



rue anemone

Anemonella thalictroides

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

FEATURES

The rue anemone is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its upright, unbranched stems grow to eight inches tall. Its compound leaves have three divisions which are further divided into three, oval leaflets. Flowers are arranged at the tip of the stem in a small cluster. Each flower may be up to one inch across on its own stalk. There are no petals, although the five to nine sepals appear to be petals. Sepals are white, pink, lavender or shades of these colors. Fruits are a cluster of achenes, each up to one-half inch long.

BEHAVIORS

The rue anemone may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in dry or moist, open woods. The rue anemone flowers from late March 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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