



ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 1/3

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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greenbrier

Smilax rotundifolia

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

FEATURES

The greenbrier, or catbrier, is a member of the lily family. This green-stemmed, thorny vine is often evergreen. It climbs by using tendrils. The leaves are leathery. There are six petals on the green flower. The fruit is a blue-black berry.

BEHAVIORS

The greenbrier may be found in the southern one-third of Illinois. It grows in dry woods and thickets. Flowering occurs from April through May.

HABITATS

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic