



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: southern 1/4 + Cumberland County

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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maidenhair spleenwort

Asplenium trichomanes

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

FEATURES

The maidenhair spleenwort is a small fern that grows in rosettes of leaves. Each leaf is about five inches long. The fertile leaves are upright and die when cold weather arrives. The sterile leaves are evergreen and lay along the substrate. Each long, narrow leaf is divided into about 20 pairs of leaflets. The rounded leaflet is about one-fourth inch long and has slight toothing along the edges. The rachis and stipe are both purple-brown.

BEHAVIORS

The maidenhair spleenwort may be found in the southern one-fourth of Illinois plus Cumberland County. It grows on shaded rock cliffs. Spores are produced from May through September.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest