



## ILLINOIS STATUS

common       endangered       threatened  
 native       exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## common blue violet

*Viola papilionacea*

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

## FEATURES

The common blue violet is a perennial plant that may grow to a height of three to eight inches. Its heart-shaped leaves grow in a cluster close to the ground. The blue or purple flowers are on separate stalks than its leaves, and the leaves are often taller than the flower stalks. Only one flower per stalk is present. Each flower has five petals, with all the lower petals heavily veined. The fruit is a capsule containing several seeds.

## BEHAVIORS

The common blue violet grows in woods statewide in Illinois. It flowers from March through May.

## HABITATS

bottomland forests  
 coniferous forest  
 southern Illinois lowlands  
 upland deciduous forest