



Doll's daisy or Decurrent false aster



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 endemics, *decurrens* is dependent upon specific environmental conditions. Believe it or not, this plant is successful with periodic disturbance from major floods. Floods scour the riverbanks 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 agriculture, cultivation and heavy herbicide use, are also threats to its survival.

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