

climbing milkweed

Matelea obliqua

FEATURES

Climbing milkweed, also known as oblique milkvine, can grow up to 10 feet or more in length. Leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods grow up to three inches in length. Flowers are positioned in the leaf axils and are maroon in color.

BEHAVIORS

Climbing milkweed flowers May through June. It may be found in Hardin, Massac and Pope counties in Illinois. It grows in rocky woods. The seedpods have scattered projections.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Gentianales
Family: Apocynaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE







Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none