



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 1/2

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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ebony spleenwort

Asplenium platyneuron

Kingdom: Animalia
Division/Phylum: Filicophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The ebony spleenwort is a fern. Each of its leaves may attain a length of about 12 inches and be divided into 18 or more pairs of leaflets. Leaves may be erect or growing along the ground. The stipe and rachis are both dark.

BEHAVIORS

The ebony spleenwort may be found in the southern one-half of Illinois. This fern grows in dry or moist woodlands, fields and along or on walls in well-drained, rocky soil.

The ebony spleenwort produces spores from May through September. It grows in groups of two or three plants or in colonies.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest