

common mountain mint *Pycnanthemum virginianum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Lamiales

Family: Lamiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The flowers of common mountain mint are white, small and produced in clusters at the stem tip. Only a few flowers bloom in each cluster at one time. Leaves are narrow, smooth and without teeth along the edge. Like all mints, it has a square stem. This plant grows one and one-half to two feet in height.

BEHAVIORS

Common mountain mint grows in fens, marshes and prairies throughout Illinois, although it is more frequently found in the northern one-half of the state. It blooms from July through September. It attracts a variety of pollinators.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; gravel prairie; shrub prairie

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