



ILLINOIS STATUS

- common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

statewide

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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blue skullcap

Scutellaria lateriflora

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

Blue skullcap is a perennial herb. Its stem is upright, usually branched, four-sided and up to two feet tall. The lance-shaped, toothed leaves may be three inches long and are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Blue flowers, slightly over one-fourth inch long, arise in clusters from the base of the leaves. The fruits are very small and nutlike.

BEHAVIORS

Blue skullcap grows in moist woods, along rivers and streams and in swamps. It flowers from July through October.

HABITATS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lakes, ponds & reservoirs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> swamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> temp water supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> wet prairies & fens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peatlands | |