## small-eyed sphinx moth

## Paonias myops

Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Lepidoptera Family: Sphingidae

### **ILLINOIS STATUS**

common, native

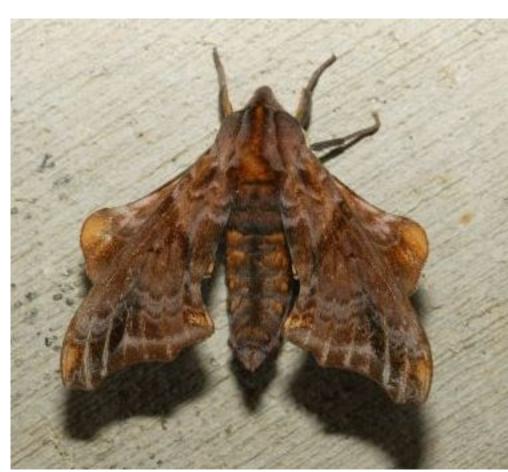
#### **FEATURES**

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).





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# **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

### **Woodland Habitats**

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

# Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge