



## ILLINOIS STATUS

common       endangered       threatened  
 native       exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## robber fly

representative specimen

Kingdom:            Animalia  
Division/Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class:                Insecta  
Order:                Diptera  
Family:               Asilidae

## FEATURES

Robber fly adults are about three-fourths to one and one-fourth inches in length. The body is brown or gray with yellow stripes on the upperside of the abdomen. Most species are fairly hairy.

## BEHAVIORS

Robber flies may be found statewide in Illinois. Adults live in open areas and along the edges of woods. Adults may be seen from June through August. These predators capture their prey while flying, then light to suck the fluids from it in just a few seconds. The larva lives in the soil or rotting wood. It eats other insect larvae.

## HABITATS

bottomland forests  
 coniferous forest  
 southern Illinois lowlands  
 upland deciduous forest