



celandine poppy

Stylophorum diphyllum

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

FEATURES

The celandine poppy is a perennial plant. Its hairy stems grow to about 12 inches tall and have yellow sap. Leaves are produced at the base and along the stem. All the leaves are hairy and pinnately lobed. Each leaf grows to about 10 inches long. Flowers are produced in clusters of one to four at the tip of the stem. Each flower has four yellow petals and may be up to two inches wide. The fruit is a hairy capsule, up to one inch long.

BEHAVIORS

The celandine poppy may be found in the southern one-fourth of Illinois and in Vermilion and Cook counties. It grows in rich woods. Flowers are produced from March through May.

HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 1/4 + Cook County + Vermilion County

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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