

American gromwell

Lithospermum latifolium

FEATURES

An individual plant may be one and one-half to two and one-half feet tall. Its stems and leaves are covered with small hairs. Flowers develop individually from the leaf axils at the stem tip. Flower color is yellow. The fruit is a nutlet.

BEHAVIORS

American gromwell grows in rich woodlands statewide. Flowers are produced from April through June. Long-tongued bees and butterflies are pollinators that can take advantage of the flowers.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Lamiales
Family: Boraginaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none