



plantain-leaved pussytoes

Antennaria plantaginifolia

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

FEATURES

The plantain-leaved pussytoes is a perennial plant that grows from long roots. Its stems may grow creeping along the ground or upright. The 15-inch long stems are covered with white, cobwebby hairs. The leaves at the base of the plant are generally oval, up to three inches long and with hairs on the lower surface. The stem leaves are narrower and very hairy. The white flowers are borne in clusters at the tip of the stem. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit is an oblong achene with a tuft of white hairs at the tip.

BEHAVIORS

The plantain-leaved pussytoes may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant lives in dry woods and prairies. It flowers from mid-April through 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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