



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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true katydid

representative specimen

Kingdom: Animalia
Division/Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Orthoptera
Family: Tettigoniidae

FEATURES

True katydids are large, green insects with their antennae as long or longer than their body. The forewings are oval. The wings slope over the side of the body with very little wing over the back. The male can produce sounds using structures on his forewings.

BEHAVIORS

True katydids may be found statewide in Illinois. They live in trees and shrubs. The male sings at night. His song of "katy did, katy didn't" is a familiar summer evening sound. These insects overwinter in the egg stage.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest