skunk cabbage

Symplocarpus foetidus

FEATURES

The skunk cabbage is a perennial herb. It has no stems. The smooth leaves, which may be up to two and one-half feet long and nearly one foot wide, are produced after flowering. The flowers are located close to the ground on a thickened structure that is surrounded by a purple to green sheath. The fruits are berries.

BEHAVIORS

The skunk cabbage grows in fens and other areas with springs. This plant flowers from March through May.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Liliopsida Order: Arales Family: Araceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE



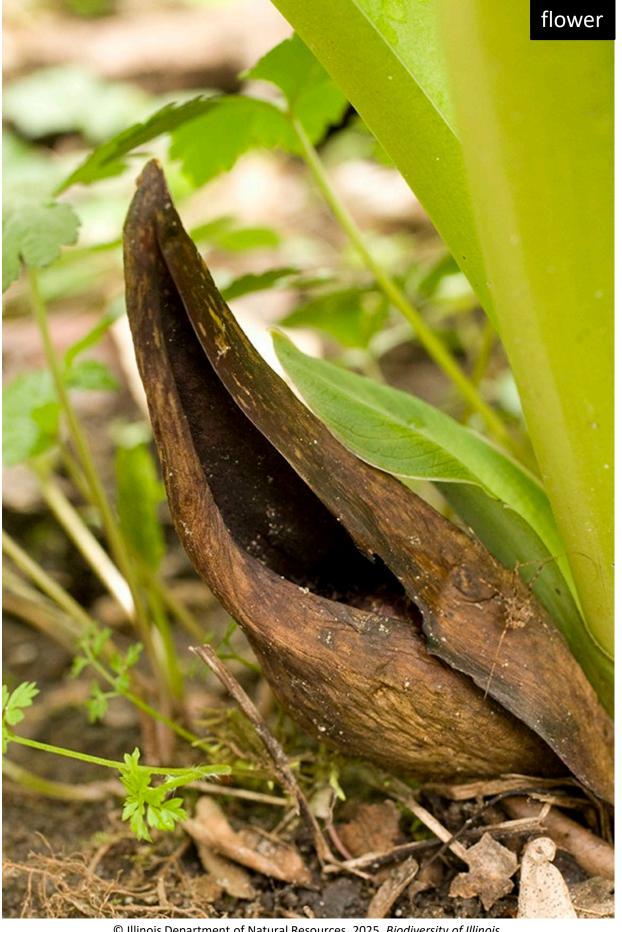




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Aquatic Habitats wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats none