

yellow dog-tooth violet

Erythronium americanum

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

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native

FEATURES

As a member of the lily family of plants, this species grows from a bulb. The plant has two basal leaves with dark marks on them. A single flower arises on a stalk from the base of the leaves. The six petals are yellow and curve backwards. A single plant may grow from four to 10 inches tall.

BEHAVIORS

The yellow dog-tooth violet, also known as the yellow trout lily or adder's tongue, grows in moist woodlands mainly in the eastern and southern parts of the state as well as in Calhoun County. It blooms in April and May.

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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forest

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none