

Illinois mimosa *Desmanthus illinoensis*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Rosales

Family: Mimosaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge; hill prairie; shrub prairie

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