



blue phlox

Phlox divaricata

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

Blue phlox, a common perennial plant, may grow upright or creeping along the ground. Its stems grow to one and one-half feet. The oblong or oval leaves are arranged oppositely on the hairy stem. Each leaf, which grows up to four inches in length, has fine hairs. The light purple to blue flowers are arranged in clusters at the tip of the stem. The five-petaled flower may be one and one-quarter inches wide. Seeds are produced in a capsule.

BEHAVIORS

Blue phlox may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. It flowers from Mid-April through early June. Blue phlox is commonly called "Sweet William," as are several other species of Illinois wildflowers.

HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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