incisum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Anthophyta

Class: Dicotyledonae

Order: Lamiales

Family: Boraginaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Yellow puccoon, also known as narrow-leaved puccoon, is a perennial herb that has leaves in an alternate arrangement along the stem. These very narrow leaves are simple and entire. Its flowers develop in flat or curled clusters, mainly in the upper, leaf axils. The yellow flowers have five, toothed petals that are joined at the base into a tube. The fruits are white or buff nuts. Yellow puccoon may attain a height of 20 inches.

BEHAVIORS

Yellow puccoon may commonly be found in the northern one-half of the state, becoming rare in the southern one-half. It grows in prairies. Flowers are produced from April through June.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; gravel prairie; hill prairie

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