



## pale corydalis

*Corydalis flavula*

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

### FEATURES

The pale corydalis, or yellow corydalis, is related to the Dutchman's-breeches. This annual plant has branched stems that grow to 10 inches long. The green-gray leaves alternate along the stem and are finely divided, almost like a fern frond. The lipped, tubelike, yellow flowers are arranged on a stalk at the tip of the stem. Each tiny flower has four petals, and there is a crest on the upper petal and a short yellow spur at the base. The fruit is a capsule, which may be one and one-half inches long.

### BEHAVIORS

Pale corydalis may be found statewide in Illinois but is more common in the southern one-half. It grows in rocky areas in moist woods. This plant flowers from April through 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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