

# spotted Joe-pye-weed

## *Eutrochium maculatum*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native

### FEATURES

Spotted Joe-pye-weed is a perennial herb with leaves whorled around the stem in groups of four or five. The simple, toothed leaves are lance-shaped. The stem is speckled with purple or is mostly purple. The five-petaled, violet flowers develop in a flat-topped head. Each head has nine to 22 flowers. Both disk and ray flowers are present. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Spotted Joe-pye-weed may attain a height of two to seven feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Spotted Joe-pye-weed may be found statewide in Illinois but is more commonly seen in the northern one-half of the state. It grows in wet meadows, marshes and fens. Flowers are produced from July through September.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

marshes; wet prairies and fens

**Woodland Habitats**

none

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none