



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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pale jumping spider

Thiodina sylvana

Kingdom: Animalia
Division/Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Chelicerata
Order: Araneae
Family: Salticidae

FEATURES

The pale jumping spider is dark brown with four streaks of white on the sides of the thorax. Its abdomen is yellow-brown and has a pair of narrow white lines which are surrounded by small, black spots. The first two pairs of legs are black, while the second two pairs of legs are lighter in color. The female averages about one-half inch in length, while the male is about three-eighths inch long.

BEHAVIORS

The pale jumping spider may be found statewide in Illinois. It lives in shrubs and other undergrowth in forests. This spider builds silken retreats for molting or hibernating, but does not build webs as traps. It hunts by sight, capturing its insect prey with a sudden jump.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest