

# early meadow rue

## *Thalictrum dioicum*

### FEATURES

Early meadow rue has alternate, compound leaves, each up to one foot long. Plants produce either male or female flowers. The flowers develop in clusters at the stem tip, and they droop. There are no petals. The sepals are green-white to purple-brown. The flowers are pollinated by wind. A single plant may be up to two and one-half feet tall. The fruits are dry, hard and one-seeded.

### BEHAVIORS

Early meadow rue grows in rich woods and prairies statewide. Flowering occurs from April through May. Some moth larvae feed on the leaves and stems.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Ranunculales  
Family: Ranunculaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

none

### **Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie