

TRILLIUM RECURVATUM Beck
Prairie Wake-robin

FAMILY: Liliaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial, 1.5-4.5 dm.; flowering mid to late April; fruiting late April-early June.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The only Ohio Trillium with a sessile flower and petioled leaves. It grows in the same area and habitat as the common Toad Trillium (*Trillium sessile*), which has sessile leaves.

TOTAL RANGE: OH to s. WI and IA, s. and w. to AL, MS, n. LA, and e. TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 records from Auglaize, Clermont and Hamilton Counties.

HABITAT: Dry to moist open woods on various substrates; Ohio populations are from areas of calcareous soils.

HAZARDS: Digging of plants; picking of flowers.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Known to grow well in cultivation.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering or fruiting material is needed for positive identification. Avoid over-collecting.

COMMENTS: This conspicuous wildflower is very common in Indiana quite near to the Ohio line. It is a mystery why it should be so scarce in Ohio. Continued efforts to discover new populations should be made.

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