



prairie trillium

Trillium recurvatum

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

FEATURES

The prairie trillium, also called purple wake Robin, is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its upright, unbranched stem may be 18 inches tall. Three leaves are present in a whorl under the flower. Leaves are mottled in appearance and up to four inches long. A single flower may be found at the tip of the stem. The three, maroon petals may be one and one-half inches long. The fruit is an ovoid, six-angled, dry berry, about three-fourths inch in length.

BEHAVIORS

The prairie trillium may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. Flowering occurs from late March to late May.

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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