



Solomon's seal

Polygonatum biflorum

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

FEATURES

Solomon's seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Above ground its leaf stems are smooth, upright, unbranched and one to three feet tall. The lance-shaped to oval leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each leaf is smooth, up to six inches long and four inches wide. The flowers hang from the leaf axils in clusters of two. The green-white flowers are shaped like a tube. The fruit is a dark blue, spherical berry, about one-half inch in diameter.

BEHAVIORS

Solomon's seal may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods, on riverbanks and in thickets. Solomon's seal flowers from May through mid-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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