

## Ohio spiderwort *Tradescantia ohiensis*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Commelinales

Family: Commelinaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

Ohio spiderwort is a perennial herb that grows from fleshy roots. Its stems are upright, branched, smooth and have a blue cast. The smooth leaves can be one and one-half feet long and one-half inch wide. Stalked flowers are produced in small clusters at the stem tip. A single flower may be nearly two inches wide. Each flower has three, purple or blue petals. The fruit is a smooth capsule, which is up to one-half inch in length and contains several seeds. Ohio spiderwort may attain a height of three feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Ohio spiderwort may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in woodland edges, moist prairies and along roads. Flowers are produced from April through August. The flowers open in the morning and close by noon.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge

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