

purple Joe-pye-weed *Eutrochium purpureum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Flowers are pale pink. They are produced in large clusters at the tip of the plant. Flowers appear to be fuzzy, and the clusters can be very large. The stem of this plant is usually green. Each stem is unbranched. The leaves are produced in whorls of three or four, each on a short stalk. The plant may grow from two to six feet in height.

BEHAVIORS

Purple Joe-pye-weed grows in woodlands in the northern three-fourths of Illinois. It blooms from June through October. Purple Joe-pye-weed is an important food source for native pollinators.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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