

prairie Indian plantain *Arnoglossum plantagineum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Prairie Indian plantain is a perennial herb with basal and stem leaves. The basal leaves are oval and stalked. The upper leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. These stem leaves are ovate to oblong, sessile or on a short stalk and sometimes toothed. Many five-parted, cream-colored flowers are clustered in heads at the stem tip. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Prairie Indian plantain may attain a height of three to six feet.

BEHAVIORS

Prairie Indian plantain may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in wet prairies, marshes and bogs. Flowers are produced from June through July.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

marshes; peatlands; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie

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