

## yellow gentian *Gentiana alba*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Gentianales

Family: Gentianaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

Yellow gentian is also known as yellowish gentian and white gentian. This perennial herb has leaves in an opposite arrangement along the stem. The simple, entire leaves are lance-shaped or oval. Leaves clasp the stem. The five-parted, white flowers are showy. The fruit is a capsule. Yellow gentian may attain a height of one to two feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Yellow gentian may be found at scattered locations statewide in Illinois. It grows in moist prairies and on rich, wooded slopes. Flowers are produced from August through October.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie

© Illinois Department of Natural Resources. 2017. Biodiversity of Illinois.