



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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zebra swallowtail

Eurytides marcellus

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

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.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest