

pussy-toes

Antennaria plantaginifolia

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Asterales
Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Pussy-toes is a perennial plant that grows from long roots. Its stems may grow creeping along the ground or upright. The 15-inch long stems are covered with white, cobwebby hairs. The leaves at the base of the plant are generally oval, up to three inches long and with hairs on the lower surface. The stem leaves are narrower and very hairy. The white flowers are borne in clusters at the tip of the stem. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit is an oblong achene with a tuft of white hairs at the tip.

BEHAVIORS

Pussy-toes may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant lives in dry woods and prairies. It flowers from mid-April through June.

ILLINOIS RANGE



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flowers

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; gravel prairie; hill prairie; shrub prairie