

## purple trillium *Trillium recurvatum*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### 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.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

**bottomland forests**

Woodland Habitats

**bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests**

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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