



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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wood satyr

Megisto cymela

Kingdom: Animalia
Division/Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

FEATURES

The adult wood satyr is a small, brown butterfly with a one and five-eighths to one and seven-eighths inch wingspan. Its forewing has two black eyespots that are circled with yellow. The eyespots may be seen from above and below. Its light brown caterpillar is tinged with green and has a black stripe in the middle of the back.

BEHAVIORS

The wood satyr may be found statewide in Illinois in woods and old fields. It reproduces once during the year. Its larva feeds on grasses. The pupa is usually attached to a leaf.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest