

wild blue iris *Iris shrevei*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: 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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

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

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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