

green crab spider *Misumessus oblongus*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Arachnida

Order: Araneae

Family: Thomisidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The female of this species is about one-fifth inch to one-fourth inch in total body length. The male is from slightly less than one-tenth of an inch to one-tenth of an inch in total body length. There are no spines on the abdomen in the female, and there is no white ridge of light color above the mouth. The female's cephalothorax is usually light green with no banding. Her abdomen is white and may show red marks on the sides. The legs are light green without marks. The male has short spines on the abdomen.

BEHAVIORS

The green crab spider can be found statewide. It lives in fields and prairies. Adults are active from summer through early fall.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

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

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