



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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pokeweed

Phytolacca americana

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

FEATURES

Pokeweed has red stems and large leaves. It may grow from four to 10 feet tall. Flowers are produced in clusters that are often paired with the leaves. The flowers have green-white sepals that look like petals. The clusters of purple-black berries with red stalks droop.

BEHAVIORS

Pokeweed may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in woods and fields. This plant flowers from July through October.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest