

large-flowered bellwort

Uvularia grandiflora

Kingdom: Plantae Division/Phylum: Anthophyta

Class: Order: Family:

FEATURES

The large-flowered bellwort is a perennial plant which grows from thick roots. Its upright, smooth stems are often branched and may reach a height of one and one-half feet. The simple leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each leaf is oblong to oval, smooth, lacking teeth and about four inches long. The leaf appears to surround the stem. The one and one-half inch long flowers droop from a curved, smooth stalk. Each flower is found singly at the stem tip. The petals and sepals are not distinguishable, but together they make up the six-parted, yellow perianth of the flower. The fruit is a three-angled capsule, up to one-half inch long with few seeds.

BEHAVIORS

The large-flowered bellwort may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. Flowering occurs from mid-April through mid-May.

HABITATS

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common endangered threatened
 - native 🔲 exoti

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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