

# dogbane beetle

## *Chrysochus auratus*

### FEATURES

The dogbane beetle has an elongated, oval shape. It has an iridescent blue-green appearance with a copper tinge. The adult is about one-fourth inch in length. The antennae are less than half as long as the body.

### BEHAVIORS

The dogbane beetle may be found statewide in Illinois. It lives on dogbane and milkweed plants found in prairies, fields and in other open habitats. The life cycle includes egg, larva, nymph and adult stages. Adults may be found on the leaves and flowers of plants, while the larvae live on the leaves and roots.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Insecta  
Order: Coleoptera  
Family: Chrysomelidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





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## **Aquatic Habitats**

none

## **Woodland Habitats**

none

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie