

# zebra swallowtail

## *Eurytides marcellus*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Insecta  
Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Papilionidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

The zebra swallowtail has a wingspan of about two and one-half to four inches. Its wings are pale green-white with black stripes. The projection from the rear edge of the hindwing, the “tail,” is fairly long. The larva is green with yellow and black bands.

### BEHAVIORS

The zebra swallowtail may be found statewide in Illinois. The larva eats leaves of pawpaw trees and related plants. The adult flies close to the ground, flapping slowly. The adult feeds on flower nectar.

### ILLINOIS RANGE



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## **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

## **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands;  
upland deciduous forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none