



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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spring cress

Cardamine bulbosa

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

FEATURES

Spring cress is a perennial plant that grows from a rootlike bulb. Its stem is upright, usually without branches and attaining a height of about 18 inches. The leaves at its base are oval to round, up to one and one-half inches long and have a long stalk. The leaves on the stem are alternate, toothed, oblong, up to two inches long and do not have a stalk. Flowers are arranged on a stalk at the tip of the stem. Each flower has four white petals and is about one-half inch wide. The fruit is a pod that contains several seeds.

BEHAVIORS

Spring cress may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in wet soil in woods and along streams. Flowers are present from March through June.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest