

black swallow-wort

Vincetoxicum nigrum

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Gentianales
Family: Asclepiadaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, nonnative

FEATURES

Black swallow-wort grows up to six and one-half feet in length. The leaves are paired and arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods grow up to three and one-fourth inches in length. Flowers are positioned in the leaf axils and are dark purple to black in color.

BEHAVIORS

Black swallow-wort flowers June through September. It may be found in the northern two-thirds of Illinois. This species is native to Europe. It is a vining milkweed that grows in a variety of habitats.

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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none