



Plant Botanical Name:

Boltonia decurrens

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Although historically widely distributed within the Illinois and Mississippi River floodplain, this species is now reduced to fewer than 20 locations. Like many *Boltonia decurrens* is dependent upon specific environmental conditions. Believe it or not, this plant is successful with periodic disturbance from major floods. To maintain a healthy population, regular flooding is necessary. The plant requires full sun and remove silt build-up. Today, the natural flood regime has been altered by dams and levees, and its former habitat is predominately agricultural. Activities such as regular cultivation and heavy herbicide use are also threats to its continued survival.