

# blue cohosh

## *Caulophyllum thalictroides*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Ranunculales  
Family: Berberidaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

The flowers of blue cohosh are six-parted and are green-yellow to brown. The fruits are dark-blue berries. The leaves have seven to nine leaflets. A single plant may be one to three feet tall

### BEHAVIORS

Blue cohosh grows statewide in moist woods. Flowers are produced in April and May. The flowers attract pollinators, and the fruits are eaten by wildlife, particularly birds.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





## **Aquatic Habitats**

none

## **Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none