

oval milkweed

Asclepias ovalifolia

FEATURES

Oval milkweed, also known as dwarf milkweed, is about 20 inches in height. The leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods are up to three inches in length. The flowers are positioned on the stem tip and in leaf axils and are white, green-white or pale purple-white in color.

BEHAVIORS

Oval milkweed flowers May through June. It grows in the northeastern one-fourth of the state and reaches its southeastern range limit in Illinois. This species can be found in hill and sand prairies, savannas and dry woods. Oval milkweed is endangered in Illinois.

TAXONOMY

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

state endangered, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie