

starry Solomon's-seal

Smilacina stellata

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Starry Solomon's-seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Its aboveground stems are upright, unbranched, smooth or finely hairy. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped to oval and clasp the stem. The white flowers are arranged in a panicle at the end of the stem. The fruits are spherical, blue-black or black berries.

BEHAVIORS

Starry Solomon's-seal may be found in the northern three-fifths of Illinois plus St. Clair, Wabash and Crawford counties. This plant grows in woods and prairies. Flowers are produced from May through June.

ILLINOIS RANGE



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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie