

# purple trillium

## *Trillium recurvatum*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native



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plants with flowers

### ILLINOIS RANGE



### FEATURES

The purple trillium, also called purple wake Robin, is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its upright, unbranched stem may be 18 inches tall. Three leaves are present in a whorl under the flower. Leaves are mottled in appearance and up to four inches long. A single flower may be found at the tip of the stem. The three, maroon petals may each be one and one-half inches long. The fruit is an ovoid, six-angled, dry berry, about three-fourths inch in length.

### BEHAVIORS

The purple trillium may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. Flowering occurs from late March to late May.



## **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

## **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none