

false Solomon's-seal

Smilacina racemosa

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Liliopsida
Order: Liliales
Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native



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FEATURES

False Solomon's-seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Its aboveground stems are upright, unbranched, smooth or finely hairy and up to three feet tall. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped to oval and usually hairy on the lower surface. Each leaf may be six inches long and three inches wide. Flowers are arranged in a panicle at the end of the stem, each flower up to one-sixth inch wide. The white flowers are six-segmented and do not have distinguishable petals or sepals. The fruits are spherical, red berries that may be one-fourth inch in diameter.

BEHAVIORS

False Solomon's-seal may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich, moist woods. False Solomon's-seal flowers from May through early June.



plant with berries



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Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none