

small-eyed sphinx moth

Paonias myops

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

The wingspan of the small-eyed sphinx moth is one and three-fourths to nearly three inches. The upperside of the wings is brown or black with wavy lines on the forewing. The hindwing has a yellow patch surrounding an eyespot. The forewings are smoothly indented. The underside of the wings has blue eyespots surrounded by black.

BEHAVIORS

This species may be seen statewide in Illinois in wooded habitats and urban areas. Adults do not feed. Larvae eat a variety of plant species including those in the genera *Prunus* (cherries, plums), *Amelanchier* (shadbushes) and *Tilia* (basswoods).

ILLINOIS RANGE



Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands;
upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge