



## false Solomon's seal

*Smilacina racemosa*

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

### FEATURES

False Solomon's seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Its above ground stems are upright, unbranched, smooth or finely hairy and up to three feet tall. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped to oval and usually hairy on the lower surface. Each leaf may be six inches long and three inches wide. Flowers are arranged in a panicle at the end of the stem, each flower up to one-sixth inch wide. The white flowers are six-segmented and do not have distinguishable petals or sepals. The fruits are spherical, red berries which may be one-fourth inch in diameter.

### BEHAVIORS

False Solomon's seal may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich, moist woods. False Solomon's seal flowers from May through early June.

### 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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