

wild petunia

Ruellia humilis

FEATURES

Wild petunia is also known as hairy petunia. This perennial herb has leaves in an opposite arrangement on the stem. The hairy leaves are oval-shaped, sessile and about two and three-fourths inches long. Flowers develop in clusters or singly in the leaf axils. The five petals are fused to make a tubelike flower. Each purple or blue flower may be as much as two inches long. Wild petunia may attain a height of two to two and one-half feet.

BEHAVIORS

Wild petunia may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in prairies, dry woods and on bluffs. Flowers are produced from May through October.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Scrophulariales
Family: Acanthaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





flowers

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; hill prairie