

inland oats *Chasmanthium latifolium*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Cyperales

Family: Poaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

This perennial grass has short, underground stems and smooth, upright stems that are unbranched. The elongate leaves are about one inch wide. Flowers are produced in spikelets, with each spikelet having three or more flowers. The fruit is a dark red, ellipsoid grain, approximately one-fourth inch long. Inland oats may attain a height of four feet.

BEHAVIORS

Inland oats may be commonly found in the southern one-half of Illinois and more rarely in the northern one-half of the state. It grows along streams and in moist woods. Flowers are produced from July through October.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests; rivers and streams

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge

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