



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 only 20 locations. Like many endangered species, *Boltonia decurrens* is dependent upon specific environmental conditions. Believe it or not, this plant is successful with periodic disturbance from major floods. Flooding is a natural part of its life cycle and helps to clear the soil of silt and remove silt build-up. Today, the natural flood regime has been altered by dams and levees, and former habitat is now agricultural land. Human activities such as land cultivation and heavy herbicide use, are also threats to its survival.