

dogbane beetle

Chrysochus auratus

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Coleoptera
Family: Chrysomelidae

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native

FEATURES

The dogbane beetle has an elongated, oval shape. It has an iridescent blue-green appearance with a copper tinge. The adult is about one-fourth inch in length. The antennae are less than half as long as the body.

BEHAVIORS

The dogbane beetle may be found statewide in Illinois. It lives on dogbane and milkweed plants found in prairies, fields and in other open habitats. The life cycle includes egg, larva, nymph and adult stages. Adults may be found on the leaves and flowers of plants, while the larvae live on the leaves and roots.

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ILLINOIS RANGE





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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

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