

Pike slender jumper *Marpissa pikei*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Chelicerata

Order: Araneae

Family: Salticidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

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.

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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