

# skunk cabbage

## *Symplocarpus foetidus*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Liliopsida  
Order: Arales  
Family: Araceae

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native

### FEATURES

The skunk cabbage is a perennial herb. It has no stems. The smooth leaves, which may be up to two and one-half feet long and nearly one foot wide, are produced after flowering. The flowers are located close to the ground on a thickened structure that is surrounded by a purple to green sheath. The fruits are berries.

### BEHAVIORS

The skunk cabbage grows in fens and other areas with springs. This plant flowers from March through May.



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### ILLINOIS RANGE



fruit



flower





flower and fruit

**Aquatic Habitats**

wet prairies and fens

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none