

yellow bellwort *Uvularia grandiflora*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: 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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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