

wild lupine *Lupinus perennis*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Fabales

Family: Fabaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Wild lupine is also known as old maid's bonnet or sundial plant. This perennial herb has leaves in an alternate arrangement along the stem. The palmately compound leaves have seven to nine leaflets. Blue, purple, pink or white flowers are borne on long spikes. The fruit is a fuzzy pod that is constricted between the seeds. Wild lupine may attain a height of one to two feet.

BEHAVIORS

Wild lupine may be found in the northern one-fourth of Illinois. It grows in dry or moist sandy soil, open woods and clearings. Flowers are produced from May through June. Leaves follow the sun's path during the day and fold together at night.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge; sand prairie; shrub prairie

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