

# white trout lily

## *Erythronium albidum*

### FEATURES

The white trout lily is also commonly called the adder's tongue or white dog-tooth violet. This perennial plant is a member of the lily family. It has no leaf-bearing stem but does produce two basal leaves. The plant may be six to nine inches tall. The single flower has six white petals that may show purple on the back. The fruit is a capsule with several seeds.

### BEHAVIORS

The white trout lily may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in woods and fields. This plant flowers from April through May.

### TAXONOMY

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

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





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leaf

**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none