

# Illinois mimosa

## *Desmanthus illinoensis*

### FEATURES

Illinois mimosa is also known as Illinois bundle flower or prairie mimosa. This perennial plant has lacy, fernlike leaves. Its leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Leaves are pinnately compound. The small, white flowers are clustered on a long stalk. The fruits are capsules that resemble wrinkled potato chips. Illinois mimosa grows from one to three feet tall.

### BEHAVIORS

Illinois mimosa may be found statewide in Illinois except for the northwestern counties. It grows in dry and moist prairies, dry to moist woodlands, fields and levees. Flowers are produced from June through August.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Rosales  
Family: Mimosaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE



leaves and fruits



plant and flowers



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## **Aquatic Habitats**

none

## **Woodland Habitats**

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; edge; hill prairie; shrub prairie