

late boneset *Eupatorium serotinum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Late boneset is also known as late-flowering thoroughwort. This perennial herb has stems that are upright, branched, hairy and may reach eight feet in height. Its leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Each of these simple leaves is lance-shaped, toothed and hairy. A single leaf may be two inches wide. A stalk is present at the base of each leaf. The flowers are arranged tightly in heads at the stem tips. The five, white petals are united into a tube at their base. The fruit is dry, hard and elongated, with a tuft of hairs at the tip.

BEHAVIORS

Late boneset may be found throughout Illinois. It grows in moist open soil, open woods, thickets and clearings. Flowers are produced from August through October.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge; hill prairie

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