

Pike slender jumper

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FEATURES

Pike slender jumper has an abdomen that is more than three times longer than its width. Its front legs are darker than its other legs. The male has a dark stripe on the abdomen with white along the sides. The female's coloration is gray to brown. The female ranges from about one-fourth to one-third of an inch in total body length with the male being slightly smaller.

BEHAVIORS

Jumping spiders have excellent vision and pounce on their insect prey. The males dance as part of their mating behavior. Adults are active from late spring through fall.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Chelicerata
Order: Araneae
Family: Salticidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





male

female



Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

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