

# wolf spider

## *Schizocosa mccooki*

Kingdom: Animalia  
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.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **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