

colic root

Aletris farinosa

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

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native



leaves

FEATURES

Colic root is also known as star grass. This perennial herb has leaves in an alternate arrangement along the stem. These linear leaves are basal and entire. White flowers are arranged in a long spike. The flowers are rough to the touch. Each flower is starlike at the tip and swollen at the base. The six-parted fruit is a capsule. This plant may attain a height of three feet.

BEHAVIORS

Colic root may be found in the northern one-third of Illinois. It grows in sand prairies. Flowering occurs from June through August.



flowers

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

sand prairie