



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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tapeworm

Cittotaenia spp.

Kingdom: Animalia
Division/Phylum: Platyhelminthes
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

This tapeworm is a parasite of the small intestine of rabbits. The adult may be one and three-fourths inches long and one-half inch wide. Its scolex does not have hooks or suckers.

BEHAVIORS

This tapeworm may be found statewide in Illinois wherever its host lives. When the tapeworm eggs are mature, the proglottids containing them are passed out of the body of the rabbit host in its feces. Tapeworm eggs must be ingested by a rabbit for infection to occur. When in the host, the eggs develop in the intestine. Some studies have shown that mites may be an intermediate host of this tapeworm.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest