

brown-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia triloba

FEATURES

The petallike ray flowers are yellow and surround the cone-shaped, dark brown center. Leaves are arranged alternately on the stem. The plant may reach a height of five feet. This species is similar to black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) but the flowers are smaller, have fewer rays (8-10 as opposed to 10-20) and more than one flower develops per plant. The lower leaves have three lobes.

BEHAVIORS

Brown-eyed Susan is found throughout Illinois in fields, woodlands and along streams. Flowering occurs from June through October. The flowers of this plant are important to pollinator species.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Phylum: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Asterales
Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

rivers and streams

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge