

# wild hyacinth

## *Camassia scilloides*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native

### FEATURES

Wild hyacinth is a perennial herb that has all of its leaves at the base of the plant. The long, linear, smooth leaves have a ridge lengthwise in the center. A leaf is generally five to 15 inches in length. Pale blue to white flowers develop as six-pointed stars on stalks, with about 10 to 12 flowers per stalk. The fruit is a capsule that contains seeds. Wild hyacinth may attain a height from one to two feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Wild hyacinth may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in moist prairies and woodlands. Flowers are produced from April through June.

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flowers

### ILLINOIS RANGE



Permanent



leaves

### **Aquatic Habitats**

wet prairies and fens

### **Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie