



smooth yellow violet

Viola pensylvanica

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

FEATURES

The smooth yellow violet is a perennial plant that grows from a cluster of roots. Its smooth, upright stems may grow to 10 inches tall. Leaves are found at the base of the plant and also arranged alternately along the stem. The leaf tends to be heart-shaped at the base and is toothed. Each leaf may be two inches wide. The flower is about one and one-half inches wide on a stalk that arises from the axil of the upper leaves. The five petals are yellow. The fruit is a capsule, which may be smooth or hairy, and that contains several brown seeds.

BEHAVIORS

The smooth yellow violet may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in shaded woods. The smooth yellow violet flowers from late March through mid-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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