

common St. John's-wort

Hypericum perforatum

Kingdom:	Plantae
Division/Phylum:	Magnoliophyta
Class:	Magnoliopsida
Order:	Theales
Family:	Hypericaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, nonnative

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FEATURES

Common St. John's-wort is a perennial herb that grows from fibrous roots. Its stem is upright, branched and smooth. Leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Each leaf is simple and oblong. The leaves have translucent spots that allow some light to pass through them. Flowers are borne in clusters. The five, yellow petals are free from each other and have black dots on their edges. The fruit is an ovoid capsule, about one-fourth inch long that contains many seeds. Common St. John's-wort may grow to two and one-half feet tall.

BEHAVIORS

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ILLINOIS RANGE



plant with flowers



Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge; sand prairie