

## 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 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.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie

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