



## ILLINOIS STATUS

common       endangered       threatened  
 native       exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## Virginia creeper

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

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

## FEATURES

The Virginia creeper is also known as woodbine. This common vine is a member of the grape family. Each leaf is divided into five, toothed leaflets that connect at a single point. Tendrils have adhesive discs for clinging. The small white or green flowers are produced in clusters. The fruit is a blue-black berry.

## BEHAVIORS

The Virginia creeper may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in thickets, along streambanks, in woods and in fence rows. Flowering occurs from June through July. The berries are important wildlife food, particularly for songbirds. The leaves turn bright red in the fall. If eaten, leaves and berries are toxic to humans. Some people may get a rash when touching the red leaves in fall.

## HABITATS

bottomland forests  
 coniferous forest  
 southern Illinois lowlands  
 upland deciduous forest