

# purple spring cress

## *Cardamine douglassii*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Capparales  
Family: Brassicaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

Purple spring cress has basal leaves that are generally round and on a long stalk. The stem leaves have no stalk and are lightly toothed. The plant's stems are hairy. Flowers have four petals and are pink or purple. This species may attain a height of four to 12 inches.

### BEHAVIORS

Purple spring cress grows in low woods in the northern two-thirds of Illinois and in Johnson County. Flowering occurs from April through May.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





## **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

## **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none