

ground beetle

Amphasia interstitialis

FEATURES

This species of ground beetle ranges from three-tenths to four-tenths inch long. Its general body shape is elongated. The mouthparts are directed downward. Its head, pronotum, legs and antennae are red-brown. The wing covers are black. The pronotum is wider than long. The spaces between the grooves on the wing covers have gold-colored setae.

BEHAVIORS

These ground beetles live under rocks, logs and leaf litter and also overwinter in these locations. They feed on insects as well as insect eggs, larvae and pupae.

TAXONOMY

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests; peatlands; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge