Midwest Region, USA **Beginner's Guide to Moths of the Midwest - Owlets**

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About the BEGINNER'S MOTHS OF THE MIDWEST GUIDES

Most photos were taken in west-central and central Illinois; a few are from eastern Iowa and north-central Wisconsin. Nearly all were posted to identification websites: BugGuide.net and iNaturalist.org. Identification help was provided by Aaron Hunt, Steve Nanz, John and Jane Balaban, Chris Grinter, Frank Hitchell, Jason Dombroskie, William H. Taft, Jim Wiker, and Terry Harrison as well as others contributing to the websites. Attempts were made to obtain expert verifications for all photos to the field identification level, however, there will be errors. Please contact the author with all corrections. Additional assistance was provided by longtime Lepidoptera survey partner, Susan Hargrove.

The intention of these guides is to provide the means to compare photographs of living specimens of related moths from the Midwest to aid the citizen scientists with identification in the field for Bio Blitz, Moth-ers Day, and other night lighting events. A taxonomic list to all the species featured is provided at the end along with some field identification tips.

WEBSITES PROVIDING IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

BugGuide.net iNaturalist.org Mothphotographersgroup.msstate.edu Insectsofiowa.org centralillinoisinsects.org/weblog/resources/

WHICH MOTH GUIDE TO USE

The moths were split into 6 groups for the purposes of creating smaller guides focusing on similar features of 1 or more superfamilies. The guides are split up thusly:

1) Macromoths – large showy moths generally ranging in size of 5-18cm; Superfamilies; Bombycoidea (royal, silkmoths, and sphinx moths), Cossoides (carpenterworm), Lasiocampoidea (lappet moths)



Antheraea polyphemus Polyphemus moth



Prionoxystus robiniae Carpenterworm moth



Darapsa myron Virginia Creeper Sphinx

2) Micromoths – tiny moths with wingspans generally <2cm the exception being the clearwing borers (Sesioidae) which average between 1-3cm; Other Superfamilies: Adeloidea (fairy moths), Choreutidae (metalmarks), Epermenioides (fringe-tufted moths), Gelechioidea (curve-horned moths – has greatest number of species), Gracillarioidea (tube moths), Micropterigoidea (mandibulate archaic moths), Schreckensteiniodea (bristle-legged moths), Tineoidea (clothes, carpenter, and bagworm moths), Yponomatoidea (ermine moths)



Dichomeris inversella Inverse Dichomeris



Caloptilia blandella Walnut Caloptilia



Synanthedon acerni Maple Callus Borer



Atteva aurea Alianthus webworm

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3) Geometer Moths (Geometroidea) – medium sized with wingspan 3-5 cm, most have angular sharp-pointed wings held open like butterflies; most larvae are "inchworms"



Macaria multilineata Many-lined Angle



Pleuroprucha insulsaria Tan Wave



Haematopis grataria Chickweed Geometer

Noctuoids/Owlets (Noctuodea) – most species of any moth superfamily, medium sized with wingspan generally 2-5cm, triangular shape with stout bodies; most are nocturnal but includes some daytime pollinators; lichen, tiger, fungus, underwing, forage looper, litter, bird-dropping, dagger, wood nymph, groundling, dark owlet, earworm, flower, borer, cutworm, dart, quaker, wainscot, sallow, looper, and prominent moths



Catocala nuptialis Married Underwing



Acronicta vinnula Delightful Dagger



Hypena abalienalis White-lined Hypena

Pyralids and Crambid Moths (Pyraloidea) snout moths – large group of small moths with wingspan of 1-4 cm, head bears long upturned labial palpi or snout; Guide also includes the Superfamilies: Drepanoidea (hooktip moths), Pterophoroidea (plume moths), Thryidoidea (thyris moths)



Herptogramma aeglaelis Serpentine Webworm



Chrysoteuchia topiaria Cranberry Girdler



Geina sp. Plume Moth



Dysodia oculatana Eyed Dysodia

Tortricid Moths (Tortricoidae) – tortrix and leafroller moths – large group of small moths (often grouped with micromoths) with wingspan 1-3 cm. Most are drab with mottled and marbled brown coloration. Some (Olethreutinae) have larvae which bore into plant stems, roots, buds, or seeds; Tortricinae larvae construct leaf rolls; Guide also includes the Superfamily: Zygaenoidea (slug, hag, skiff, skeletonizer moths)



Epiblema abruptana Abrupt Epiblema



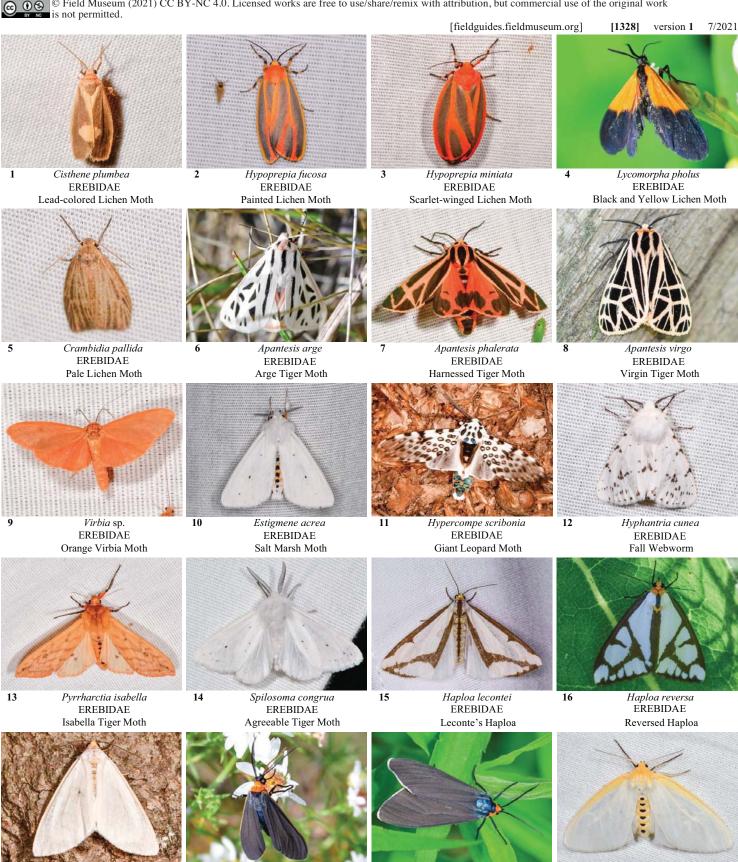
Choristoneura roseaceana Oblique-banded Leafroller



Apoda y-inversum Yellow-collared Slug Moth

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Cisseps fulvicollis

EREBIDAE

Yellow-collared Scape Moth

Ctenucha virginica

EREBIDAE

Virginia Ctenucha

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Cycnia tenera

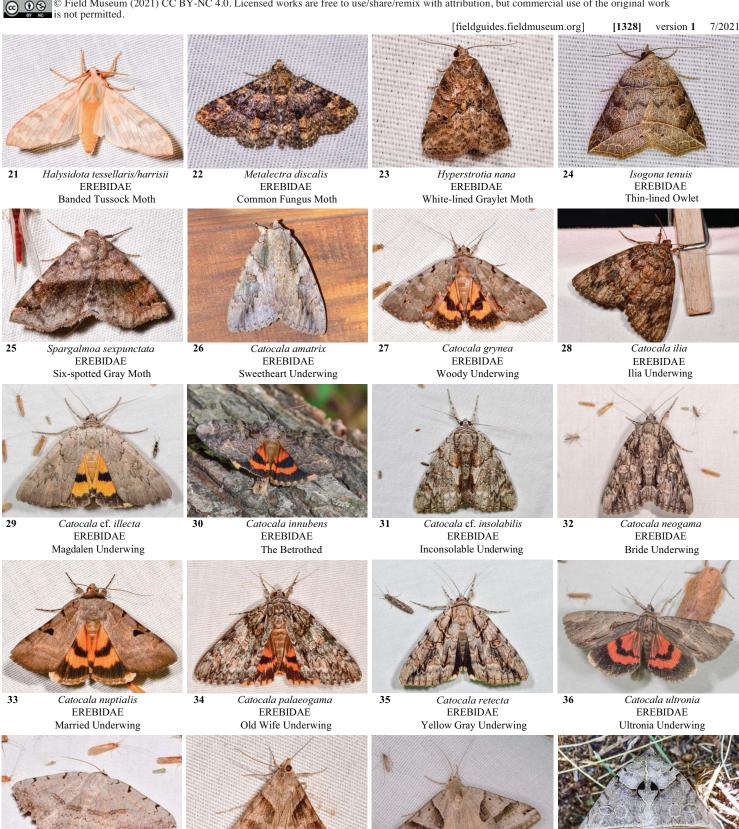
EREBIDAE Delicate Cycnia

Haploa sp. (pale form) EREBIDAE

Haploa Moth

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Spiloloma lunilinea **EREBIDAE** Moon-lined Moth

Caenurgina crassiuscula 38 **EREBIDAE** Clover Looper

Caenurgina erechtea EREBIDAE Forage Looper

Celiptera frustulum **EREBIDAE** Black Bit Moth

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[fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org] [1328] 7/2021 version 1 41 Mocis texana 42 Lesmone detrahens Parallelia bistriaris 44 Zale galbanata EREBIDAE EREBIDAE **EREBIDAE EREBIDAE** Maple Looper Moth Texas Mocis Moth Detracted Owlet Maple Zale Zale lunata 46 Ascalapha odorata Panopoda carneicosta Panopoda rufimargo EREBIDAE EREBIDAE EREBIDAE **EREBIDAE** Lunate Zale Black Witch Brown Panopoda Red-lined Panopoda Bleptina caradrinalis 51 52 49 50 Chytolita morbidalis Idia aemula Idia americalis **EREBIDAE EREBIDAE EREBIDAE EREBIDAE** Bent-winged Owlet Morbid Owlet Common Idia American Idia 53 Idia cf. diminuendos Idia cf. forbesii 55 Idia cf. rotundalis 56 Lascoria ambigualis **EREBIDAE** EREBIDAE EREBIDAE EREBIDAE Oange -spotted Idia Forbes's Moth Rotund Idia Moth Ambiguous Moth

57 Macrochilo hypocritalis **EREBIDAE** Two-dotted Macrochilo

Macrochilo litophora **EREBIDAE** Brown-lined Owlet

Palthis angulalis **EREBIDAE** Dark-spotted Palthis

Palthis asopialis **EREBIDAE** Faint-spotted Palthis

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Phalaenophana pyramusalis 61 EREBIDAE Dark-banded Owlet



Phalaenostola larentioides EREBIDAE Black-banded Phalaenostola



Phalaenostola metonalis **EREBIDAE** Pale Phalaenostola



Renia adspergillus **EREBIDAE** Speckled Renia



Renia salusalis EREBIDAE Dotted Renia



Tetanolita floridana EREBIDAE Florida Tetanolita



Zanclognatha cf. cruralis EREBIDAE Early Fan Foot



Zanclognatha cf. jacchusalis EREBIDAE Fan Foot Moth



Zanclognatha pedipilalis EREBIDAE Grayish Fan Foot



70 Hypena abalienalis EREBIDAE White-lined Hypena



Hypena bijugalis **EREBIDAE** Dimorphic Hypena



Hypena deceptalis EREBIDAE Deceptive Hypena



Hypena humuli EREBIDAE Hop Vine Hypena



Hypena madefactalis **EREBIDAE** Gray-edged Hypena



Hypena manalis **EREBIDAE** Flowing Line Hypena



76 Hypena scabra EREBIDAE Green Cloverworm Moth



Orgyia leucostigma EREBIDAE White-marked Tussock Moth



Melanomma auricinctaria **EREBIDAE** Gold-lined Melanomma



Ledaea perditalis EREBIDAE Lost Owlet



Rivula propingualis **EREBIDAE** Spotted Grass Moth

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Nigetia formosalis **EREBIDAE** Thin-winged Owlet



82 Scoleocampa liburna EREBIDAE Dead-wood Borer Moth



Marathyssa inflicta EUTELIIDAE Dark Marathyssa



Paectes oculatrix **EUTELIIDAE** Eyed Paectes Moth



85 Ponometia candefacta NOCTUIDAE Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth



Ponometia erastrioides NOCTUIDAE Small Bird-dropping Moth



Ponometia semiflava NOCTUIDAE The Half-yellow



Spragueia apicallis NOCTUIDAE Yellow Spragueia Moth



Spragueia leo NOCTUIDAE Common Bird-dropping Moth



Tarache aprica NOCTUIDAE Exposed Bird-dropping Moth



Acronicta afflicta NOCTUIDAE Afflicted Dagger



Acronicta connecta NOCTUIDAE Connected Dagger



93 Acronicta fragilis NOCTUIDAE Fragile Dagger



Acronicta cf. interrupta NOCTUIDAE Interrupted Dagger



Acronicta cf. morula NOCTUIDAE Ochre Dagger



Acronicta cf. retardata NOCTUIDAE Maple Dagger



Acronicta cf. rubricoma NOCTUIDAE Ruddy Dagger



Acronicta vinnula NOCTUIDAE Delightful Dagger



Cerma crintha NOCTUIDAE Tufted Bird-dropping Moth



100 Harrisimemna trisignata NOCTUIDAE Harris' Three Spot

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117 Marimatha nigrofimbria NOCTUIDAE Black-bordered Lemon

118 Protodeltote muscosula NOCTUIDAE Large Mossy Glyph

119 Tripuda quadrifera NOCTUIDAE Harp-winged Tripuda

120 Tripuda rectangula

NOCTUIDAE Rectangular Tripuda

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Flower Moth

Three-lined Flower Moth

Gray Half-spot

Double-lobed Moth

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Leucania ursula NOCTUIDAE Ursula Wainscot

158 Leucania sp. 4 NOCTUIDAE Wainscot Moth

Mythimna unipuncta NOCTUIDAE White Speck Moth

Agrotis ipsilon 160

NOCTUIDAE Ipsilon Dart

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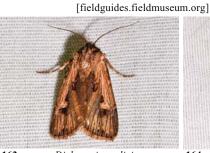
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NOCTUIDAE Snowy Dart



Anicla inflecta NOCTUIDAE Green Cutworm



163 Dichagyris acclivis NOCTUIDAE Inclined Dart Moth



Feltia jaculifera NOCTUIDAE Dingy Cutworm Moth



165 Peridroma saucia NOCTUIDAE Variegated Cutworm Moth



166 Agnorisma badinodis NOCTUIDAE Pale-banded Dart



Meganola cf. minusula NOCTUIDAE Meganola Moth

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Meganola cf. phylla NOCTUIDAE Meganola Moth



169 Protolampra brunneicollis NOCTUIDAE Brown-collared Dart



170 Xestia c-nigrum dolosa complex NOCTUIDAE Black-letter Dart



171 Spodoptera ornithogalli NOCTUIDAE Yellow-striped Armyworm



Pseudeustrotia carneola NOCTUIDAE Pink-barred Pseudeustrotia



173 Cosmia calami NOCTUIDAE American Dun-bar



174 Eupsilia vinulenta NOCTUIDAE Straight-toothed Sallow



Sunira bicolorago NOCTUIDAE Bicolored Sallow



176 Charadra deridens NOCTUIDAE The Laugher



Chrysodeixis includens NOCTUIDAE Soybean Looper



Rachiplusia ou NOCTUIDAE Gray Looper



Allographta aerea NOCTUIDAE Unspotted Looper



180 Anagrapha falcifera NOCTUIDAE Celery Looper

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181 Autographa precationis NOCTUIDAE Common Looper



Raphia frater NOCTUIDAE The Brother Moth



183 Garella nilotica NOLIDAE Black-olive Caterpillar Moth



Nola cereella NOLIDAE Sorghum Webworm Moth



185 Baileya australis NOLIDAE Small Baileya



186 Furcula cinereal NOTODONTIDAE Gray Furcula



Heterocampa biundata NOTODONTIDAE Wavy-lined Heterocampa



Heterocampa subrotata NOTODONTIDAE Small Heterocampa



189 Heterocampa umbrata NOTODONTIDAE White-blotched Heterocampa



Lochmaeus bilineata NOTODONTIDAE **Double-lined Prominent**



191 Paraeschra georgica NOTODONTIDAE Georgia Prominent



192 Schizura unicornis NOTODONTIDAE Unicorn Caterpillar Moth



Gluphisia septentrionis 193 NOTODONTIDAE Common Gluphisia



Nerice bidentata NOTODONTIDAE Double-toothed Prominent



Phoesia rimosa NOTODONTIDAE Black-rimmed Prominent



196 Ellida caniplaga NOTODONTIDAE Linden prominent



197 Datana integerrima NOTODONTIDAE Walnut Caterpillar Moth



Datana perspicua NOTODONTIDAE Spotted Datana Moth



Nadata gibbosa NOTODONTIDAE White-dotted Prominent



Peridea angulosa NOTODONTIDAE Prominent Moth

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TAXONOMIC LIST OF MOTHS INCLUDED IN FIELD GUIDE

This list attempts to depict the organization of the photos by taxonomic grouping. While all moths in the photos have assigned superfamilies and families not all of those are classified to subfamily, tribe or subtribe. Where these classifications are available, they were used to organize the photos. Taxonomic classification was obtained from iNaturalist and BugGuide.

SUPERFAMILY: Noctuoidea FAMILY: Erebidae

> SUBFAMILY: Arctiinae TRIBE: Lithosiini

SUBTRIBE: Cisthenina

- 1 Cisthene plumbea Lead-colored Lichen Moth: medium gray with central peach spot and streak
- 2 Hypoprepia fucosa Painted Lichen Moth: bright orange-red and gray vertical striping
- 3 Hypoprepia miniata Scarlet Lichen Moth: bright red and gray vertical striping
- 4 Lycomorpha pholus Black and Yellow Lichen Moth: bright orange-yellow front, black posterior; net-wing beetle mimic

SUBTRIBE: Lithosiini

5 Crambidia pallida Pale Lichen Moth: warm light brown with linear streaks

TRIBE: Arctiina

SUBTRIBE: Arctiina

- 6 Apantesis arge Arge Tiger Moth: cream with black vertical marks and pale pink highlights; found in sand prairies
- 7 Apantesis phalerata Harnessed Tiger Moth: cream vertical cross hatching with black, red and black underwings
- 8 Apantesis virgo Virgin Tiger Moth: black with cream cross hatching, orange red underwings with black spots
- 9 Virbia sp. Orange Virbia: bright orange to orange-yellow coloration, some with blue eyes

SUBTRIBE: Spilosomina

- 10 Estigmene acrea Salt Marsh Moth: white with black speckling; bright orange underwings and body
- 11 Hypercompe scribonia Giant Leopard Moth: large size; white with black spots; body with metallic blue and orange spots
- 12 Hyphantria cunea Fall Webworm Moth: all white often with tiny black spots; fuzzy head
- 13 Pyrrharctia isabella Isabella Tiger Moth: (wooly bear caterpillar) tannish-orange with black spots
- 14 Spilosoma congrua Agreeable Tiger Moth: all white often with tiny black spots, and orange on face and abdomen; fuzzy head

SUBTRIBE: Callimorhpina

- 15 Haploa lecontei Leconte's Haploa: white with dark chocolate border and upsidedown Y
- 16 Haploa reversa Reversed Haploa: most common; white with bold chocolate cross hatching 17
- 17 Haploa sp. Haploa Moth: pale form; distinguished from delicate cycnia by triangular shape

SUBTRIBE: Ctenuchina

- 18 Cisseps fulvicollis Yellow-collared Scape Moth: very common on flowers; black with orange head and thorax
- 19 Ctenucha virginica Virginia Ctenucha: less common; black with metallic blue thorax and body, orange on head only

SUBTRIBE: Phaegopherina

- 20 Cycnia tenera Delicate Cycnia Moth: white with peach wing edges; rounded wings; peach and black marking on body
- 21 Halysidota tessellaris/harrisii Banded Tussock Moth: translucent peach wings resemble tissue paper; teal & orange markings on fuzzy thorax; genitalia dissection required for species ID

SUBFAMILY: Boletobiinae

TRIBE: Boletobiini

22 Metalectra discalis Common Fungus Moth: medium brown rounded wings with fine white speckling

TRIBE: Phytometrini

- 23 Hyperstrotia nana White-lined Graylet: overall brownish-gray, often with darker horizontal band across middle
- 24 Isogona tenuis Thin-lined Owlet: warm brown with sharp-pointed wingtips and distinct veins cross by a curving horizontal line on the posterior end
- 25 Spargalmoa sexpunctata Six-spotted Gray Moth: brownish-gray with slightly scalloped or blocky wings; dark brown horiztonal band

SUBFAMILY: Eribinae

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TRIBE: Catocalini

- 26 Catocala amatrix Sweetheart Underwing: red and black banded underwings; indistinct gray-brown mottling on
- 27 Catocala grynea Woody Underwing: orange and black banded underwings; pale brown-gray forewings with black marks on leading edge
- 28 Catocala illecta Magdalen Underwing: pale grayish brown with bold orange and black underwings
- 29 Catocala ilia Ilea Underwing: darker brown-gray forewings often with twin white spots in center; reddish-orange and black banded underwings
- 30 Catocala innubens The Betrothed: dark brown forewings often with pale wing tips; red and black banded underwings
- 31 Catocala insolabilis Inconsolable Underwing: pale gray-brown forewings darker over back; black underwings
- 32 Catocala neogama Bride Underwing: medium warm brown forewings with orange and black banded underwings
- 33 Catocala nuptialis Married Underwing: pale brown-gray forewings with dark triangular patches on middle of leading wing edge; orange and black banded underwings
- 34 Catocala palaeogama Old Wife Underwing: pale gray-brown mottled forewings; orange or red and black underwings
- 35 Catocala retecta Yellow Gray Underwing: mottled gray-brown forewings; black underwings fringed with pale yellow
- 36 Catocala ultronia Ultronia Underwing: brown-gray light and dark vertically streaked forewings; red and black underwings
- 37 Spiloloma lunilinea Moon-lined Moth: pale gray with series of dark brown spots on leading edge of forewing; holds wings wide open like butterflies

TRIBE: Euclidiini

- 38 Caenurgina crassiuscula Clover Looper: warm gray-brown with 2 rows of reddish brown horizontal marks
- 39 Caenurgina erechtea Forage Looper: mouse gray coloration with horizontal brown marks
- 40 Celiptera frustulum Black Bit Moth: pale gray with yellowish tan posterior horizontal stripe and twin black spots behind thorax
- 41 Mocis texana Texas Mocis Moth: pale gray-brown with less distinct horizontal markings

TRIBE: Omopterini

- 42 Lesmone detrahens Detracted Owlet: dark gray-brown with rounded underwings and two small white spots in center of forewings
- 43 Parallelia bistriaris Maple Looper: medium brown triangular shaped with 2 wavy horizontal lines across
- 44 Zale galbanata Maple Zale: large dark brown-gray with finely scalloped wing edges
- 45 Zale lunata Lunate Zale: large brown often with white or reddish patches on forewings; finely scalloped wing edges

TRIBE: Thermesiini

46 Ascalapha odorata Black Witch: very large moth, warm brown with blue crescent and eye marks; holds wings flat out like butterflies

SUBFAMILY: Eulepidotinae

- 47 Panopoda carneicosta Brown Panopoda: pale brown-gray with dark dot and checkmark in center of wings
- 48 Panopoda rufimargo Red-lined Panopoda: tan-brown with reddish 2 horizontal stripes across forewings

SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae

- 49 Bleptina caradrinalis Bent-winged Owlet: pale brown-gray, triangular shape with twin dark spots on center of forewings
- 50 Chytolita morbidalis Morbid Owlet: tan with 2 wavy horizontal stripes with twin black spots above the lower wave
- 51 Idia aemula Common Idia: warm brown with dark brown wavy horizontal stripes and twin peach spots on forewings
- 52 Idia americalis American Idia: mottled gray front blending to brownish posterior with orangish marks on forewing
- 53 Idia dimineunalis Orange-spotted Idia
- 54 Idia forbesii Forbes's Idia
- 55 Idia rotundalis Rotund Idia
- 56 Lascoria ambigualis Ambiguous Moth: elephant snout, triangular reddish brown with uneven or scalloped base of wings

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57Macrochilo hypocritalis Two-dotted Macrochilo: curved snout, pale tan, triangular shape with inverted v markings 58 Macrochilo litophora Brown-lined Owlet: curved snout, pale tan, triangular shape with parallel wavy horizontal striping across forewings

59 Palthis angulalis Dark-spotted Palthis: elephant snout, folded wings, tan with dark reddish brown inverted V across wings

60 Palthis asopialis Faint-spotted Palthis: elephant snout, folded wings, tan with brown horizontal band

61 Phalaenophana pyramusalis Dark-banded Owlet: pale tan deltoid shaped with large curved horned and wavy wing edges and dark horizontal striped bands

62 Phalaenostola larentioides Black-banded Owlet: darker brown-gray triangular shaped with narrow elephant snout and wavy wing edges and dark horizontal striped bands

63 Phalaenostola metonalis Pale Phalaenostola: pale warm brown triangular shaped with narrow elephant snout; thin wavy horizontal lines across forewing

64 Renia adspergillus Speckled Renia: pale to medium brown deltoid with peach spots and dark wavy lines across forewing

65 Renia salusalis Dotted Renia: pale tan brown deltoid with peach dashes and spots arranged in wavy line across lower forewing

66 Tetanolita floridana Florida Retanolita: pale tan brown deltoid with faint spots and darker bands across forewing

67 Zanclognatha cruralis Early Fan Foot: pale tan triangular shaped with 3 parallel wavy lines across forewings

68 Zanclognatha jacchusalis Wavy-lined Fan Foot: tan gray triangular shaped with 3 parallel wavy lines, pale line across lower forewing

69 Zanclognatha pedipilalis Gray Fan Foot; pale gray triangular shaped with 3 parallel wavy lines across forewing

SUBFAMILY: Hypeninae

70 Hypena abalienalis White-lined Hypena: chocolate brown, deltoid snout moth with white lace border

71 Hypena bijugalis Dimorphic Hypena: deltoid snout moth with dark brown triangular patches on outer forewings, often outlined in white

72 Hypena deceptalis Deceptive Hypena: deltoid snout moth, often two-toned brown with 2 pale horizontal stripes across forewings

73 Hypena humuli Hop Vine Hypena: narrow deltoid snout moth, warm brown, outer dark patches on forewings less distinct

74 Hypena madefactalis Gray-edged Hypena: reddish brown deltoid snout moth with gray banded at base of forewings

75 Hypena manalis Flowing-line Hypena: similar to H. bijugalis but dark brown patches more blob-shaped and often outlined in white

76 Hypena scabra Green Cloverworm: most common Hypena, narrow deltoid often with dark patches on outer forwings, color variable brown-gray

77 Melanomma auricinctaria Gold-lined Melanomma: pale brownish-gray with slightly folded wings and black eyespots near out part of forewings

SUBFAMILY: Lymantriinae

TRIBE: Orgyiini

78 Orgia leucostigma White-marked Tussock Moth: fuzzy gray legs and body, often with 2 small white spots on interior of forewing

SUBFAMILY: Pangraptinae

79 Ledaea perditalis Lost Owlet: warm tan, deltoid shaped with blocky wing edges and a dark brown handlebar moustache across the lower forewings

SUBFAMILY: Rivulinae

80 Rivula propingualis Spotted Grass Moth: tannish-buff coloration with inverted V striping and 2 distinct brown spots on central outer edge of forewings

SUBFAMILY: Scolecocampinae

81 Nigetia formosalis Thin-winged Owlet: white with narrow head and sharply pointed wings and wide brown-black medial stripe

82 Scolecocampa liburna Dead-wood Borer Moth: pale buffy tan, small head, flattened deltoid wings with black spots

FAMILY: Euteliidia

SUBFAMILY: Euteliinae

83 Marathyssa inficita Dark Marathyssa: mottled reddish brown to gray-brown with open wings folded accordion-like

84 Paectes oculatrix Eyed Paectes: white, gray and brown with large swirled eye spots on basal interior of forewings

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FAMILY: Noctuidae

SUBFAMILY: Acontiinae TRIBE: Acontia

- 85 Ponometia candefacta Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth: resembles bird dropping; white and gray coloration with orange-olive shading
- 86 Ponometia erastrioides Small Bird-dropping Moth: small white and gray backed moth resembling bird dropping
- 87 Ponometia semiflava The Half Yellow: golden yellow anterior; brown posterior; found in sand prairies
- 88 Spragueia apicalis Yellow Spragueia: tan-peach coloration with rusty tufted thorax and head
- 89 Spragueia leo Common Spragueia: bright orange with black dashed markings
- 90 Tarache aprica Exposed Bird-dropping Moth: slate gray with white head and lateral spots; resembles bird dropping

SUBFAMILY: Acronictinae dagger moths – nocturnal most mottled brown or gray with white spots

- 91 Acronicta afflicta Afflicted Dagger: dark grayish brown with white speckling and prominent white eyespots on
- 92 Acronicta connecta Connected Dagger: pale gray to warm reddish-brown with darker interior seams between the folded wings
- 93 Acronicta fragilis Fragile Dagger: gray heavily speckled with black and white and white horizontal zig zag markings across forewing
- 94 Acronicta interrupta Interrupted Dagger: pale mottled gray with dark seams at wing folds
- 95 Acronicta morula Ochre Dagger: pale gray more heavily mottled with dark streaking; some with orangish cast
- 96 Acronicta retardata Maple Dagger: medium mottled gray with lots of white speckling, often with 2 sets of prominent white eye spots on forewing
- 97 Acronicta rubricoma Ruddy Dagger: pale to medium mottled gray with lots of white and dark speckling, gray eye spots on forewing
- 98 Acronicta vinnula Delightful Dagger: pale gray or olive-gray with white eye spots and broken wavy line across lower forewings
- 99 Cerma cerintha Tufted Bird-dropping Moth: triangular shape, olive-brown head and basal band, white medial area outlined in olive and mottled gray
- 100 Harrisimemna trisignata Harris's Three-spot: white with delicate lacey black markings and orange-brown thorax and spots (3 pairs) on forewing

SUBFAMILY: Agaristinae

- 101 Alypia octomaculata Eight-spotted Forester: black with 8 prominent white or cream colored spots, 2 pairs on forewing, 2 on hindwing; orange leg tufts
- 102 Eudryas grata Beautiful Wood Nymph: resembles bird dropping; larger, white with wings outlined in dark reddish brown, outer margin is curved; vellowish-orange underwings
- 103 Eudryas unio Pearly Wood Nymph: resembles bird droppings; smaller, white with wings outlined in dark reddish brown, brown scalloped shape along terminal edge; yellowish-orange underwings
- 104 Psychomorpha epimenis Grapevine Epimenis: black and dark blue with bold white spots on outer forewing, red spots on underwing

SUBFAMILY: Amphiphyrinae

TRIBE: Amphipyrini

- 105 Amphipyra pyramidoides Copper Underwing: coppery brown color with lighter terminal band and tiny eye spots on upper forewing
- 106 Azenia obtusa Obtuse Yellow: bright yellow with rusty head and spots on forewing SUBFAMILY: Bagisarinae 107 Amyna stricta Eight-spotted Moth: rust and rosy-brown coloration with 2 prominent white spots on center of forewings

SUBFAMILY: Balsinae

108 Balsa labecula White-blotched Balsa: pale mottled gray with rounded wings

SUBFAMILY: Condicinae TRIBE: Condicini

- 109 Condica vecors Dusky Groundling: dark shiny brown with white speckling
- 110 Condica videns White-dotted Groundling: streaked reddish brown with two white spots on forewings and white underwings
- 111 Homophoberia apicosa Black Wedge-spot: dark black to slate gray with rosy tan terminal band and central spots, 2 black wedge-shaped spots on the interior upper forewing
- 112 Ogdoconta cinereola Common Pinkband: rosy brown color with faint pale wavy lines and a pale rosy-tan terminal band
- 113 Perigea xanthioides Red Groundling: rusty orange coloration with black and gray speckling marks on forewings

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TRIBE: Leuconyctini

114 Crambodes talidiformis Verbena Moth: warm buffy brown streaked with horizontal white dashes on forewing 115 Leuconycta dephteroides Green Leuconycta: blue-green lichen coloration with with black markings on leading edge of forewing

SUBFAMILY: Eustrotiinae

- 116 Maliattha synochitis Black-dotted Maliattha: white with large central olive-green spot with a few black dots 117 Marimatha nigrofimbria Black-bordered Lemon: lemon yellow with black terminal border and 2 pairs of small black dots on forewings
- 118 Protodeltote muscosula Large Mossy Glyph: white mottled with brown and olive; white crescent band on lower central portion of forewings
- 119 Tripudia quadrifera Harp-winged Tripudia: rosy brown color with blocky dark brown central mark on forewings
- 120 Tripudia rectangular Rectangular Tripudia: rosy brown color with central brown mark more rectangular shaped
- SUBFAMILY: Heliothinae day flying flower moths often with black banded underwings, cream diagonal stripes on forewing
 - 121 Chloridea virescens Tobacco Budworm: pale olive to tan coloration with 3 diagonal stripes across forewings; similar to Schinia trifascia but Schinia has fuzzy thorax and upper strips curves inward
 - 122 Helicoverpa zea Corn Earworm: common, buffy tan with dark mottling and a diffuse line of dots along the base of the forewing; wide black banded underwings
 - 123 Heliocheilus lupatus Spotted Straw Moth: uncommon, buffy tan to yellowish-orange with a pair of dark spots on the center of the forewing
 - 124 Heliothis phloxiphasa Spotted Buff Gem Moth: yellowish tan with bold dark brown marking on edge of forewing and distinctly banded black and white underwings
 - 125 Pyrrhia cilisca Bordered Sallow Moth: orange with fine red-brown wavy stripes on forewing; hindwing yellow with purplish bands
 - 126 Schinia arcigera Arcigera Flower Moth: deep russet terminal band and fuzzy thorax with pale rosy cream medial band across forewings
 - 127 Schinia florida Primrose Flower Moth: associated with primrose, lemon yellow head and terminal band, bright pink media band across forewings
 - 128 Schinia grandimedia Boneset Flower Moth: pale olive with 3 diagonal stripes across forewing; very similar to Schinia trifascia but upper curved stripe is more distinct (less difuse)
 - 129 Schinia jaguarina Scurf Pea Flower Moth: warm medium brown head and terminal band with pale brown medial band; bold orange and brown on underwings; associated with scurf pea
 - 130 Schinia lucens Leadplant Flower Moth: purplish brown coloration with white zig zag stripes; tan and black underwings; associated with landplant
 - 131 Schinia nubila Camphorweed Flower Moth: reddish brown with medium brown medial stripe and think black and orange bands on underwings; sand prairies on camphorweed and related plants
 - 132 Schinia nundina Goldenrod Flower Moth: white with olive-tan splotched banded and black crescent marks on central outer edge of forewings; associated with goldenrods
 - 133 Schinia obscurata Fleabane Flower Moth: warm orange-tan with pale medial band and wide black band on underwings; associated with daisy fleabane plants
 - 134 Schinia rivulosa Ragweed Flower Moth: dark gray-brown with lighter medial band lined in white; associated with ragweed
 - 135 Schinia saturata Brown Flower Moth: rusty brown with orange-brown medial band; pale tan underwings
 - 136 Schinia siren Alluring Flower Moth: golden yellow with buffy yellow medial band; often found on yellow flowers: black underwings
 - 137 Schinia trifascia Three-lined Flower Moth: pale olive tan with 3 diagonal stripes across forewing; similar to Chloridea virescens but tobacco budworm lacks fluffy thorax and stripes do not curve

138 Schinia sp. 13 Flower Moth

SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Actinotiini

> 139 Nedra ramosula Gray Half-spot: heavily streaked brown and white giving gray appearance; white crescent spots on center of forewing

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TRIBE: Apameini

140 Lateroligia ophiogramma Double-lobed Moth: warm brown coloration with dark brown lobes on central outer portion of forewing

141 Meropleon ambifusca Newman's Brocade Moth: inner forewing dark gray-brown shaded with black; outer part and hindwings whitish shaded with light gray

142 Oligia chlorostigma Cutworm Moth: dark gray-brown with olive green and white markings on forewing

143 Papaipema baptisiae Indigo Stalk Borer Moth: orange-brown with pairs of white spots (2 upper and 2 lower) on

144 Papaipema nebris Stalk Borer Moth: medium gray-brown with 2 pairs of white spots on upper and lower forewing

TRIBE: Cardrinini

SUBTRIBE: Athetiina

145 Athetis tarda Slowpoke Moth: medium brown coloration with fine white and black speckling, 2 sets of faint wavy horizontal stripes across forewings

146 Proxenus miranda Miranda Moth: narrow wings, shiny brass to dark brown coloration with fine white spots on center of forewing

TRIBE: Elaphriini

147 Chytonix palliatricula Cloaked Maryel: dark chocolate brown mottled, some have large white blob shapes on central forewing

148 Elaphria chalcedonia Chalcedony Midget: medium brown with lighter warm yellow-brown head extending down the outer edge of the forewings, whitish medial spots

149 Elaphria grata Grateful Midget: rosy brown color with curved horizontal white stripes and 2 small white dots across the forewing

150 Elaphria versicolor Variegated Midget: dark brown some with rust markings, white medial stripe and pale patches on outer tips of forewing

151 Galgula partitia The Wedgling: orange-brown color with dark spots on central outer edge of forewing and v-shaped shading; similar to Rivula propingualis (spotted grass moth) but lacking deltoid shape

TRIBE: Eriopygini

152 Lacinipolia renigera Bristly Cutworm: common; dark rosy brown with olive green spots outlined in white on the center of forewings

153 Pseudorthodes vecors Small Brown Quaker: rusty brown color with 2 white spots and dark diffuse horizontal striping across forewings

TRIBE: Hadenini

154 Melanchra adjuncta Hitched Arches: dark brown-black coloration with white crescent spots and much white lace-like speckling throughout forewings

TRIBE: Leucaniini

155 Leucania amygdalina Northern Linen Wainscot: pale rosy tan with fuzzy thorax, fine dotted horizontal line across basal forewing with 2 central brown and white spots

156 Leucania pseudarygia False Wainscot Moth: warm tan with fuzzy thorax and front leg tufts; fine dotted horizontal line across basal forewing

157 Leucania ursula Ursula Wainscot: warm tan, somewhat shiny with fuzzy thorax and front leg tufts; two faint rows of dotted horizontal lines across basal forewing

158 Leucania sp. 4 Wainscot Moth

159 Mythimna unipuncta White Speck Moth: common; shiny rust colored with small "specks" on the central forewings

TRIBE: Noctuini

SUBTRIBE: Agrotina

160 Agrotis ipsilon Ipsilon Dart: shiny mottled dark and light brown with black markings and pale gray underwings

161 Anicla illapsa Snowy Dart: medium gray with rosy brown terminal band on forewings

162 Anicla infecta Green Cutworm: pale gray with rusty brown on central tip and black central spots on forewings

163 Dichagyris acclivis Inclined Dart; shiny copper colored with black vertical streaks and brown eye spots on central forewing

164 Feltia jaculifera Dingy Cutworm: gray with bold black and yellow-brown geometric pattern on forewings

165 Peridroma saucia Variegated Cutworm: medium brown, somewhat shiny with few speckling on forewings

SUBTRIBE: Noctuina

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166 Agnorisma badinodis Pale-banded Dart: rosy brown color with darker horizontal shading of curved and wavy lines; pair of black dots and block shaped markings on forewing

167 Meganola minusula Meganola Moth: light gray to gray-olive, squatly triangular moths

168 Meganola phylla Meganola Moth

169 Protolampra brunneicollis Brown-collared Dart: rosy brown with light brown collar below thorax and pale tan

170 Xestia c-nigrum/dolosa complex; Black-letter Dart: warm reddish brown color with orange spots surrounded by black on outer medial edge of forewings

TRIBE: Prodeniini

171 Spodoptera ornithogalli Yellow-striped Armyworm: common; brown with white and yellowish-tan shading on forewing, y-shaped white marks, median basal area dark gray, pale hindwing

TRIBE: Pseudesustrontini

172 Pseudeustrotia carneola Pink-barred Pseudeustrotia: dark chocolate brown with pale pink diagonal slashes across center and pale white terminal band on forewings

TRIBE: Xylenini

SUBTRIBE: Cosmiina

173 Cosmia calami American Dun-bar Moth: peach color with 2 pairs of curved white horizontal strips and 6 circular spots in center of forewing

SUBTRIBE: Xylenina

174 Eupsilia vinulenta Straight-toothed Sallow: rusty orange or brown color with pale central stripe and 2 central white spots on forewing

175 Sunira bicolorago Bicolored Sallow: orange-yellow coloration with gray horizontal bands

SUBFAMILY: Pantheinae

176 Charadra deridens The Laugher: white to play gray with gray and black mottling and central eyespots on forewing

SUBFAMILY: Plusiinae

TRIBE: Argyrogrammatini

177 Chrysodeixis includens Soybean Looper: gray, brown, and rust with 1 large tuft on thorax, 2 smaller tufts along back and 2 white marks forming comma shape on each side of forewing

178 Rachiplusia ou Gray Looper: medium gray with tufts on thorax and along back, central white spots with 2 tentacle-like extensions on central forewing

TRIBE: Plusiini

SUBTRIBE: Euchalciina

179 Allagrapha aerea Unspotted Looper: golden yellow head with mottled rusty forewings; no white spots

SUBTRIBE: Plusiina

180 Anagrapha falcifera Celery Looper: grayish to reddish brown with white central spot having 2 tentacle-like extensions, one extending in arch to thorax

181 Autographa precationis Common Looper: gray, brown, and rust color with white spot closed at base with 2 forward extentions

SUBFAMILY: Raphiinae

182 Raphia frater The Brother: pale to medium gray with black wavy horizontal stripes and eye spots across forewing; white underwings

FAMILY: Nolidae

SUBFAMILY: Chloephorinae

183 Garella nilotica Black-olive Caterpillar Moth: pale gray coloration often with black shoulders

SUBFAMILY: Nolinae

184 Nola cereella Sorghum Webworm Moth: white with sharply triangular thin-wings

SUBFAMILY: Risobinae

185 Baileya australis Small Baileya: mottled gray-brown with white collar around thorax and black tipped forewings

FAMILY: Notodontidae

SUBFAMILY: Cerurinae

186 Furcula cinerea Gray Furcula: gray with fuzzy thorax and front leg tufts; forewings speckled with orange and black spots

SUBFAMILY: Heterocampinae

187 Heterocampa biundata Wavy-lined Heterocampa: deep olive green with fuzzy thorax and front leg tufts with rusty-orange wavy horizontal stripes on forewing

188 Heterocampa subrotata Small Heterocampa: smaller size, olive green and orange with fuzzy thorax and leg tufts; pale eye spots and white crescent marks on basal area of forewings

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189 Heterocampa umbrata White-blotched Heterocampa: gray-olive with fuzzy thorax and leg tufts, pale green or white patches on outer portion of forewings

190 Lochmaeus bilineata Double-lined Prominent: mottled gray to brown with wavy white horizontal stripes across

191 Paraeschra georgica Georgia Prominent: mottled gray and brown, yellowish-tan shoulders

192 Schizura unicornis Unicorn Caterpillar Moth: pale to medium brown with tufted thorax and thin forewings curled underneath

SUBFAMILY: Notodontinae

193 Gluphisia septentrionis Common Gluphisia: fuzzy gray thorax with dark brown mottling or bands across central forewing

194 Nerice bidentata Double-toothed Prominent: pale gray medially with reddish-brown scalloped markings lined in white on lateral/outer portion of forewings

195 Pheosia rimosa Black-rimmed Prominent: medium brown medially with white streak through center and dark brown-black tips to forewings

SUBFAMILY: Periergosinae

196 Ellida caniplaga Linden Prominent: medium gray with tufted thorax; forewings may be curled under next to body, white and black crescent marks on forewings

SUBFAMILY: Phalerinae

197 Datana integerrima Walnut Caterpillar Moth: pale tannish-orange with darker horizontal center strip and bright rusty-orange head

198 Datana perspicua Spotted Datana: pale tannish-orange with darker horizontal center strip and two dark spots on center of forewings; bright rusty-orange head

199 Nadata gibbosa White-dotted Prominent: golden yellow-orange color with two sets of central white dots and white dashed outline on terminal edge of forewing

200 Peridea angulosa Angulose Prominent: fluffy gray to gray-olive coloration with orange and white spots on forewings; pale hindwings