common phlox

Phlox divaricata

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta Class: Magnoliopsida Ordor: Solanalos

Order: Solanales

Family: Polemoniaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS



flowers

ILLINOIS RANGE



FEATURES

The common phlox is a perennial plant that may grow upright or creeping along the ground. Its stems grow to one and one-half feet. The oblong or oval leaves are arranged oppositely on the hairy stem. Each leaf, up to four inches in length, has fine hairs. The light-purple to blue flowers are arranged in clusters at the tip of the stem. The five-petaled flower may be one and one-quarter inches wide. Seeds are produced in a capsule.

BEHAVIORS

The common phlox may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. It flowers from mid-April through early June. The common phlox is commonly called "Sweet William," as are several other species of Illinois wildflowers.



plants with flowers

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none