

# oval milkweed

## *Asclepias ovalifolia*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Gentianales  
Family: Asclepiadaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

endangered, native

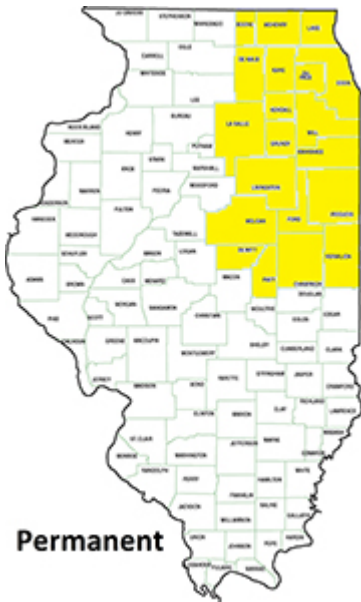
### FEATURES

Oval milkweed, also known as dwarf milkweed, is about 20 inches in height. The leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods are up to three inches in length. The flowers are positioned on the stem tip and in leaf axils and are white, green-white or pale purple-white in color.

### BEHAVIORS

Oval milkweed flowers May through June. It grows in the northeastern one-fourth of the state and reaches its southeastern range limit in Illinois. This species can be found in hill and sand prairies, savannas and dry woods. Oval milkweed is endangered in Illinois.

## ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

none

### **Woodland Habitats**

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie