

# wild geranium

## *Geranium maculatum*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Geraniales  
Family: Geraniaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native



plant with flower

### ILLINOIS RANGE



### FEATURES

The wild geranium is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its hairy, upright stems are sometimes branched and may grow to one and one-half feet tall. The leaves at the base of the plant have three to five lobes, are hairy and are up to five inches wide. The stem leaves are oppositely arranged, hairy and smaller than the basal leaves. Flowers are found in a cluster at the tip of the stem. Each flower has five, rose-purple petals that may be one and one-half inches long. The fruit is a capsule, about one and one-half inches long.

### BEHAVIORS

The wild geranium may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. The wild geranium flowers from mid-April through May.



leaves and petioles

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close-up of flower (front)







### **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

### **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none