



blunt-lobed woodsia

Woodsia obtusa

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

FEATURES

The blunt-lobed woodsia is also known as the common woodsia. This fern may be evergreen and does produce new leaves throughout much of the year. Its stalks and the undersides of the leaves are hairy. Each leaf may be about 14 inches long and three inches wide and contains about 15 pairs of leaflets. The upper leaflets are pointed while the lower ones are rounded. Each leaflet is divided into about eight, rounded, toothed subleaflets. The yellow to brown rachis is grooved on the front side. The stipe is dark orange at the base and yellow on top.

BEHAVIORS

The blunt-lobed woodsia may be found commonly statewide in Illinois except in the east central counties. It grows in dry or moist, rocky woods. Spore production occurs from May through October.

HABITATS

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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