



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: northern 1/3 and southern 1/3

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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club moss

Lycopodium spp.

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

FEATURES

Club mosses have small roots that grow from an underground stem, or rhizome. They also have stems above ground that are covered with tiny leaves. Each leaf has one stem. The green, main part of the plant is the gametophyte, or gamete-producing structure. Spore-producing sporangia grow from the top of the gametophyte.

BEHAVIORS

Club mosses are not commonly found in Illinois. Those that do grow in Illinois tend to be in the far northern or far southern counties. They are often associated with moist areas of sandstone. Spores are produced from June through September.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest