

wolf spider *Schizocosa mccooki*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Arachnida

Order: Araneae

Family: Lycosidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

This wolf spider species varies in total body length from about four-tenths of an inch to slightly more than one-half inch in the male and nearly an inch in the female. The body color is gray or light brown with two dark bands on the cephalothorax and a dark oval-shaped mark on the abdomen. There is a light band on each side of the oval-shaped mark and white dots outside the bands. The male has a dark-brown tip on each front leg.

BEHAVIORS

Males are active from June through July while females can be found from June through August. These spiders may dig a burrow.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; shrub prairie

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