

# yellow bellwort

## *Uvularia grandiflora*

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

**ILLINOIS STATUS**  
common, native

### FEATURES

The yellow bellwort is a perennial plant that grows from thick roots. Its upright, smooth stems are often branched and may reach a height of one and one-half feet. The simple leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each leaf is oblong to oval, smooth, lacking teeth and about four inches long. The leaf appears to surround the stem. The one and one-half inch long flowers droop from a curved, smooth stalk. Each flower is found singly at the stem tip. The petals and sepals are not distinguishable, but together they make up the six-parted, yellow perianth of the flower. The fruit is a three-angled capsule, up to one-half inch long with few seeds.

### BEHAVIORS

The yellow bellwort may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows in rich woods. Flowering occurs from mid-April through mid-May.

### ILLINOIS RANGE



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flowers



leaves and stems



leaf undersides

**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none