

# pickerelweed

## *Pontederia cordata*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Liliopsida  
Order: Liliales  
Family: Pontederiaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

Pickerelweed leaves are dark green, shaped somewhat like an arrowhead and, if growing in water, emerge from the water. Flowers are produced from May through September. The flowers are dark blue to purple and clustered in a spike at the tip of a stalk. This plant may grow from one to four feet tall.

### BEHAVIORS

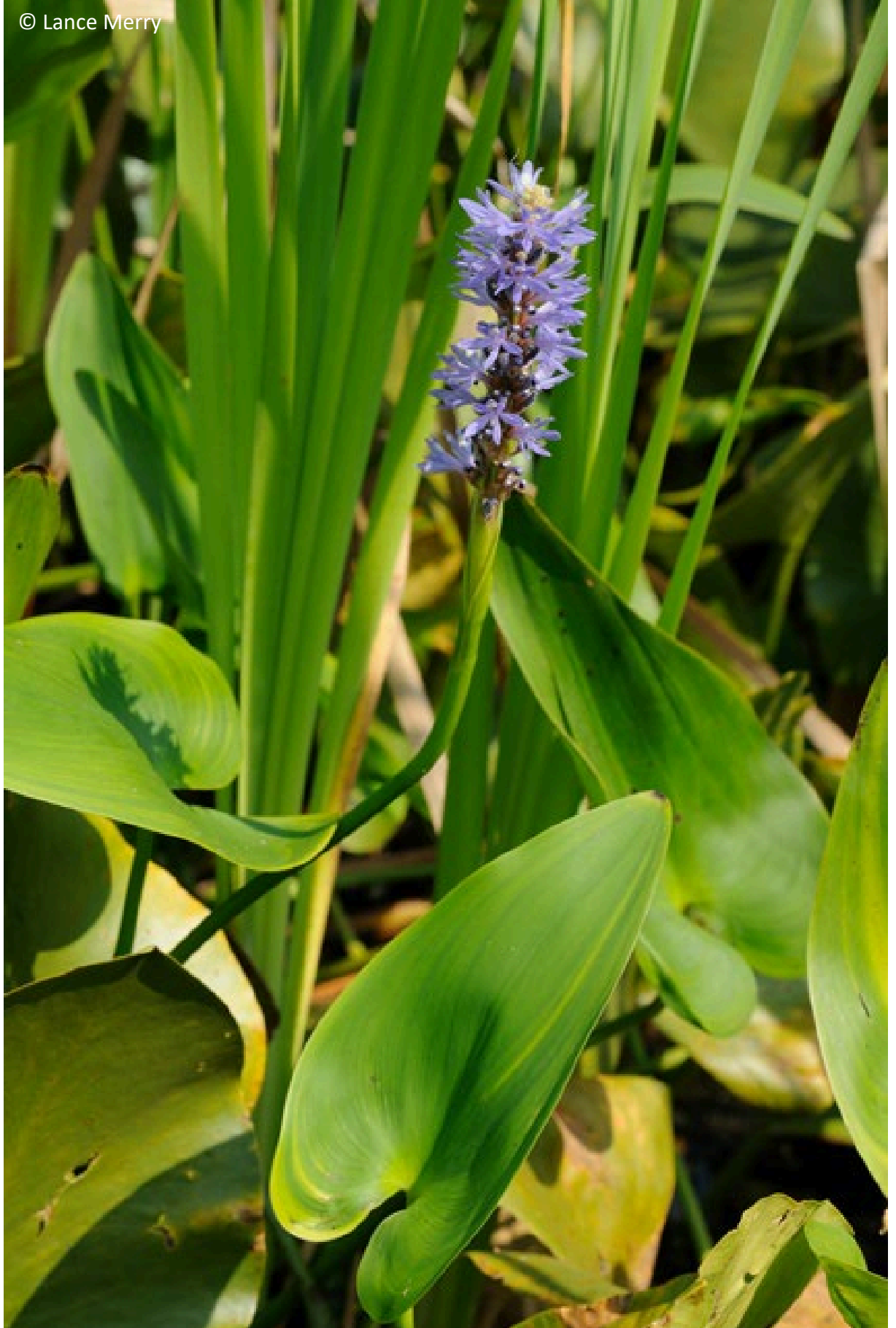
Pickerelweed grows in muddy, wet areas and shallow water throughout the state except the east central counties. Flowers are produced from May through September. Muskrats and waterfowl eat the seeds.

## ILLINOIS RANGE



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## **Aquatic Habitats**

marshes; swamps; lakes, ponds and reservoirs

## **Woodland Habitats**

southern Illinois lowlands

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none