



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 1/2

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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false garlic

Nothoscordum bivalve

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

FEATURES

False garlic is a member of the lily family. This perennial grows from a bulb. It has no leaf-bearing stems, but basal leaves are present. These leaves are long and narrow, up to one-fourth inch wide. Flowers are produced in a group at the tip of a leafless stem. Each white-petaled flower may be about one-half inch long. The fruit is a three-lobed capsule, up to one-fourth inch long.

BEHAVIORS

False garlic may be found in the southern one-half of Illinois. It grows in dry woods, on bluffs and in prairies. Flowers are produced from April through June and sometimes again in the fall.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest