



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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yellow star grass

Hypoxis hirsuta

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

FEATURES

Yellow star grass is a perennial plant that grows three to seven inches tall. It has no leaf-bearing stems. The hairy, thin leaves grow from the base of the plant. One to six flowers are produced in a cluster at the tip of a leafless stem. The six-petaled, yellow flowers grow to three-fourths inch wide. The fruit is a round capsule containing several black seeds.

BEHAVIORS

Yellow star grass may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in dry woods, prairies, fields, rock outcrops and fens. Flowers are produced from April through June.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest