

# eight-spotted forester moth

*Alypia octomaculata*

## FEATURES

The eight-spotter forester moth has a wingspan of about one and one-fourth to one and one-half inches. The upperside of the wings is black with large white or cream-yellow spots. Orange coloration is present on the front and middle legs.

## BEHAVIORS

Found statewide, this species is active during daylight hours from March through July. It lives in open areas and woodland edges where it feeds on nectar. The larva feeds on Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) and other plants of the grape family. One generation is produced per year. Overwintering is in the chrysalis stage.

## TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Insecta  
Order: Lepidoptera  
Family: Noctuidae

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

**Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

edge