

purple sneezeweed

Helenium flexuosum

FEATURES

Purple sneezeweed is a perennial herb. Its leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each simple, entire leaf is linear to oblong. Flowers are clustered at the stem tip. The sterile, yellow, ray flowers are on the outside while the fertile, purple-brown, disk flowers on the inside make up the button. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Purple sneezeweed may attain a height of one to three feet.

BEHAVIORS

Purple sneezeweed may be found statewide, although it is more commonly seen in the southern one-half of the state. It grows in prairies, wetlands and old fields. Flowers are produced from June through September.

TAXONOMY

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

marshes; swamps

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie