



## eastern pipistrelle

*Pipistrellus subflavus*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Division/Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Mammalia  
Order: Chiroptera  
Family: Vespertilionidae

### FEATURES

The eastern pipistrelle has hair that is black at the base, orange-yellow in the middle and dark at the tip. It has small, reddish forearms and black wings. A blunt tragus is present in the ear.

### BEHAVIORS

The eastern pipistrelle may be found statewide in Illinois. In summer, it lives in caves, mines, buildings and trees. Mines and caves provide the winter hibernacula. The eastern pipistrelle eats insects. It flies before sunset, feeding near woods, fields and streams. This bat hangs alone while hibernating. Mating occurs in the fall and spring. Those females mating in the fall store sperm in the uterus until spring, when it used is to fertilize the eggs. Young are born in June and July. Two young are usually born per female. Females do not reproduce every year. Young can fly about four weeks after birth. This bat has been known to live for more than 14 years.

### HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

### ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

### ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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