



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 2/3

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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hairy buttercup

Ranunculus hispidus

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

FEATURES

The hairy buttercup is also called the hispid buttercup. This perennial plant has an upright stem that is hairy, branched and about 20 inches tall. Leaves are present at the base of the plant and along the stem. All leaves are pinnately compound, with three to five hairy leaflets. Flowers are produced in a small cluster at the tip of the stem. Each flower has five, yellow petals, and a flower may grow to one and one-half inches wide. The fruit is a dry, hard seed.

BEHAVIORS

The hairy buttercup may be found in the southern two-thirds of Illinois. It grows in dry woods. Flowers are produced from April through May.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest