



## ILLINOIS STATUS

common     endangered     threatened  
 native     exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

statewide

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## blue iris

*Iris shrevei*

Kingdom:

Division/Phylum: Plantae

Class: Anthophyta - flowering plants

Order:

Family:

## FEATURES

The blue iris is a perennial herb with a thick underground stem. Its leaves are smooth and may be three feet long and one and one-half inches wide. Blue flowers are borne at the tips of the stems. Flowers may be three inches across. Capsules containing the seeds are up to four inches long.

## BEHAVIORS

The blue iris grows in swamps, wet meadows, marshes, pond borders and ditches. This plant flowers from May through June.

## HABITATS

bottomland forests     rivers & streams  
 lakes, ponds & reservoirs     swamps  
 Lake Michigan     temp water supplies  
 marshes     wet prairies & fens  
 peatlands