

bluevine *Ampelamus albidus*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Gentianales

Family: Asclepiadaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS: common, native

FEATURES

Bluevine, also known as sandvine and honeyvine, grows up to 15 feet long. The leaves are arranged opposite each other in pairs on the stem. Seedpods grow up to four inches in length. Flowers are positioned in the leaf axils and are white to pink-white in color.

BEHAVIORS

Bluevine flowers July through September. It is found mainly in the southern two-thirds of the state. Bluevine is a vining milkweed that does not have milky sap. It grows in moist woods, fields, thickets, roadsides and disturbed soil.

Aquatic Habitats: bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats: bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands

Prairie and Edge Habitats: black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie

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