

field goldenrod *Solidago nemoralis*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Field goldenrod is also known as gray goldenrod and old-field goldenrod. Its gray-green leaves are covered with fine, hairlike structures. Tiny leaflets are present in the axils of the leaves. The gray stem is densely covered with fine hairs. Both ray flowers (five to nine) and disk flowers are present in the yellow flower head. Many flowers are clustered on a stalk at the stem tip. Flowers tend to be present only on one side of the stalk. Field goldenrod may grow one and one-half to three feet tall.

BEHAVIORS

Field goldenrod may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in dry prairies, open woods, sandy soil, old pastures and fields. Flowers are produced from August through October.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge; hill prairie

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