

wild blue iris

Iris shrevei

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

The wild blue iris is a perennial herb with a thick underground stem. Its leaves are smooth and may be three feet long and one and one-half inches wide. Blue flowers are borne at the tips of the stems. Flowers may be three inches across. Capsules containing the seeds are up to four inches long.

BEHAVIORS

The wild blue iris grows in swamps, wet meadows, marshes, pond borders and ditches. This plant flowers from May through June.



plants with flowers



flower

ILLINOIS RANGE





flower



plants with flowers

Aquatic Habitats

lakes, ponds and reservoirs; rivers and streams; swamps; marshes; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none