

A COMPARISON OF THE MOTH COMMUNITIES OF FORESTED, GLADE, AND URBAN HABITATS IN BIBB AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, ALABAMA

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INTRODUCTION

To those unfamiliar with the state, Alabama is surprising in its biological diversity. Alabama ranks 5th in the U.S. for overall biological diversity, and 1st east of the Mississippi River (Stein, 2002). The state also ranks high (#7 in the U.S.) in the number of endemic species, with 144 species that occur nowhere else in the world. Much of this biodiversity is due to high numbers of aquatic species, but the diversity of terrestrial organisms is also very rich. In addition, terrestrial plants show considerable biodiversity, placing Alabama as #9 in the US, and #3 of eastern states (Stein, 2002).

One particularly diverse part of the state is in Bibb County, which is the home of the Bibb County Glades Preserve (hereafter referred to as the Glades). The Glades are a series about 40 rocky openings that total

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The Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter referred to as the Refuge) is only 3.5 km from the Bibb Co. Glades (Fig. 1), but is very different in many respects. At over 3,414 acres, the refuge contains 12 different natural plant associations within several different plant community types including river habitats, dry upland forests, and bottomland hardwood forests (Schotz, 2007). The Refuge has 12 rare species of terrestrial plants (Schotz, 2007) and a total diversity of plants that has yet to be determined. The diversity of both of these preserved areas is at least partially due to their location at the boundary between the Southern Ridge and Valley and East Gulf Coastal Plain physiographic regions. Although these sites have historically experienced substantial disturbance through logging and mining activities, the variety of habitats have made Bibb County a biodiversity hotspot for plants as well as other terrestrial and aquatic taxa. Together, the Glades and Refuge help preserve what is thought of as the most species rich portion of a very diverse state (Stein, 2002; Schotz, 2007; Garland, 2008).

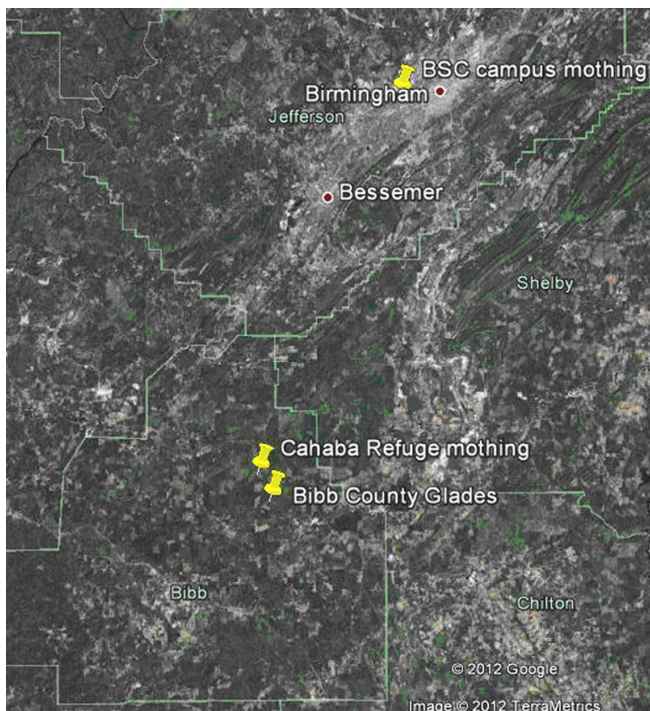


Fig. 1. Sampling locations for this study.

approximately 250 acres. These treeless areas are surrounded by a matrix of dry upland forest, for a total of 480 acres of habitat protected by The Nature Conservancy of Alabama (<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/alabama/preserves/>

Although considerable information is known of the diversity of plants, vertebrates, mussels, and crayfish of Bibb County, very little is known about the diversity of moths. Indeed, the moths of the southeastern U.S. are poorly studied overall (Brown, 2003), but the Lepidoptera of Alabama are especially understudied, even in comparison to other southeastern states (*e.g.*, Schweitzer *et al.*, 2011). However, this lack of knowledge of moths belies their vital roles in

communities. Here and elsewhere, they serve important roles as selective herbivores, detritus feeders, and pollinators (Scoble, 1992; Summerville and Crist, 2004). Moths are also important sources of food for predators such as songbirds, which can consume over half of the caterpillars in a forest during nestling and fledgling periods (Holmes *et al.*, 1979). Moths can also be useful indicators of overall insect biodiversity, forest disturbance, and habitat quality (Summerville *et al.*, 2004; Summerville *et al.*, 2005).

While many caterpillars are generalist herbivores, a majority are much more specialized and feed on selected species in a single genera or family of plant (Scoble, 1992; Wagner, 2005; Scholtens and Wagner, 2007). Therefore, given the high amount of plant diversity and endemism of these areas, moths should show a pattern of high diversity and rare species similar to the highly diverse groups mentioned above. Moreover, because many species have specific host or habitat requirements, one might expect that the community of moths associated with the Glades should be considerably different than the nearby forested habitat of the Refuge. If forested sites have differing plant species, then one would expect that the communities of moths in these sites should be relatively unique. Alternatively, the moth communities in adjacent sites could be fairly similar, given that many moths are vagile and widespread.

We evaluated these two hypotheses by comparing the moth diversity and community identity of each of the rural sites in Bibb County to each other and to the community of moths in a 16 acre urban woodlot on Birmingham-Southern College's campus. At approximately 16 acres, the Birmingham-Southern College Ecoscape forest (hereafter referred to as the Campus site) is considerably smaller than both of the Bibb Co. sites. The Campus habitat is isolated and surrounded by urban developments, including a college campus and residential neighborhoods, although the forest itself has been undisturbed for over 100 years. This moist upland forest is relatively diverse for its size, containing at least 100 species of plants. Comparing these rural plots in Bibb Co. to this urban site is important because our knowledge of urban woodlots for maintaining moth diversity in North America is scarce (Summerville and Crist, 2008).

METHODS

Collection

We sampled moths using black light bucket traps, which consisted of a 15-watt black light powered by a motorcycle battery. We placed one trap per site in all three locations on the same night, which allowed us to minimize confounding effects of variable weather and

moon phases across nights. Sampling trips were conducted approximately every 10-20 days at all three sites from May 7th to October 27th, 2011. We sampled only on rain-free, low-wind nights without a bright moon to maximize capture of the most species (Butler *et al.*, 1999). Equipment and time constraints prevented us from sampling more extensively from these sites. Each trap was collected the following morning, and all individuals were frozen for later sorting, identification, and curation.

Family	Species
Bombycidae	2
Cossidae	1
Erebidae	103
Euteliidae	2
Geometridae	64
Lasiocampidae	3
Limacodidae	11
Megalopygidae	3
Noctuidae	71
Nolidae	2
Notodontidae	21
Saturniidae	8
Sesiidae	1
Sphingidae	10
Yponomeutidae	3
Zygaenidae	1
Total	306

Table 1. The families of moths examined in this study, along with the number of species per family that were observed during 10 weeks of sampling.

For this study, we focused on 16 families, comprised mostly of macrolepidoptera, but including some of the larger microlepidopteran species that could be readily identified without dissection (Table 1). We selected a representative series of individuals from each known species or unique, unidentified species (*i.e.*, morphotype) for pinning, spreading, and labeling for preservation and later identification. These samples were compared to the synoptic collection at Birmingham-Southern College and the collection of the Mississippi Entomological Museum (MEM) at Mississippi State University for identification.

Analysis

Moth species richness was used to represent community biodiversity among our three sites. We used EstimateS (Colwell, 2013) to generate species accumulation curves for our 10 samples and estimate the total species richness in each habitat. We compared total richness for each site using paired t-tests (SPSS, 2010) using species numbers observed per night at each site as paired replicates. We generated Jaccard's index with EstimateS to quantify the faunal similarity of the three sites. We were interested in whether there were more pest species in the urban site,

so we determined pest status by searching literature (Cranshaw, 2004) and web pages (USDA-APHIS, 2000) for species that exhibit unwanted and large damage to stored products, landscaping plants, fruit or nut trees, vegetables, and other cultivated crops. Species whose host plants were largely listed as crops were also categorized as pests for this analysis. Finally, host plants were categorized based on published literature (Wagner, 2005; Wagner *et al.*, 2011) and web pages (Robinson *et al.*, 2010; BugGuide.Net, 2013). We used our 10 sample nights as replicates to compare the three sites in percentage of pest species and percentage of species using different host plant types as categorized above using ANOVA (SPSS, 2010).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In total, we collected and identified 1856 specimens comprising 306 species in 16 families (Table 1, Appendix 1). The two rural sites had higher numbers of both observed and estimated numbers of species than the

Site	Observed species	Estimated species	Unique species (% of total)
Campus	112	200	40 (35%)
Refuge	206	298	73 (35%)
Glade	184	317	50 (27%)

Table 2. Actual and estimated numbers of species occurring at the sites in this study. Estimated species numbers are asymptotes of species accumulation curves based on 10 sampling events at each site. Unique species were those that were only found at one site and neither of the others, and the % total represents the percentage of the number of observed species found at that site that were unique to that site.

urban site (Table 2). Typically, more diverse forest habitats support a greater number of moth species, as do habitats that are less disturbed (Summerville and Crist, 2004, 2008). Therefore, we should expect a considerable number of species in Bibb County due to the high diversity of plant species that occur there. Previous studies have indicated that habitat size can be a good predictor of the number of moth species (Summerville *et al.*, 2005), especially for tree-feeding moth species (Summerville and Crist, 2004). Therefore, it isn't surprising that the total number of moth species was similar between the Glades and Refuge because these sampling locations are surrounded by comparable amounts of forested area. The estimated number of species at all of these locations is likely to be much lower than the actual number of species to be found there. When conducting moth surveys, it may take well more than a hundred sample nights to inventory even 90% of the species in an area (Powell, 1995), which suggests that these results are severe underestimates of the full moth diversity of these habitats. Additional

sampling techniques and several years of sampling (e.g., Brown and Bash, 1997; Scholtens and Wagner, 2007) would also lead to better estimates of species numbers at these locations.

There were several species that were unique to each of the sites, and these unique species consistently represented approximately 1/3 of the total species found at each site (Table 2). This finding suggests that sites do have unique combinations of species, even when they are close together. This result is consistent with other studies that find plant identity and diversity to be an important factor in determining lepidopteran diversity (Summerville and Crist, 2002; Shuey *et al.*, 2012). Interestingly, the one location with highest plant endemism (the Glade) had the lowest percentage of unique species. It is worth noting, however, that the unique species in this comparison include common species like *Manduca sexta* (found only at the Campus site) as well as less common species like *Cydosia aurivitta*, which was only found at the Glade sampling location (Fig. 2). Members of the Mississippi Entomological Museum (MEM) sampled for six nights in the Bibb County Glades during 2003 – 2004 (Appendix 1). They found approximately 481 species of moths plus unidentified morphotypes (far higher than even our projections), at least four of which are considered rare or uncommon (e.g., Martinez and Brown, 2007). Researchers from MEM also surveyed Tennessee glade habitats (Brown, 2003) and found 18 species of moths that were regionally rare, uncommon or state record species. All of these results indicate that glade habitats may house many endemic or relict species and should be surveyed more thoroughly.

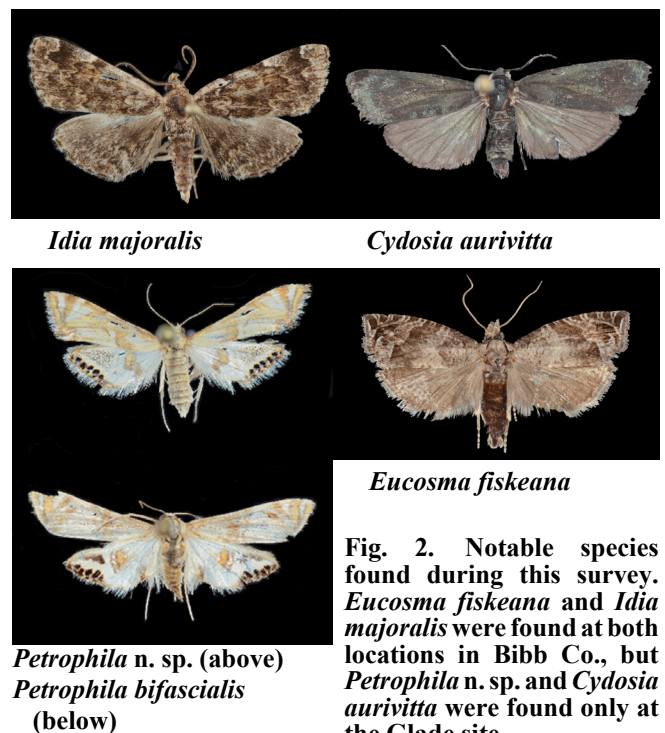


Fig. 2. Notable species found during this survey. *Eucosma fiskeana* and *Idia majoralis* were found at both locations in Bibb Co., but *Petrophila n. sp.* and *Cydosia aurivitta* were found only at the Glade site.

We were expecting to find a greater number of interesting or uncommon species than we did during our survey. Some of the notable species are microlepidoptera, but they still deserve a brief mention here. *Eucosma fiskeana* (Tortricidae) is uncommonly found, but exhibits a broad range from Illinois to Ohio south to Texas and Florida (Moth Photographers Group, 2014). Most records suggest that this species is associated with open habitats like glades and remnant prairies. *Cydosia aurivitta* (Noctuidae) is generally uncommon outside Texas, but was found on several occasions in the Glades, where only the melanic form was collected. This species is possibly a relict in scattered glades east of Texas in similar arid habitats like glades. However, James Adams (personal communication) reports collecting it from open understory areas in Georgia and Northern Alabama, so it may be associated with habitats other than glades and barrens. *Petrophila* n. sp. (Crambidae) is an undescribed species that is common at Bibb County Glades near the Cahaba River and which is similar to *P. bifascialis*. While little is known about its distribution, the larvae are likely to be aquatic, similar to its sister species. Finally, *Idia majoralis* (Erebidae) is associated with woodrat nests (which are rare over much of their range, especially in NE USA). *Idia majoralis* is not exclusive to woodrats and is found widely throughout its southern range.

	Campus	Refuge	Glade
Campus	-	24.9	26.9
Refuge	11 (4%)	-	45.2
Glade	10 (3%)	67 (22%)	-

Table 3. Similarity comparisons for the sites in this study. Numbers below the diagonal represent the species shared between the two sites listed, and the number in parentheses represents the percentage of the number of observed species found at only those two sites. Numbers above the diagonal are the Jaccard index, or the percentage of faunal similarity between two sites.

According to Schweitzer *et al.* (2011), this is possibly a case of false rarity as it has a widespread distribution, though it is found in small numbers where it occurs.

Overall, the two adjacent sites (Refuge and Glade) shared a higher number of species in common and had a greater faunal similarity than sites with more similar habitats and plant communities (*i.e.*, the Refuge and Campus sites; Table 3). This suggests that proximity of sites is more important for determining the make-up of a moth community than is habitat type. However, our limited number of samples and replicate sites prevents us from being too confident in this conclusion.

One goal of this study was to search for patterns in the commonness of pest species. Our initial conjecture was that the Campus site would have a greater number of

herbaceous pest species, given the relatively high level of disturbed and cultivated habitats surrounding this forest site. Consistent with this expectation, we found that there was a higher average percentage of pests found at the Campus location on each trapping event (Fig. 3). This is not merely because there was a lower number of total species at the Campus site, because there was also a greater absolute number of pests per

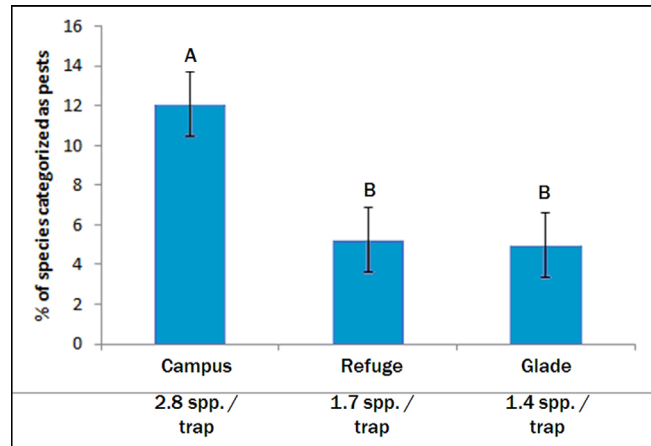


Fig. 3. The average percentage of pest species captured during each trap night. Bars with different letters are statistically different from each other (overall P = 0.006, F₂ = 6.18). The numbers below the figure represent the average number of individual pests captured per trap on each night.

trap night at this location (Fig. 3). Similarly, there were also higher total counts of pest species (17 from Campus, 12 from the Refuge, and 10 from the Glade summed over all 10 trapping events). The Birmingham area is largely developed, with only a few urban farm lots, so these results are also not due to a spillover effect from surrounding agricultural areas. Because these pests are not just herbaceous species, but also comprise a number of generalist tree feeding species as well (*e.g.*, Fig. 4), it appears that a higher abundance of pests in the urban site is not merely because of a higher abundance of disturbed and cultivated habitats. Given the consistent pattern for herbaceous and woody feeders, there could be more than one causative factor, including higher plant diversity because of cultivation and higher import rates due to commerce (McKinney, 2008).

We were also interested in trying to find trends in the moth communities based on associations with their food sources. When comparing host associations across the three sites, we can see some interesting trends (Fig. 5). The Refuge site has a lower percentage of grass and herbaceous plant feeding caterpillars, which makes sense because the Glade and Campus sites have fewer trees near the collection locations. Because the Glades are open habitats filled with grasses and herbs, it is understandable that they have the lowest percentage of woody feeding moths. There was a significantly higher proportion of species that consume both herbaceous and

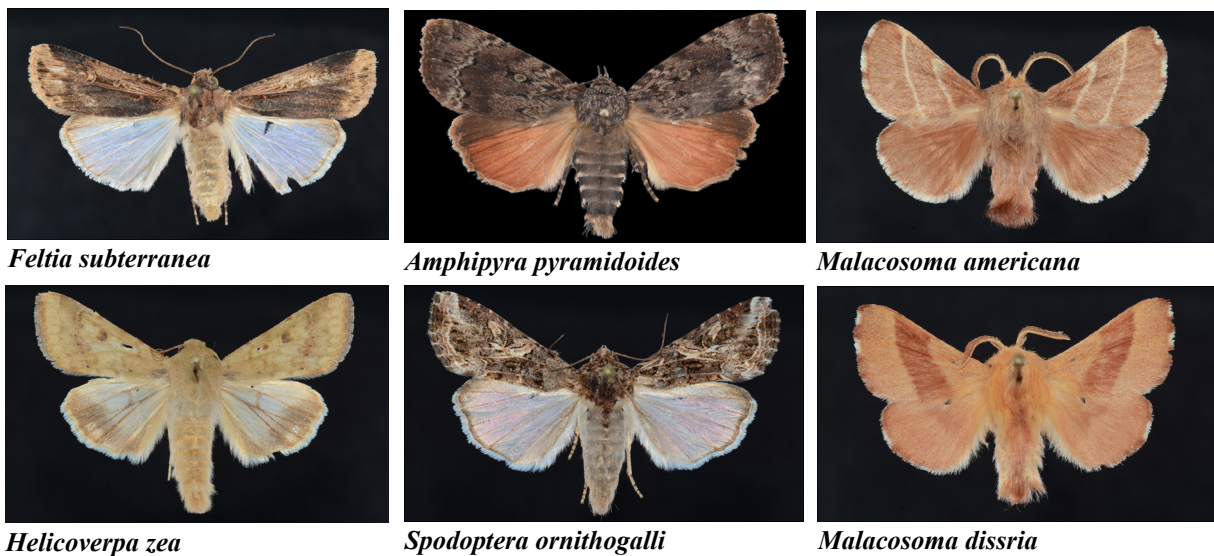


Fig. 4. Representative examples of pest species most commonly collected during this study. *Feltia*, *Helicoverpa*, and *Spodoptera* are all herbaceous feeders (mostly crop pests), but *Amphipyra* and the two species of *Malacosoma* are tree feeders.

woody hosts at the Campus site (Fig. 5). This may partially explain the previous patterns, since a higher number of generalist herbivores could lead to higher numbers of pests. Finally, the urban Campus site had a smaller proportion of species that fed from the “other” category, which consisted of lichen, fungus, and detritus feeders. The loss of these guilds may be indicative of degraded urban environments, but further sampling will be necessary to confirm that this pattern is robust.

As biodiversity hotspots, the Bibb county Glades and the Cahaba River NWR are still vastly understudied, and a greater knowledge of the species present in these regions is desperately needed. Additional surveys have the potential to bring additional attention to species of concern of these areas and to help Refuge or Nature Conservancy managers with decisions such as increasing the preservation of additional important habitats.

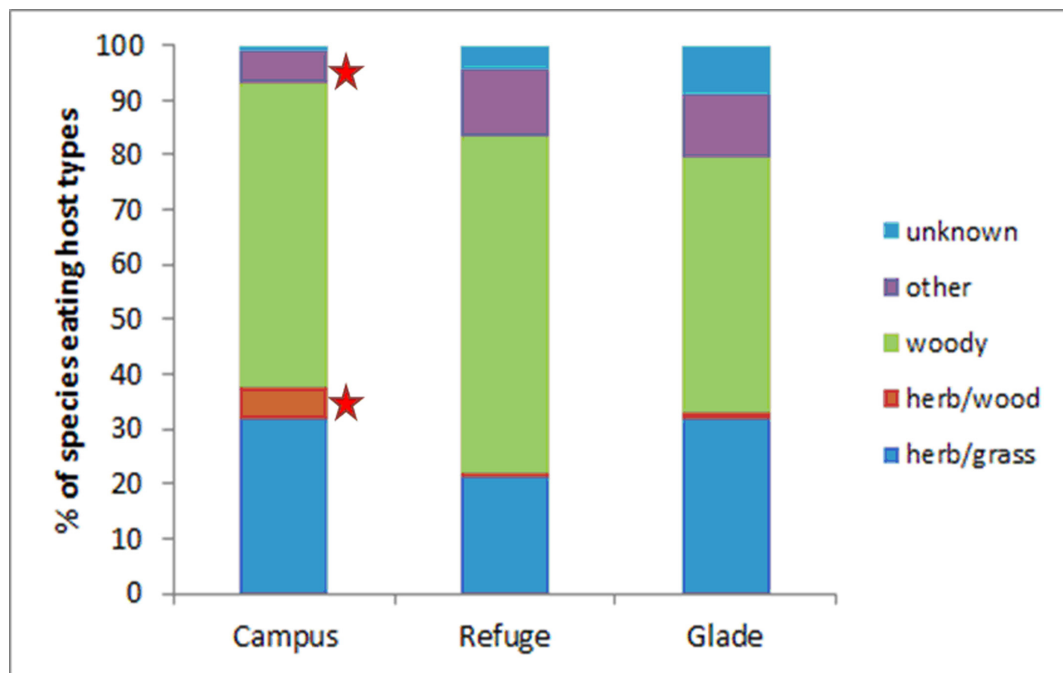


Fig. 5. The percentage of species that are associated with different types of hosts. From the bottom to top in each column, the categories are: species that consume either herbaceous or grass plants, species that consume either herbaceous or woody plants, specialists on woody plants, species that utilize other hosts not in the previous categories (e.g., lichen, fungi), and species whose host plant associations are unknown. The stars indicate categories that are statistically different among sampling locations ($P < 0.05$).

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Appendix 1. List of species collected in Bibb and Jefferson Counties, Alabama, by Peter Van Zandt (PVZ) and group, including urban woodlot on Birmingham-Southern College campus (C), Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge (R), and Bibb County Glades Preserve (G). For species collected in Bibb County Glades by Mississippi Entomological Museum (MEM): 1 = 33°03'28"N,87°02'21"W, 2 = 33°03'26"N,87°02'02"W, 3 = 33°03'35"N,87°02'12"W, 4 = 33°03'34"N,87°02'06"W.

Taxa	PVZ	MEM	Taxa	PVZ	MEM
Apatelodidae			Eoparagyraetis sp.		1, 3
Apatelodes torrefacta (J.E. Sm.)	R		Eudonia strigalis (Dyar)		1, 2, 3
Olceclostera angelica (Grt.)	R G		Fissicrambus profanellus (Wlk.)		1
			Glaphyria sequistrialis Hbn.		1, 2
Argyresthiidae			Haimbachia placidella B. & McD.)		1
Zelleria retiniella Fbs.	R G		Herpetogramma aeglealis (Wlk.)		1
			Herpetogramma fluctuosalis (Led.)		3
Attevidae			Herpetogramma thestealis (Wlk.)		3
Atteva aurea aurea (Fitch)	C G	1, 2	Hileithia magualis (Gn.)		1, 2, 3
			Hymenia perspectalis (Hbn.)		1
Autostichidae			Hypsopygia olinalis (Gn.)		1
Glyphidocera juniperella Adamski		3	Macrotheca sp.		2
Glyphidocera lactiflorella (Cham.)		1, 3	Microcrambus elegans (Clem.)		1, 2, 3
Spinitibia hodgesi Lee & Brown		1	Microtheoris ophionalis (Wlk.)		2, 3
Taygete attributella (Wlk.)		2	Neodactria caliginosella (Clem.)		1, 2, 3
			Neodactria sp.		3
Blastobasidae			Nomophila nearctica Mun.		2, 3
Blastobasis glandulella (Riley)		3	Ostrinia obumbratalis (Led.)		3
Calosima spp.		1, 2	Ostrinia penitalis (Grt.)		1
Hypatopa spp.		3	Palpita freemanalis Mun.		1, 3
			Palpita magniferalis (Wlk.)		1, 2
Bucculatricidae			Palpita quadristigmalis (Gn.)		3
Bucculatrix magnella Cham.		1, 2, 3	Parapediasia decorella (Zinck.)		1
Bucculatrix sp.		2, 3	Parapediasia decorella (Zinck.)		2
			Parapoinx allionealis Wlk.		4
Choreutidae			Perispasta caeculalis Zell.		1, 2
Tebenna carduiella (Kft.)		3	Petrophila bifascialis (Rob.)		2
			Petrophila fulicalis (Clem.)		4
Coleophoridae			Petrophila n.sp.		4
Coleophora spp.		1, 2, 3	Pleuroptya silicalis (Gn.)		1
			Polygrammodes flavidalis (Gn.)		3
Cosmopterigidae			Pyrausta acronalis (Wlk.)		3
Cosmopterix abdita Hodges		3	Pyrausta bicoloralis (Gn.)		1, 3
Cosmopterix dapifera Hodges		1, 3	Pyrausta inveterascalis B. & McD.		2
Cosmopterix pulchrimella Cham.		3	Pyrausta onythesalis (Wlk.)		1
Ithome sp.		3	Samea baccatalis (Hulst)		1, 3
Melanocinclis lineigera Hodges		1, 2, 3	Saucrobotys futilalis (Led.)		1
Periploca sp.		1, 2	Scoparia basalis gp.		1, 2, 3
Teladoma sp.		1	Spoladea recurvalis (F.)		3
Triclonella determinatella (Zell.)		1, 2, 3	Stegae eripalis (Grt.)		2
			Udea rubigalis (Gn.)		1, 3
Cossidae			Urola nivalis (Drury)		2
Cossula magnifica (Stkr.)	R		Xanthophysa psychialis (Hulst)		1, 3
Crambidae			Drepanidae		
Aethiophysa invisalis (Gn.)		2	Drepana arcuata Wlk.		1
Apogeshna stenialis (Gn.)		1	Oreta rosea (Wlk.)		1, 3
Arequipa turbatella Wlk.		2			
Argyria rufisignella (Zell.)		1, 2	Elachistidae		
Chrysendeton medicinalis (Grt.)		1, 2	Antaeotricha schlaegeri (Zell.)		1, 2
Crambus agitatellus Clem.		1	Antaeotricha unipunctella (Clem.)		1, 2, 3
Crambus laqueatellus Clem.		1, 2	Antaeotricha vestalis (Zell.)		2, 3, 4
Crambus saltuellus Zell.		2	Eupragia hospita Hodges		1, 2
Desmia funeralis (Hbn.)		1, 2	Psilocorsis cryptolechiella (Cham.)		3
Diacme elealis (Wlk.)		1, 2, 3	Psilocorsis reflexella Clem.		1, 3
Diasemiodes janassialis (Wlk.)		1, 2, 3, 4			
Diatraea evanescens Dyar		2	Erebidae — Arctiinae		
Dioryctria clarioralis (Wlk.)		1	Apantesis phalerata (Harr.)	R	
Elophila icciusalis (Wlk.)		3	Apantesis sp.		
Elophila oblitalis (Wlk.)		1, 3	Cisseps fulvicollis (Hbn.)		1
Eoparagyraetis irroratalis (Dyar)		4	Cisthene packardii (Grt.)	R G	1, 2, 3

Taxa	PVZ	MEM	Taxa	PVZ	MEM
Cisthene plumbea Stretch	R G	3	Hypena madefactalis Gn.		2
Clemensia albata Pack.	R G	1, 2, 3	Hypena manalis (Wlk.)		1
Crambidia uniformis Dyar	G	1, 2, 3	Hypena palparia (Wlk.)	R G	1, 2
Euchaetes egle (Drury)		2	Hypena scabra (F.) CR G		
Euerythra phasma Harv.	R	2	Hypernodes fractilinea (Sm.)		1, 3
Grammia parthenice (Kby.)	R G		Hyperstrotia aetheria (Grt.)		1
Halysidota tessellaris (J.E. Sm.)	C R G	1, 2, 3	Hyperstrotia flaviguttata (Grt.)		3
Haploa clymene (Brown)	C R	2, 3	Hyperstrotia pervertens (B. & McD.)	R G	
Hyphantria cunea (Dru.)	C G		Hyperstrotia secta (Grt.)		1
Hypoprepia fucosa Hbn.	R G	2	Hyperstrotia villificans (B. & McD.)	R G	1, 2
Leucanopsis longa (Grt.)	G	1	Hypsoropha hormos Hbn.	C R	1
Pagara simplex Wlk.		3	Idia aemula Hbn. CR G		1, 2, 3
Pyrrharctia isabella (J.E. Sm.)	C		Idia americalis (Gn.)	C R G	1, 2, 3
Spilosoma congrua Wlk.	C R G		Idia forbesii (French)	R	
Spilosoma virginica (F.)	G	3	Idia julia (B. & McD.)	C R G	
Utetheisa ornatrix (L.)	2		Idia lubricalis (Gey.)		3
Virbia aurantiaca (Hbn.)	R G	2, 3	Idia majoralis (Sm.)	R G	3
Virbia ferruginosa (Wlk.)	G		Idia rotundalis (Wlk.)	R G	
Virbia immaculata (Reakirt)	R G		Idia scobialis (Grt.)	R G	
Virbia opella (Grt.)	R G		Isogona tenuis (Grt.)	C G	
Erebidae — Lymantriinae			Lascoria ambigualis Wlk.	R	2
Dasychira atrivenosa (Palm)	R	3	Lesmone detrahens (Wlk.)	G	1, 2
Dasychira basiflava (Pack.)	G		Leucania adjuta (Grt.)		
Dasychira meridionalis (B. & McD.)	R		Leucania spp. R G		1, 3
Dasychira tephra Hbn.	R		Macrochilo hypocriticalis Fgn.	R	2
Orgyia definita Pack.	G	2, 3	Metalectra discalis (Grt.)	R G	1
Orgyia leucostigma (J.E. Sm.)	R G	2, 3	Metalectra richardsi Brower	R G	3
Erebidae — other subfamilies			Mocis texana (Morr.)	R	
Arugisa latiorella (Wlk.)		1, 2	Nigetia formosalis Wlk.	R	3
Bleptina caradrinalis Gn.		1, 2, 3	Ogdoconta cinereola (Gn.)	C R G	
Caenurgia chloropha (Wlk.)	C R G	3	Oruza albocostaliata (Pack.)	R	
Catocala amica (Hbn.)	C R		Oxycilla mitographa (Grt.)		3
Catocala amestris (Streck.)	C		Ozarba aerea (Grt.)		2
Catocala andromedae Gn.	R G	1, 3	Ozarba nebula B. & McD.	G	
Catocala connubialis Gn.	G		Palthis angualis (Hbn.)	C	1, 3
Catocala dejecta Stkr.	C		Palthis asopialis (Gn.)		2, 3
Catocala epione (Drury)	G	2	Pangrapta decoralis Hbn.	R G	2
Catocala grynea (Cram.)	G		Panopoda carneicosta Gn.	C G	1, 3
Catocala ilia (Cram.)	R		Panopoda rufimargo (Hbn.)		3
Catocala micronympha Gn.	R	1, 2, 3	Parallelia bistriaris Hbn.	C	1
Catocala minuta Edw.	G		Phytosopus callitrichoides Grt.	C R G	1
Catocala mira Grt. C			Phytometra ernestinana (Blanch.)		3
Catocala miranda (Grt.)	G		Phytometra rhodarialis (Wlk.)	R G	1, 2, 3
Catocala muliercula Gn.	G		Ptichodis herbarum (Gn.)	R G	2, 3
Catocala n.sp. nr. amica	R G		Redectis pygmaea (Grt.)		3
Catocala orba Kusnezov	R		Redectis vitrea (Grt.)		1
Catocala robinsonii Grt.	G		Renia adspersigillus (Bosc)	R	
Catocala ultronia (Hbn.)	C G		Renia discoloralis Gn.	C R G	
Catocala vidua (J.E. Sm.)	G		Renia fraternalis Sm.	R G	2
Celiptera frustulum Gn.	C R G		Renia sobrialis (Wlk.)	C	
Colobochyla interpuncta (Grt.)	R G		Schrankia macula (Druce)	R G	2, 4
Colocasia flavicornis (Sm.)	R G		Scolecocampa liburna (Gey.)	R G	2
Condica mobilis (Wlk.)	G		Spiloloma lunilinea Grt.	R	
Condica sutor (Gn.)	C		Tetanolita floridana (Sm.)	G	3
Condica videns (Gn.)	R G		Tetanolita mynesalis (Wlk.)	C R	2, 3
Cosmia calami (Harv.)	G		Tripudia rectangula Pogue	C	1, 2, 3
Drasteria grandirena (Haw.)		3	Zale confusa (Hbn.)	G	
Neadysgonia smithii (Gn.)	R		Zale galbanata (Morr.)	R	1, 3
Dyspyralis illocata Warr.		4	Zale helata gp.	C R	
Dyspyralis puncticosta (Sm.) R			Zale obliqua Gn.	C R G	
Hemeroplanis habitalis (Wlk.)	G	3	Zanclognatha atrilineella (Grt.)		2
Hemeroplanis scopulepes (Haw.)	R G	1, 2	Zanclognatha lituralis (Hbn.)	R G	1
Hypena baltimoralis (Gn.)	R		Zanclognatha theralis (Wlk.)		1
Hypena bijugalis (Wlk.)		2	Eutelidae		
			Marathyssa inficita (Wlk.)	G	3
			Paectes abrostoloides (Gn.)	C R G	

Taxa	PVZ	MEM	Taxa	PVZ	MEM
Paectes oculatrix (Gn.)		1	Eusarca confusaria Hbn.	R G	
Gelechiidae			Eutrapela clemataria (J.E. Sm.)	C R G	
Agnippe prunifoliella (Cham.)		1	Exelis pyrolaria Gn.		1
Anacampsis conclusella (Wlk.)		1	Glena plumosaria (Pack.)	R G	1
Anacampsis coverdalella Kft.		1, 3	Glenoides texanaria (Hulst)	R G	1, 2, 3
Anacampsis rhoifruetella (Clem.)		1	Horisme intestinata Gn.		3
Aristotelia corallina Wlsm.		2	Hypagyrtis esther (Barnes)	C R G	2
Aristotelia pudibundella (Zell.)		1, 2, 3	Hypagyrtis unipunctata (Haw.)	C R G	
Aristotelia roseosuffusella (Clem.)		1, 2	Hypomecis umbrosaria	G	
Aristotelia rubidella (Clem.)		1, 2, 3	Idaea demissaria (Hbn.)	R G	2, 3
Battaristis nigratomella (Clem.)		3, 4	Idaea eremiata (Hlst.)		
Chionodes bicostomaculella (Cham.)		1, 2	Idaea furciferata (Pack.)	R G	1, 2
Chionodes cacula Hodges		1, 2	Idaea obfusaria (Wlk.)	R G	1, 2
Chionodes discoocellella (Cham.)		3	Idaea taturata (Wlk.)	C R G	1, 2
Chionodes emptor Hodges		2	Idaea violacearia (Wlk.)	R G	1, 2, 3
Chionodes mediofuscella (Clem.)		1	Iridopsis defectaria (Wlk.)	C R G	1, 3
Chionodes suasor Hodges		2	Iridopsis vellivolata (Hulst)	R G	2, 3
Coleotechnites canusella (Free.)		2	Lambdina pultaria (Gn.)	2, 3	
Coleotechnites obliquistrigella (Cham.)		1, 2, 3	Lobocleta ossularia (Gey.)	G	3
Deltophora glandiferella (Zell.)		1, 2, 3	Lobocleta peralbata (Pack.)		1
Deltophora sella (Cham.)		1, 2	Lomographa vestaliata (Gn.)	R G	1, 2, 3
Dichomeris costarufuella (Cham.)		2, 3	Lophosis labeculata (Hulst)	R	1
Dichomeris flavocostella (Clem.)		2	Lytrosis unitaria (H.-S.)	R G	
Dichomeris georgiella (Wlk.)		1, 2	Lytrosis sp.	R	
Dichomeris inversella (Zell.)		2, 3	Macaria aemulataria Wlk.	R	1
Dichomeris ligulella Hbn.		1, 3	Macaria bicolorata (F.)	C R G	1, 2
Dichomeris vacciniella Busck		1	Macaria multilineata Pack.	R G	1, 2, 3
Dichomeris ventrellus (Fitch)		1, 2, 3	Macaria promiscuata (Fgn.)	R	1, 2
Exoteleia anomala Hodges		1, 2	Macaria transitaria (Wlk.)	R G	2
Exoteleia pinifoliella gp.		1, 2	Melanolophia canadaria (Gn.)	C R G	3
Fascista cercerisella (Cham.)		1, 3	Metarranthis homuraria (G. & R.)	R	1
Glauce pectenalaella Cham.		1, 2	Nematocampa resistaria (H.-S.)	C R G	
Isophrictis spp.		2, 3, 4	Nemoria bistriaria Hbn.		1, 3
Monochroa sp.		2	Nemoria lixaria (Gn.)	R	2, 3
Polyhymno luteostrigella Cham.		2, 3	Nemoria saturiba Fgn.	R G	1
Pseudotelphusa sp.		1, 2, 3	Nemoria sp.	G	
Pubitelphusa latifasciella (Cham.)		2	Nepytia semiclusaria (Wlk.)	C R G	1
Stegasta bosqueella (Cham.)		1, 2, 3	Patalene olyzonaria (Wlk.)	C R G	1, 2, 3
Untomia albistrigella (Cham.)		1, 3	Pimaphera sparsaria (Wlk.)		3
			Plagodis fervidaria (H.-S.)	G	1
Geometridae			Pleuroprucha insulsaria (Gn.)	C G	1, 2, 3
Anavitrinella pampinaria (Gn.)	C R G	1, 2, 3	Plusiodonta compressipalpis Gn.	C R G	
Antepione thisoaria (Gn.)	R G		Probole alienaria H.-S.	R	3
Besma quercivoraria (Gn.)		1	Probole amicaria (H.-S.)	R	
Costaconvexa centrostrigaria (Woll.)	C R		Prochoerodes lineola (Goeze)	C R G	2, 3
Cyclophora myrtaria (Gn.)		1	Protoarmia porcelaria (Gn.)	R	1, 2
Cyclophora packardi (Prt.)	C		Rheumaptera prunivorata Fgn.		1, 2
Cymatophora approximaria Hbn.	R G		Scopula limboundata (Haw.)	C R G	1, 3
Dichorda iridaria (Gn.)	R G		Scopula ordinata (Wlk.)		3
Digrammia continuata (Wlk.)	G		Speranza pustularia (Gn.)	G	
Digrammia gnophosaria Gn.		1	Synchlora frondaria Gn.		1, 3
Disclisioprocta stellata (Gn.)	C		Synchlora sp.	G	
Dyspteris abortivaria (H.-S.)	G	2	Timandra amaturaria (Wlk.)		1
Ecliptopera atricolorata (G. & R.)	G		Tornos scolopacinaria (Gn.)		2
Ectropis crepuscularia ([D. & S.])	R				
Ennomis subsignaria (Hbn.)	C		Gracillariidae		
Epimecis hortaria (F.)	R G		Caloptilia belfrageella (Cham.)		1, 3
Ertastria cruentaria (Hbn.)	C R G		Caloptilia violacella (Clem.)		1
Euacidalia sericearia Pack.	R		Cameraria sp.		3
Euchlaena amoenaria (Gn.)	R	1, 2	Mamara sp.		1, 2, 3
Euchlaena deductaria (Wlk.)	R G		Neurobathra strigifinitella (Clem.)		1, 2
Euchlaena obtusaria (Hbn.)	R		Parectopa robiniella Clem.		3
Eulithis diversilineata (Hbn.)	R G		Phyllocnistis insignis F. & B.		3
Eulithis gracilineata (Gn.)	C R G				
Eupithecia miserulata Grt.	C	1, 2	Heliodinidae		
Eupithecia spp.	C R G		Cycloplasis panicifoliella Clem.		3

Taxa	PVZ	MEM	Taxa	PVZ	MEM
Lasiocampidae			Callopietria cordata (Ljungh)		1, 2
Artace cribraria (Ljungh)		3	Callopietria mollissima (Gn.)	R G	
Malacosoma americana (F.)	C R G		Charadra deridens (Gn.)		3
Malacosoma disstria Hbn.	C R G		Chaetagma sericea (Morr.)	C	
Tolype notialis Franc.	C R G	3	Choephora fungorum G. & R.	G	
Limacodidae			Chytolita morbidalis Gn.		2
Adoneta spinuloides (H.-S.)	R		Chytonix palliatricula (Gn.)	R G	1, 2
Apoda biguttata (Pack.)		3	Condica sutor (Gn.)		1, 3
Apoda y-inversum (Pack.)	R G		Condica videns (Gn.)		1, 2, 3
Euclea delphinii (Bdv.)	G		Cosmia calami (Harv.)		2
Isa textula (H.-S.)	C		Ctenoplusia oxygramma (Gey.)		3
Isochaetes beutenmuelleri (Hy. Edw.)	R	2, 3	Cydosis aurivitta G. & R.	R G	1
Lithacodes fasciola (H.-S.)	C R G	1, 2	Dypterygia patina (Haw.)		3
Monoleuca semifascia (Wlk.)	G		Elaphria chalcedonia (Hbn.)		1, 3
Natada nasoni (Grt.)	C G		Elaphria festivoidea (Gn.)	R	
Packardia geminata (Pack.)		2	Elaphria grata Hbn.	C R G	2
Parasa chloris (H.-S.)	R		Elaphria versicolor (Grt.)	R	1, 3
Phobetron pithecium (J.E. Sm.)	R	1	Ellida caniplaga (Wlk.)	G	1, 3
Prolimacodes badia (Hbn.)	C	1, 2	Eublemma minima (Gn.)	1	
Tortricidia testacea Pack.	1		Feltia subterranea (F.)	C G	
Megalopygidae			Galgula partita Gn.	C R G	1, 3
Megalopyge crispata (Pack.)	G		Harrisimemna trisignata (Wlk.)	C	1
Megalopyge opercularis (J.E. Sm.)	G	1	Helicoverpa zea (Boddie)	R G	
Norape ovina (Sepp)	R		Homophoberia apicosa (Haw.)	G	3
Momphidae			Iodopepla u-album (Gn.)	G	2
Mompha circumscriptella (Zell.)		3	Lacinipolia implicata McD.	C	
Mompha eloisella (Clem.)		1	Leucania sp.		1, 3
Noctuidae			Marimatha nigrofimbria (Gn.)	C R G	1, 2, 3
Abagrotis alternata (Grt.)	C		Mythimna unipuncta (Haw.)	C R G	
Achatodes zeae (Harr.)		2	Noctua pronuba (L.)	C	
Acronicta afflicta Grt.	C	3	Ogdoconta cinereola (Gn.)		3
Acronicta americana (Harr.)	R	3	Orthodes cynica Gn.		2
Acronicta clarescens Gn.		2, 2	Orthodes goodelli (Grt)		3
Acronicta hasta Gn.		1, 2, 3	Orthodes majuscula (H.-S.)	R	1
Acronicta impleta Wlk.	C	3	Perigea xanthioides Gn.		1, 3
Acronicta inclarata - inclarata gp.	C R	1, 2, 3	Phlogophora periculosa Gn.	R	
Acronicta interrupta Gn.		3	Phosphila miselioides (Gn.)	C R G	2
Acronicta laetifica Sm.		2, 3	Polygrammate hebraeicum (Hbn.)	C R G	1, 3
Acronicta lobeliae Gn.	C	3	Ponometia candefacta (Hbn.)		
Acronicta modica Wlk.		1	Protodeltote muscosula (Gn.)	R	
Acronicta noctivaga Grt.	C		Rachiplusia ou (Gn.)	C	2
Acronicta retardata (Wlk.)	G		Raphia abrupta Grt.		1, 2
Acronicta rubricoma Gn.	C	1	Schinia arcigera (Gn.)	G	
Acronicta vinnula (Grt.)	G	2, 3	Spodoptera dolichos (F.)	C	
Agnorisma badinodis (Grt.)	R		Spodoptera frugiperda (J.E. Sm.)	C	
Agrotis gladiaria Morr.	R		Spodoptera latifascia (Wlk.)	C	2
Agrotis ipsilon Hufn.	C R		Spodoptera ornithogalli (Gn.)	C R G	2, 3
Agrotis malefida Gn.	C		Spragueia apicalis (H.-S.)		3
Agrotis venerabilis Wlk.	G		Spragueia dama (Gn.)	C	
Allotria elonympha (Hbn.)	C R G		Spragueia leo (Gn.)	R	3
Amolita roseola Sm.		2, 3	Sunira bicolorago (Gn.)	C R	
Amphipyra pyramidoides Gn.	C R		Sympista kappa (Grt.)		1, 2
Anicla infecta (Ochs.)	C R G	3	Tarache aprica (Hbn.)	C	
Argyrogramma verruca (F.)	R		Tricholita signata (Wlk.)	C	
Argyrostroma anilis (Dru.)	C R G		Xestia dilucida (Morr.)	C	
Arugisa latiorella (Wlk.)	R G		Xestia elimata (Gn.)	C	
Arugisa lutea (Sm.)	R		Nolidae		
Azenia obtusa (H.-S.)	R G	1, 3	Baileya arcadiana Brou		1, 3
Bagisara rectifascia (Grt.)		1, 2	Baileya australis (Grt.)		3
Baileya ophthalmica (Gn.)	R G		Baileya ophthalmica (Gn.)		1, 2
Balsa labecula (Grt.)	R		Meganola minuscula (Zell.)	R	
Bleptina caradrinalis Gn.	R		Meganola phylla (Dyar)	R	1, 2, 3
Caenurgia chloropha (Hbn.)	C R G		Meganola spodia Franc.		
			Nola cereella (Bosc)		1, 3
			Nola cilicoides (Grt.)		3

Taxa	PVZ	MEM	Taxa	PVZ	MEM
<i>Nola pustulata</i> (Wlk.)		1	<i>Euzophera semifuneralis</i> (Wlk.)		1
Notodontidae			<i>Glyptocera consobrinella</i> (Zell.)		2, 3
<i>Clostera inclusa</i> (Hbn.)		3	<i>Homoeosoma electellum</i> (Hulst)		1
<i>Dashylophia anguina</i> (J.E. Sm.)	R		<i>Immyrta nigrovittella</i> Dyar		2
<i>Datana angusii</i> G. & R.	R G	3	<i>Laetilia</i> sp.		1, 2
<i>Datana integerrima</i> G. & R.	R	3	<i>Macrorrhinia endonephele</i> (Hamp.)		1
<i>Datana major</i> G. & R.		1	<i>Parachma ochracealis</i> Wlk.		2, 3
<i>Datana ministra</i> (Drury)		3	<i>Peoria approximella</i> (Wlk.)		1, 2
<i>Datana</i> spp.	C R G	3	<i>Pococera asperatella</i> (Clem.)		3
<i>Furcula borealis</i> (Gu.r.)		1	<i>Quasisalebria atratella</i> (Blanch. & Kn.)		2
<i>Heterocampa biundata</i> Wlk.	R G		<i>Salebriaria carolynae</i> Neunzig		2, 3
<i>Heterocampa guttivitta</i> (Wlk.)	C R G	3	<i>Salebriaria fasciata</i> Neunzig		2
<i>Heterocampa obliqua</i> Pack.	C R G		<i>Salebriaria rufimaculatella</i> Neunzig		2
<i>Heterocampa umbrata</i> Wlk. R		3	<i>Salebriaria turpidella</i> (Rag.)		1
<i>Hyperaeschra georgica</i> (H.-S.)	C R	2, 3	<i>Sciota subfuscilla</i> (Rag.)		1, 2
<i>Lochmaeus bilineata</i> (Pack.)	C R G	1, 2, 3	<i>Sciota uvinella</i> (Rag.)		2
<i>Lochmaeus manteo</i> Dbdy.	C	3	<i>Tampa dimediatella</i> Rag.		3
<i>Macrurocampa marthesia</i> (Cram.)	C R G		<i>Tosale oviplagalis</i> (Wlk.)		1, 2
<i>Misogada unicolor</i> (Pack.)	R	1	<i>Tulsa finitella</i> (Wlk.)		1, 2
<i>Nadata gibbosa</i> (J.E. Sm.)	C R G	1, 3	<i>Varneria postremella</i> Dyar		1, 2, 3
<i>Nerice bidentata</i> Wlk.	R	3	Saturniidae		
<i>Oligocentria lignicolor</i> (Wlk.)		1	<i>Actias luna</i> (L.)	R G	2
<i>Peridea angulosa</i> R G			<i>Anisota stigma</i> (F.)	R G	3
<i>Peridea basitriens</i> (Wlk.)	R G	3	<i>Anisota virginensis</i> (Dru.)	R	
<i>Schizura ipomoeae</i> Dbdy.	R G		<i>Antheraea polyphemus</i> (Cram.)	R G	3
<i>Schizura leptinoides</i> (Grt.)	C	3	<i>Automeris io</i> (F.)	R G	2
<i>Schizura unicornis</i> (J.E. Sm.)		2	<i>Callosamia angulifera</i> (Wlk.)	R	
<i>Symmerista albifrons</i> (J.E. Sm.)	C R G	3	<i>Callosamia promethea</i> (Drury)		1
Oecophoridae			<i>Dryocampa rubicunda</i> (F.)	R	3
<i>Decantha boreasella</i> (Cham.)		1	<i>Eacles imperialis</i> (Drury)	R G	2, 3
<i>Epicallima argenticinctella</i> Clem.		1, 2, 3	Sesiidae		
<i>Inga cretacea</i> (Zell.)		3	<i>Synanthedon acerni</i> (Clem.)		1
<i>Inga sparsiciliella</i> (Clem.)		3	<i>Synanthedon exitiosa</i> (Say)	C	
Opostegidae			Sphingidae		
<i>Pseudopostega</i> sp.		1	<i>Agrius cingulata</i> (F.)	G	
Plutellidae			<i>Amorpha juglandis</i> (J.E. Sm.)	C G	1
<i>Plutella xylostella</i> (L.)		3	<i>Ceratonia catalpae</i> (Bdv.)	G	1, 2, 3
Prodoxidae			<i>Ceratonia undulosa</i> (Wlk.)	2	
<i>Prodoxus quinquepunctella</i> (Cham.)		1	<i>Darapsa choerilus</i> (Cram.)	R	1
<i>Tegeticula yuccasella</i> (Riley)		1	<i>Darapsa myron</i> (Cram.)	G	
Pterophoridae			<i>Eumorpha pandorus</i> (Hbn.)	G	
<i>Pselnophorus belfragei</i> (Fish)		1, 2, 3	<i>Lapara coniferarum</i> (J.E. Sm.)	R G	3
<i>Stenoptilia pallistriga</i> (B. & McD.)		3	<i>Manduca sexta</i> (L.)	C	
Pyralidae			<i>Paonias excaecata</i> (J.E. Sm.)	R G	3
<i>Acrobasis caryae</i> Grt.		2, 3	<i>Paonias myops</i> (J.E. Sm.)	G	1
<i>Acrobasis demotella</i> Grt.		1	<i>Paratrea plebeja</i> (F.)		2
<i>Acrobasis ostryella</i> Ely		2, 3	Thyrididae		
<i>Acrobasis stigmella</i> Dyar		3	<i>Thyris maculata</i> Harr.		3
<i>Adelphia petrella</i> (Zell.)		2, 3	Tineidae		
<i>Arta</i> sp.		3	<i>Acrolophus arcanella</i> (Clem.)		1, 2, 3
<i>Atrix</i> sp.		2	<i>Acrolophus mycetophagus</i> Davis		1
<i>Cabnia myronella</i> Dyar		1	<i>Acrolophus plumifrontella</i> (Clem.)		2
<i>Canarsia ulmiarrosorella</i> (Clem.)		2, 3	<i>Acrolophus popeanella</i> (Clem.)		3
<i>Dioryctria amatella</i> (Hulst)		2	<i>Diachorisia velatella</i> Clem.		2, 3
<i>Dioryctria disclusa</i> Heinr.		2	<i>Homosetia</i> n. sp.		1
<i>Ephestia columbiella</i> Neunzig		1	n. gen. n. sp.		3
<i>Ephestiodes infimella</i> Rag.		2	<i>Tinea apicimaculella</i> Cham.		1, 2, 3
<i>Eulogia ochrifrontella</i> (Zell.)		1	<i>Tinea unomaculella</i> Cham.		2, 3
<i>Eurythmia hospitella</i> (Zell.)		3	Tischeriidae		
<i>Euzophera ostricolorella</i> (Hulst)		2	<i>Tisheria</i> sp.		1, 3

