

# elm-leaved goldenrod

*Solidago ulmifolia*

## FEATURES

This perennial, herbaceous plant may reach one and one-fourth to three feet tall. Its stem is usually not branched except where the flower clusters develop. The leaves are up to four inches long and one and three-fourths inches wide, becoming smaller toward the top of the plant. Leaves are thin and coarsely toothed. The flowers are yellow and composed of three to eight ray flowers surrounding several disk flowers. The fruits are oblong, dry and hard with a tuft of hairs at one end that helps them to be carried by the wind.

## BEHAVIORS

Elm-leaved goldenrod grows in dry woodlands throughout the state. Flowers are produced from July through November. The flowers develop in spreading clusters from the tip of the plant and the leaf axils. The plant sometimes leans to one side due to the weight of the flower heads. Bees, wasps and flies visit the flowers.

## TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Asterales  
Family: Asteraceae

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## ILLINOIS RANGE







**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forest

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none