

Solomon's-seal

Polygonatum commutatum

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Liliopsida
Order: Liliales
Family: Liliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Solomon's-seal is a perennial plant that grows from thick, underground stems. Above ground its leaf stems are smooth, upright, unbranched and one to three feet tall. The lance-shaped to oval leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each leaf is smooth, up to six inches long and four inches wide. The flowers hang from the leaf axils in clusters of two. The green-white flowers are shaped like a tube. The fruit is a dark-blue, spherical berry, about one-half inch in diameter.

BEHAVIORS

Solomon's-seal may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods, on riverbanks and in thickets. Solomon's-seal flowers from May through mid-June.



plant with flowers

ILLINOIS RANGE



leaves



fruit



leaves and fruit

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none