

DALIBARDA REPENS L.
Robin-run-away

FAMILY: Rosaceae

HABIT: Prostrate, tufted, herbaceous perennial from a creeping stem or rootstock; flowering June-September.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Dalibarda repens* closely resembles several species of *Viola*, not only in foliage but also in having usually sterile petaliferous flowers and fertile cleistogamous flowers. *D. repens* is distinguished from the violets by its radially symmetric petaliferous flowers with saucer-shaped hypanthia.

TOTAL RANGE: Quebec and Nova Scotia to MI and MN, s. to NJ and OH.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Ashtabula and Geauga counties. Pre-1980 records are from Lake County.

HABITAT: Swamps and moist woods, but not in standing water; often associated with hemlocks.

HAZARDS: Drying of the habitat, opening of the forest canopy through logging; soil compaction.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably poor due to the limited habitat remaining in the state. It appears to be restricted to hemlock-hardwoods swamps of extreme northeastern Ohio.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering material including a section of the creeping stem; avoid over collecting.

COMMENTS: It is possible, though not very likely, that this plant has been overlooked due to its resemblance to violets. It should be actively sought in suitable habitats in northeastern Ohio.

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