

LEPIDOPTERA OF THE LOWDEN SPRINGS CONSERVATION AREA, ALBERTA, 2002-2006

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Native grasses, Prairie Crocus and Three-flowered Avens; Lowden Springs Conservation Area, looking ENE towards Lowden Lake, June 3, 2004.

THE AREA

The Lowden Springs Conservation Area is located on the northwest side of Lowden Lake, 17 km south of Stettler. It was officially dedicated 13 June 2003. It is jointly owned by the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), Ducks Unlimited Canada (DU) and Nature Conservancy Canada. It comprises 121 acres of native grassland, 5 acres of aspen and 4 acres of alkaline wetlands. The coordinates in the center of the area are 52.09N and 112.425W and the elevation there is 830 m. Historically, the land was part of the Randon Ranch and was grazed for pasture. Small upland portions were broken up many years ago and the native vegetation was destroyed, however, much of the area still has the original native vegetation as indicated by the presence of plants like Prairie Crocus (*Pulsatilla ludoviciana*) and Three-flowered Avens (*Geum triflorum*).



A stand of Silver Willow and Buckbrush in the middle of the Lowden Springs Natural Area, 4 June 2004

At the dedication, the writer was encouraged to carry out an inventory of the Lepidoptera of the area. He was especially interested in doing so as he was endeavoring to document the species found in natural areas in south-central Alberta and none of the other areas being researched had as much native grassland. The area was studied six times during 2002: June 13 and 20, July 2, 6 and 23; and August 23. On all occasions, 2 ultraviolet light traps were set up at dusk and removed the following morning. In 2003, the area was studied another six times: May 1 and 30, June 15, July 7, August 14 and September 5. In 2004, traps were set out on the nights of June 3, July 31 and August 11. In 2005, the area was studied on May 18, June 9, July 8 and August 5. In 2006, the area was sampled on the nights of May 15, June 28 and August 28.

The present report incorporates the information in the previous four (Bird 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) and adds information on material collected in 2006, it also includes a number of redeterminations and additions to the information in the earlier report.

Because of the proximity of Lowden Lake, an abundance of water beetles and midges are on the wing during the summer. As many of them are attracted to ultraviolet (UV) light, the moth traps that were set out often had a large number of sticky beetles and midges. This made retrieving the moth catch difficult.

BACKGROUND

Provincial Parks and other areas where natural vegetation is protected are of great value as their flora and fauna are typical of what was in Alberta before widespread agricultural activities which resulted in the replacement of many native species by weedy species associated with cultivated grains and hay crops. As a result, many of Alberta's "rare and endangered" species are now found only, or mainly, in such protected areas.

The writer, now retired and living in Erskine, Alberta, has had a long-time interest in the natural flora and fauna of the province. In the spring of 2000, he commenced an examination of the moths of south-central Alberta, the purpose of which was to document the species present in various natural areas. He is a member of the Alberta Lepidopterist's Guild, the purpose of which is to encourage the study of Alberta's moths and butterflies.

There is still much to be learned about the distribution and status of lepidopteran (moth and butterfly) species in south-central Alberta. Baseline studies provide information that helps characterize those species associated with various ecoregions, in the present case a mixture of Prairie and Aspen Parkland; determine status designations (abundant, common, rare, endangered) of various species; and allow the examination of many other parameters, including phenology, dry vs. wet years, and outbreaks of various species such as forest tent caterpillars.

SPECIMEN DISPOSITION

All specimens collected by the writer presently reside in his collection but they will eventually be donated to one or more of the University of Alberta Strickland Museum, the Northern Forest Research Centre in Edmonton, and the Canadian National Collection in Ottawa.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST

The order and terminology, is that of R.W. Hodges (1983) except where recent changes in taxonomy have occurred. While most of the larger (macromoths) are relatively well known, the same cannot be said for many of the smaller (micromoths) ones. Identifications, especially of the latter, can be difficult or are at present impossible, until such time as revisionary studies are made. Also, genitalic dissection and examination is necessary for positive identification in some groups. For these reasons, some of the determinations found herein should be regarded as tentative. The scientific names of the species are followed by the day-month-year of the collection and the number of individuals mounted; an "SR" indicates a sight record. Common names are mentioned in those cases where such names exist.

Kenneth Bowman's (1951) list of the Lepidoptera of Alberta presents all species known at that time and gives the distribution of each according to 21 Areas. His areas 5, 8 and 10 essentially cover all of south-central Alberta, with the Lowden Springs Conservation Area being in Area 8. Most of Bowman's records are from his Area 10, which includes Edmonton, so many of the species found in the following list are additions to his Area 8.

HEPIALIDAE – Ghost Moths

29. *Gazoryctra novigannus* (B. & Benj.) – 28-VIII-2006 1.

TINEIDAE – Clothes Moths and others

334. *Amydria effrentella* Clem. – 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 2.

399. *Tinea irrepta* Braun – 20-VI-2002 3, 2-VII-2002 3, 14-VIII-2003 1, 11-VIII-2004 2, 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.

421. *Monopis spilotella* Tengström – 20-VI-2002 2 and 8-VII-2005 1.

Not in MONA. *Monopis laevigella* (D. & S.) – 20-VI-2002 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 2.

OECOPHORIDAE – Oecophorid Moths

878. *Agonopterix canadensis* (Bsk.) – 31-VII-2004 1.

910. *Martyrhilda fulva* (Wlsm.) – 23-VIII-2002 10, 14-VIII-2003 2, 11-VIII-2004 5, 9-VI-2005 2, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.

918. *Depressaria atrostrigella* Clarke – 5-VIII-2005 1.

ELACHISTIDAE – Elachistid Moths

Elachista sp. – 6-VII-2002 1.

SYMMOCIDAE – Symmocid Moths

1138.31. *Glyphidocera hurlberti* Adamski – 23-VII-2002 3, 31-VII-2004 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.

COLEOPHORIDAE – Casebearer Moths

1254-1389. *Coleophora* spp. – 6-VII-2002 2, 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 7-VII-2003 1, 14-VIII-2003 3, 31-VII-2004 2, 11-VIII-2004 4, 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 4, 5-VIII-2005 5, 28-VI-2006 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1. The above specimens are currently with Dr. J.-F. Landry who is doing a North American monograph of the group. Some of the specimens may be of species that remain to be described.

1388. *Coleophora trifolii* (Curt.) (Large Clover Case-bearer) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 3.

GELECHIIDAE – Gelechiid Moths

1681-2311. Species unknown – 13-VI-2002 3, 20-VI-2002 3, 6-VII-2002 5, 23-VII-2002 9, 23-VIII-2002 2, 31-VII-2004 4, 11-VIII-2004 1, 9-VI-2005 2, 8-VII-2005 7, 5-VIII-2005 6, 15C-V-2006 1 and 28-VI-2006 3. Little is known about many of the

- species in this family and it may be many years before some of these specimens are determined or even described.
1738. *Aristotelia fungivorella* (Clem.) – 31-VII-2004 1.
 1880. *Xenolechia velatella* (Bsk.) – 15B-V-2006 1.
 1902. *Lita variabilis* (Bsk.) – 23-VIII-2002 3, 14-VIII-2003 2.
Gnorimoschema indet. – 28-VIII-2006 7.
 2000. *Gnorimoschema septentrionella* Fyles – 11-VIII-2004 1.
 2008. *Gnorimoschema* nr *vastificum* Braun – 14-VIII-2003 1.
 2093. *Chionodes mediofuscella* (Clem.) – 13-VI-2002 1, 11-VIII-2004 2 and 9-VI-2005 1.
 2111. *Chionodes psilopterus* (B. & Bsk.) – 13-VI-2002 7, 20-VI-2002 10, 2-VII-2002 5, 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 2, 31-VII-2004 5, 11-VIII-2004 4, 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 2127. *Filatima abactella* (Clarke) – 15-VI-2003 1.
 2237. *Anacampsis innocuella* (Zell.) – 13-VI-2002 1.
 2267. *Brachmia* (*Helcystogramma*) *fernaldella* (Bsk.) – 13-VI-2002 3, 15A-V-2006 1, 15B-V-2006 2 and 15C-V-2006 3.
 2308. *Dichomeris purpureofusca* (Wlsm.) – 2-VII-2002 1.

ALUCITIDAE – Many-plume Moths

2313. *Alucita montana* Barnes & Lindsey (The Six Plume Moth) – 13-VI-2002 2, 20-VI-2002 1, 1-V-2003 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 14-VIII-2003 2. Bernard Landry and Jean-François Landry (2004) show that true *Alucita hexadactyla* does not occur in North America and that three different species occur in Alberta.

PLUTELLIDAE – Plutellid Moths

2366. *Plutella xylostella* (L.) (Diamondback Moth) – 14-VIII-2003 2, 9-VI-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
 2371. *Ypsolopha canariella* (Wlsm.) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
 2376. *Ypsolopha dentiferella* (Wlsm.) – 23-VII-2002 1.

COSSIDAE – Carpenterworm Moths

2675. *Acosus centerensis* (Lint.) (Poplar Carpenterworm) – 8-VII-2005 1.

TORTRICIDAE – Tortricid Moths

- 2706-2707. *Bactra furfurana* (Haw.) or *B. verutana* Zell. – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 2706. *Bactra furfurana* (Haw.) – 23-VIII-2002 1.
 2707. *Bactra verutana* Zell. (Javelin Moth) – 6-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
 2743a. *Endothenia nubilana* (Clem.) – 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 1.
 2765. *Apotomis deceptana* (Kft.) (Deceptive Apotomis Moth) – 13-VI-2002 1.

2766. *Apotomis dextrana* McD. (Green Aspen Leafroller) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
 2770. *Orthotaenia undulana* (D. & S.) (Dusky Leafroller) – 8-VII-2005 2.
 2774/2859. *Olethreutes* spp. – 13-VI-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 3, 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 3 and 5-VIII-2005 1. Many of the species in this genus are difficult to identify and require genitalic examination.
 2794. *Olethreutes quadrifidus* (Zell.) – 8-VII-2005 1.
 2861. *Hedya ochroleucana* (Frölich) (Off-white Hedya Moth) – 28-VI-2006 3.
Phaneta sp. – 9-VII-2005 1.
 2933. *Phaneta marmontana* (Kft.) – 28-VI-2006 4.
 2937. *Phaneta parmatana* (Clem.) – 8-VII-2005 2.
 2965. *Phaneta fertoriana* (Heinr.) – 28-VIII-2006 4.
 2969. *Phaneta indagatricana* (Heinr.) – 14-VIII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 6, 11-VIII-2004 1 and 5-VIII-2005 3.
 2973. *Phaneta striatana* (Clem.) – 8-VII-2005 3.
 2980. *Phaneta pallidicostana* (Wlsm.) – 23-VII-2002 1, 11-VIII-2004 2, 8-VII-2005 6 and 28-VI-2006 9.
 3014. *Eucosma ridingsana* (Rob.) (Riding's Eucosma Moth) – 27A-VI-2003 1, 11-VIII-2004 4, 5-VIII-2005 8 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
 3031. *Eucosma serpentana* (Wlsm.) – 6-VII-2002 3, 23-VII-2002 4, 5-IX-2003 2, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 4, 8-VII-2005 3 and 5-VIII-2005 3.
 3035. *Eucosma morrisoni* (Wlsm.) – 8-VII-2005 1.
 3037. *Eucosma agricolana* (Wlsm.) – 6-VII-2002 5, 23-VII-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 7-VII-2003 2, 31-VII-2004 1, 9-VI-2005 4 and 8-VII-2005 3.
 3039. near *Eucosma barbara* Miller – 8-VII-2005 1.
 3119. *Eucosma junciciliana* (Wlsm.) – 31-VII-2004 1.
 3142. *Eucosma cataclystana* (Wlk.) (Solidago Eucosma Moth) – 7-VII-2003 2 and 8-VII-2005 2.
 3151a. *Pelochrista scintillana* (Clem.) – 8-VII-2005 1.
 3205. *Epiblema resumptana* (Wlk.) – 13-VI-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
 3209. *Notocelia purpurissitana* Heinr. – 31-VII-2004 4.
 3211. *Notocelia culminana* (Wlsm.) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 11-VIII-2004 1.
 3288. *Epinotia castaneana* (Wlsm.) – 28-VI-2006 1.
 3379. *Ancylis diminutana* (Haw.) – 28-VIII-2006 1.
 3502. *Croesia albicomana* (Clem.) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 3548. *Acleris variana* (Fern.) (Blackheaded Budworm) – 5-IX-2003 1.
 3595. *Pandemis canadana* Kft. (Green Aspen Leaf-tier) – 28-VI-2006 1.
 3635. *Choristoneura rosaceana* (Harr.) (Oblique-banded Leafroller Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 3637. *Choristoneura conflictana* (Wlk.) (Large Aspen Tortrix) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
 3661. *Archips cerasivorana* (Fitch) (Uglynest Caterpillar Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1.
 3675. *Aphelia alleniana* (Fern.) – 8-VII-2005 2.
 3682. *Clepsia persicana* (Fitch) (White-triangle Tortrix Moth) – 28-VI-2006 1.
 3684. *Clepsia clemensiana* (Fern.) (Clemen's Clepsia Moth) – 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 3, 11-VIII-2004 2, 8-VII-2005 2, 5-VIII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 2.

3688. *Ptycholoma peritana* (Clem.) (Garden Tortrix Moth) – 14-VIII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
 3693. *Xenotemna pallorana* (Rob.) – 23-VII-2002 1.
 3695. *Sparganothis sulfureana* (Clem.) (Sparganothis Fruitworm Moth) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
 3706. *Sparganothis xanthoides* (Wlk.) (Mosaic Sparganothis Moth) – 23-VII-2002 5 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
 3711. *Sparganothis unifasciana* (Clem.) (One-lined Sparganothis Moth) – 8-VII-2005 2.
 3712. *Sparganothis vocaridorsana* Kft. – 2-VII-2002 1, 6-VII-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.
 3720. *Sparganothis reticulatana* (Clem.) (Reticulated Fruitworm Moth) – 31-VII-2004 1.

COCHYLIDAE – Cochylid Moths

Razowski (1997) has a paper on Canadian Cochylids, but they still remain difficult to identify with certainty. The family is now being revised by Dr. Eric Metzler and Dr John Brown. Some of the following specimens are now being examined by them.

3755. *Aethes smeathmanniana* (F.) (Smeathmann's Aethes Moth) – 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 3.
 3758. *Aetes rutilana* (Hbn.) – 8-VII-2005 1.
 3760-3763. *Platphaloniodia* prob. *lavana* Raz. – 20-VI-2002 1.
Phtheochroa sp. – 6-VII-2002 2.
 3833.31. *Aethes monera* ? – 8-VII-2005 2.

PAPILIONIDAE – Swallowtail Family

- 4176a. *Papilio glaucus canadensis* R. & J. (Tiger Swallowtail) – 13-VI-2002 2 SR.

PIERIDAE – White and Sulphur Butterflies

4209. *Colias philodice* Godt. (Clouded Sulphur) – 13-VI-2002 3 SR.

LYCAENIDAE – Blues and Hairstreaks

- 4384d. *Plebejus rusticus rusticus* (Edw.) (Arctic Blue) – 13-VI-2002 1.

NYMPHALIDAE - Fritillaries

- 4465b. *Boloria bellona jenistai* (D. Stallings & Turner) (Meadow Fritillary) – 13-VI-2002 2 SR.
 4583b. *Coenonympha inornata benjamini* McD. (Ringlet) – 13-VI-2002 1.

SATYRIDAE - Arctics

4608. *Oeneis alberta* Elwes (Alberta Arctic) – 13-VI-2002 1.

LIMACODIDAE – Slug Moths

4652. *Tortricidia testacea* Pack. – 9-VI-2005 1.

PYRALIDAE – Pyralid or Snout Moths

4703. *Gesneria centuriella* (D. & S.) – 8-VII-2005 1.

4716. *Scoparia biplagiata* Wlk. (Double-striped Scoparia Moth) – 20-VI-2002 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.

4773. *Petrophila kearfottalis* (B. & McD.) – 14-VIII-2003 1.

4953. *Phlyctaenia coronata* (Hufn.) (Crowned Phlyctaenia Moth) – 28-VI-2006 1.

4987. *Sitochroa chortalis* (Grt.) – 13-VI-2002 1, 6-VII-2002 2, 15-VI-2003 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.

5004. *Loxostege sticticalis* (L.) (Beet Webworm) – 13-VI-2002 4, 20-VI-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 1, 30-V-2003 1, 14-VIII-2003 3, 5-IX-2003 2 SR, 3-VI-2004 1 (2 SR), 31-VII-2004 1, 9-VI-2005 1, 28-VI-2006 2 and 28-VIII-2006 2.

5017. *Loxostege cereralis* (Zell.) (Alfalfa Webworm Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.

5034. *Pyrausta signatalis* (Wlk.) (Raspberry Pyrausta Moth) – 8-VII-2005 1.

5068. *Pyrausta unifascialis* (Pack.) (Pussytoes Pyrausta Moth) – 20-VII-2002 4, 8-VII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 3.

5074. *Pyrausta fodinalis* (Led.) – 9-VI-2005 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.

5135. *Mecyna submedialis* (Grt.) (Orange-toned Mecyna Moth) – 6-VII-2002 4, 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1, 8-VII-2005 2, 5-VIII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.

5156. *Nomophila nearctica* Mun. (Celery Stalkworm or Lucerne Moth) – 14-VIII-2003 1, 5-VIII-2005 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.

5299. *Acentria ephemerella* (Denis & Schiffermüller) (*A. nivea*) (Water Veneer Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1. Reported as new to Alberta in Pohl et al (2005).

5316. *Donacaula melinella* (Clem.) (Delightful Donacaula Moth) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 6.

5343a. *Crambus perlellus innotatellus* Wlk. – 33-VII-2002 3, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 2, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.

5345a. *Crambus whitmerellus browni* Klots – 2-VII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 3 and 8-VII-2005 1.

5354. *Crambus ainliellus* Klots – 28-VIII-2006 2.

5379. *Neodactria luteolella* Clem. (Mottled Grass-veneer Moth) – 8-VII-2005 3 and 28-VI-2006 2.

5391. *Chrysoteuchia topiaria* (Zell.) (Cranberry Girdler or topiary Grass-veneer Moth) – 6-VII-2002 8, 5-IX-2003 3, 8-VII-2005 4, 28-VI-2006 1 and 28-VIII-2006 2.

5397. *Agriphila plumbifimbriella* (Dyar) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 4, 11-VIII-2004 1. The forewings lack the AM and PM lines usually associated with *A. ruricolella*. Some specimens have the ST lines usually associated with *A. plumbifimbriella*, though this line, if present, is faint. Most fresh specimens have a distinct yellowish-orange shade in the terminal area in which the seven black dots are found. *Agriphila ruricolella* lacks this feature. *Agriphila ruricolella* is basically an

- eastern species while *A. plumbifimbriella* is western. There are no known genitalic differences between the two species. Thus, taking everything into account, this material fits *plumbifimbriella* better than *ruricolella*. It is possible that *plumbifimbriella* will become a synonym of *ruricolella*.
5403. *Agriphila vulgivagella* (Clem.) (Vagabond Crambus Moth) – 5-IX-2003 1 and 28-VIII-2006 8.
5404. *Agriphila attenuata* (Grote) – 5-IX-2003 1 and 28-VIII-2006 2. Not previously known from Alberta.
- 5410-5419. *Pediasia* spp. – 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 7, 23-VIII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 2, 8-VII-2005 3 and 5-VIII-2005 7. These could be any of *abnaki*, *aridella edmontella*, *laciniella*, or even an undescribed species.
5413. *Pediasia trisecta* (Wlk.) (Sod Webworm Moth) – 23-VIII-2002 3, 14-VIII-2003 2, 11-VIII-2004 5 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
5415. *Pediasia ericella* (B. & McD.) – 7-VII-2003 1.
5417. *Pediasia dorsipunctella* (Kft.) – 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 2, 7-VII-2003 3, 31-VII-2004 2, 11-VIII-2004 5, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
- 5441a. *Thaumatopsis fernaldella nortella* Kft. – 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1.
5655. *Acrobasis tricolorella* Grt. (Tricolored Acrobasis Moth) – 28-VI-2006 1.
5792. *Nephoterix fernaldi* (Rag.) – 23-VII-2002 1.
5886. *Lipographis fenestrella* (Pack.) – 23-VIII-2002 3, 14-VIII-2003 6 and 5-VIII-2005 3. First determined by Brian Scholtens, who has retained one specimen. Reported as new to Alberta in Pohl et al. (2005).
5918. *Hulstia undulatella* (Clem.) (Sugarbeet Crownborer Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
5946. *Phycitoides mucidella* (Rag.) – 23-VII-2002 1.
5968. *Zophodia grossulariella* (Hbn.) (Gooseberry Fruitworm) – 1-V-2003 1.

PTEROPHORIDAE – Plume Moths

- Pterophoridae indet. - 9-VI-2005 2, 8-VII-2005 4, 5-VIII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 6.
 These are presently being examined by Doug Macaulay.
6107. *Gillmeria pallidactyla* (Haw.) – 9-VI-2005 1 and 8-VII-2005 21.

THYATIRIDAE – Thyatirid and Lutestring Moths

6240. *Euthyatira pudens* (Gn.) (Dogwood Thyatira) – 15C-V-2006 1.
6248. *Ceranemota albertae* Clarke (Alberta Lutestring) – 28-VIII-2006 1.

GEOMETRIDAE – Inchworm or Geometrid Moths

6279. *Macaria occiduaria* (Pack.) (Western Sulphur) – 7-VII-2003 1, 11-VIII-2004 2, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
6290. *Macaria loricaria* (Evers.) (False Bruce Spanworm Moth) – 6-VII-2002 1.
6304. *Macaria bitactata* (Wlk.) – 11-VIII-2004 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.

6373. *Digrammia* (*Semiothisa*) *denticulata* Grt. (Striped Granite) – 20-VI-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1.
6396. *Digrammia* (*Semiothisa*) *neptaria* (Gn.) – 3-VI-2004 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
6397. *Digrammia* (*Semiothisa*) *mellistrigata* (Grt.) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
6651. *Lycia ursaria* (Wlk.) (The Bear or the Stout Spanworm) – 1-V-2003 1.
6677. *Cabera erythemaria* Gn. (Yellow-dusted Cream Moth) – 9-VI-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
6678. *Cabera variolaria* Gn. (Pale-striped Willow Spanworm) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
6715. *Aspitates aberratus* (Hy. Edw.) – 13-VI-2002 3, 20-VI-2002 2, 15-VI-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 2, 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.
6726. *Euchlaena obtusaria* (Hbn.) (Obtuse *Euchlaena*) – 6-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
6729. *Euchlaena johnsonaria* (Fitch) (Johnson's *Euchlaena*) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 2.
6737. *Euchlaena tigrinaria* (Gn.) (Mottled *Euchlaena* or Variable Thorn) – 28-VI-2006 1.
6743. *Xanthotype sospeta* (Drury) (Crocus Geometer) – 28-VI-2006 1.
6755. *Pero morrisonaria* (Hy. Edw.) (Lesser Umber or Morrison's *Pero*) – 15-VI-2003 1.
6954. *Synaxis jubararia* (Hulst) (October Thorn) – 5-IX-2003 1.
6963. *Tetracis crocallata* Gn. (Yellow Slant-line) – 8-VII-2005 1.
6982. *Prochoerhodes transversata* (Drury) (Large Maple Spanworm) – 14-VIII-2003 1.
7058. *Synchlora aerata* (F.) (Wavy-lined Emerald) – 8-VII-2005 1.
7166. *Scopula frigidaria* Mösch. (Frigid Wave) – 8-VII-2005 3.
7169. *Scopula inductata* (Gn.) (Soft-lined Wave) – 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 2, 31-VII-2004 2, 28-VI-2006 2 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
7201. *Eulithis testata* (L.) (Chevron Moth) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
7254. *Hydriomena ruberata* (Freyer) – 13-VI-2002 1.
7257. *Hydriomena furcata* (Thunb.) (Common Highflyer) – 31-VII-2004 1.
7396. *Epirrhoe sperryi* Herbulot (Small Argent & Sable) – 13-VI-2002 1.
7483. *Eupithecia regina* Tayl. – 6-VII-2002 1.
7594. *Eupithecia anticaria* Wlk. – 20-VI-2002 2, 2-VII-2002 1.

LASIOCAMPIDAE – Tent Caterpillar and Lappet Moths

7698. *Malacosoma disstria* Hbn. (Forest Tent Caterpillar) – 8-VII-2005 1.
7702. *Malacosoma californicum* (Pack.) (Western Tent Caterpillar) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.

SATURNIIDAE – Giant Silkworm Moths

7757. *Antheraea polyphemus* (Cram.) (Polyphemus Moth) – 13-VI-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1.
7769. *Hyalophora gloveri* (Stkr.) (Glover's Silk-moth) – 8-V-2005 1, 15B-V-2006 1 and 15C-V-2006 1.

SPHINGIDAE – Sphinx Moths

7803. *Sphinx vashti* Stkr. (Vashti or Snowberry Sphinx) – 13-VI-2002 1, 20-VI-2002 1 SR, 15-VI-2003 1, 30-V-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 4 SR and 9-VI-2005 2.
7821. *Smerinthus jamaicensis* (Drury) (Twin Spotted Sphinx) – 13-VI-2002 1, 20-VI-2002 5 SR, 2-VII-2002 3 SR, 6-VII-2002 2 SR, 3-VI-2004 1 SR.
7822. *Smerinthus cerisyi* Kby. (One-eyed Sphinx) – 13-VI-2002 1, 20-VI-2002 2 SR, 2-VII-2002 1 SR, 6-VII-2002 1 SR, 7-VII-2003 1 SR, 3-VI-2004 1 SR and 9-VI-2005 1.
7828. *Pachysphinx modesta* (Harr.) (Great Poplar Sphinx) – 20-VI-2002 1 SR.
7893. *Hyles gallii* (Rottemburg) (Galium Sphinx) – 15-VI-2003 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.

NOTODONTIDAE – Prominent Moths

7895. *Clostera albosigma* Fitch (Sigmoid Prominent) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
7901. *Clostera apicalis* (Wlk.) (Common Chocolate-tip or Red-marked Tentmaker) – 13-VI-2002 1.
7928. *Notodonta simplaria* Graef (Simple Prominent) – 11-VIII-2004 1 and 18-V-2005 1.
7931. *Gluphisia septentrionis* Wlk. (Small Pebble or Common Gluphisia) – 13-VI-2002 1, 20-VI-2002 1, 9-VI-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
7939. *Furcula occidentalis* (Lint.) (Willow Kitten) – 2-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.

ARCTIIDAE – Tiger Moths and others

8051. *Crambidia casta* (Pack.) (Pearly-winged Lichen Moth) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 14-VIII-2003 2 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
8089. *Hypoprepia miniata* (Kby.) (Scarlet-winged Lichen Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1.
8123. *Holomelina ferruginosa* (Wlk.) (Rusty Holomelina) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8129. *Pyrrharctia isabella* (J. E. Smith) (Isabella Tiger Moth or Banded Woollybear Moth) – 20-VI-2002 1.
8131. *Estigmene acraea* (Drury) (Saltmarsh Tiger Moth) – 13-VI-2002 5.
8137. *Spilosoma virginica* (F.) (Virginian Tiger Moth or Yellow Woollybear Moth) – 6-VII-2002 1.
8158. *Phragmatobia assimilans* Wlk.) (Large Ruby Tiger Moth) – 20-VI-2002 1 and 15C-V-2006 2.
8162. *Platarctia parthenos* (Harr.) (St. Lawrence Tiger Moth) – 20-VI-2002 2 SR.
8175. *Grammia virguncula* (W. Kby.) (Little Virgin Moth) – 23-VII-2002 3, 8-VII-2005 3 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8186. *Grammia williamsii* (Dodge) (William's Tiger Moth) – 2-VII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8196. *Grammia parthenice* (W. Kirby) (Parthenice Tiger Moth) – 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
8197. *Grammia virgo* (L.) (Virgin Tiger Moth) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8267. *Ciseps fulvicollis* (Hbn.) (Yellow-collared Scape Moth) – 8-VII-2005 1.

LYMANTRIIDAE – Tussock Moths

8294. *Dasychira vagans* (Variable Tussock Moth) – 2-VII-2002 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.

NOCTUIDAE – Owlet or Noctuid Moths

8362. *Phalaenostola metonalis* (Wlk.) (Pale *Phalaenostola* or Tufted Snout) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 2.
8555. *Scoliopteryx libatrix* (L.) (The Herald) – 13-VI-2002 1.
8738. *Caenurgina crassiuscula* (Haw.) (Clover Looper Moth) – 13-VI-2002 4, 23-VII-2002 2, 15-VI-2003 1.
8739. *Caenurgina erechtea* (Cram.) (Forage Looper Moth) – 31-VII-2004 2 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
8896. *Diachrysia aeroides* (Grt.) (Dark-spotted Looper Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
8914. *Autographa californica* (Speyer) – 7-VII-2003 2 SR.
8923. *Autographa ampla* (Wlk.) (Broken-banded Y Large Looper Moth) – 28-VI-2006 1.
8924. *Anagrapha falcifera* (Kby.) (Celery Looper) – 13-VI-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 5-IX-2003 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.
8950. *Plusia putnami* Grt. (Putnam's Looper Moth) – 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8953. *Plusia venusta* Wlk. (White-streaked Looper Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
8990. *Nola cilicoides* (Grt.) (Bluffy-patched Nola) – 23-VII-2002 1.
9048. *Lithacodia albidula* (Gn.) (Common Midget) – 20-VI-2002 1.
9101. *Tarachidia tortricina* (Zell.) (Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth) – 13-VI-2002 1, 6-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
9112. *Theresea flavicosta* (Sm.) (Narrow-winged Midget) – 3-VI-2004 1.
9193. *Raphia frater* Grt. (The Brother) – 13-VI-2002 1.
9280. *Simyra henrici* (Grt.) (Henry's Marsh Moth) – 15-VI-2003 1.
9348. *Apamea amputatrix* (Fitch) (Northern Quaker or Dusky Sallow) – 8-VII-2005 1.
9359. *Apamea commoda* (Wlk.) (Southern Quaker) – 2-VII-2002 2, 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 1.
9364. *Apamea sordens* (Hufn.) (was *A. finitima* Gn.) (Bordered *Apamea*) – 13-VI-2002 1, 20-VI-2002 1 and 9-VI-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
9365. *Apamea scoparia* (Hufn.) (was *Agroperina lateritia* (Hufn.)) (Red-winged Quaker) – 8-VII-2005 1.
- 9367a. *Apamea cogitata* (Sm.) (was *Agroperina dubitans cogitata* (Sm.)) (Ruby Quaker) – 8-VII-2005 1.
9369. *Apamea inficita* (Wlk.) (Inficita Quaker) – 23-VII-2002 2, 11-VIII-2004 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
9374. *Apamea niveivenosa* (Grt.) (White-veined Quaker) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
9382. *Apamea devastator* (Brace) (was *Crymodes devastator*) (Glassy Cutworm Moth) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 1, 5-IX-2003 1, 3-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 3, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
9391. *Luperina passer* (Gn.) (Dock Rustic) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
- 9412.1. *Oligia subjuncta* (Sm) (was *O. laevigata*) (Short-cloaked Quaker) – 8-VII-2005 1.
9417. *Oligia egens* (Wlk.) (Neomogen's Quaker) – 23-VIII-2002 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.

9431. *Parastichtis suspecta* (Hbn.) (Mottled Quaker) – 23-VIII-2002 1.
9434. *Spartiniphaga includens* (Wlk.) (Silver-C Borer) – 28-VIII-2006 1.
9440. *Chortodes rufostrigata* (Pack.) (Brown-streaked Rustic) – 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1.
9450. *Archanara subflava* (Grt.) (Subflava Sedge Borer) – 28-VIII-2006 1.
9453. *Celaena reniformis* (Grt.) (Kidney-spotted Rustic) – 14-VIII-2003 1.
9525. *Bellura obliqua* (Wlk.) (Cattail Borer Moth) – 13-VI-2002 1, 3-VI-2004 1 (5 SR).
9550. *Enargia infumata* (Grt.) (Lesser Angle-striped Sallow) – 8-VII-2005 1.
9647. *Proxenus miranda* (Grt.) (Glistening Rustic) – 20-VI-2002 1.
9656. *Platyperigea montana* (Bremer) (was *P. extima*) (Civil Rustic) – 6-VII-2002 1 SR, 23-VII-2002 4 SR, 14-VIII-2003 1, 5-IX-2003 5 and 5-IX-2005 5 SR.
9832. *Escaria homogena* McD. – 23-VII-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 2. A seldom encountered species. Gary Anweiler comments “We have records from Lethbridge and the Wainwright Ecological Reserve”.
9881. *Homoglaea hircina* Morr. (Goat Sallow) – 1-V-2003 1.
9884. *Litholomia napaea* (Morr.) (Dark Grey Peasant) – 1-V-2003 1.
9913. *Lithophane georgii* Grt. (Large Grey Pinion) – 5-IX-2003 1.
9935. *Eupsilia tristigmata* (Grt.) (Three-spotted Sallow) – 1-V-2003 1.
9962. *Anathix puta* (G. & R.) – 14-VIII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1 and 11-VIII-2004 1.
9998. *Brachylomia algens* (Grt.) (Willow Peasant) – 28-VIII-2006 2.
10028. *Pleromelloida obliquata* (Sm.) (Oblique Rover) – 1-V-2003 1.
10062. *Homohadena stabilis* Sm. (Brown Sallow) – 14-VIII-2004 1, 21-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
10194. *Cucullia intermedia* Speyer (Goldenrod Cutworm Moth or Intermediate Falconer) – 13-VI-2002 3, 18-V-2005 1, 9-VI-2005 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 15C-V-2006 1.
10223. *Discestra trifolii* (Hufn.) (Clover Cutworm or The Nutmeg) – 15-VI-2003 3, 14-VIII-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
10232. *Discestra farnhami* (Grt.) (Farnham’s *Discestra*) – 13-VI-2002 2, 20-VI-2002 1, 14-VI-2003 2, 3-VI-2004 2, 18-V-2005 2 and 19-VI-2005 2.
10233. *Discestra crotchi* (Grt.) – 30-V-2003 1.
10265. *Sideridis rosea* (Harv.) (Rosy Penman) – 13-VI-2002 2, 20-VI-2002 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.
10271. *Mamestra configurata* (Wlk.) (Bertha Armyworm) – 28-VI-2006 1.
10273. *Polia discalis* (Grt.) (Large Gray Polia) – 28-VI-2006 1.
10276. *Polia imbrifera* (Gn.) (Cloudy Arches) – 7-VII-2003 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10280. *Polia purpurissata* (Grt.) (Purple Arches) – 23-VII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 3 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
10288. *Polia detracta* (Wlk.) (Disparaged Arches) – 20-VI-2002 3 and 9-VI-2005 1.
10289. *Polia goodelli* (Grt.) (Goodell’s Arches) – 14-VIII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1.
10297. *Lacanobia atlantica* (Grt.) (Atlanta Arches) – 13-VI-2002 4, 20-VI-2002 3, 2-VII-2002 2, 12B-VII-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 1, 9-VI-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10298. *Lacanobia radix* (Wlk.) (Garden Arches) – 3-VI-2004 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.
10305. *Trichordestra dodii* (Sm.) (Dod’s Arches) – 13-VI-2002 2, 20-VI-2002 1, 2-VII-2002 1, 6-VII-2002 1.

10307. *Trichordestra lilacina* (Harv.) (Lilac Arches) – 2-VII-2002 2, 7-VII-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1 and 8-VII-2005 2.
10308. *Trichordestra liquida* (Grt.) (Liquid Arches) – 13-VI-2002 4, 20-VI-2002 4, 23-VII-2002 1, 15-VI-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 1 and 9-VI-2005 3.
10368. *Lacinipolia meditata* (Grt.) (The Thinker or Pink-backed Cutworm Moth) – 31-VII-2004 4, 11-VIII-2004 1.
10394. *Lacinipolia vicina* (Grt.) (Small Gray Arches) – 23-VII-2002 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10397. *Lacinipolia renigera* (Steph.) (Kidney-spotted Arches or Bristly Cutworm Moth) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1 and 8-VII-2005 1.
10405. *Lacinipolia lorea* (Gn.) (Bridled Arches) – 2-VII-2002 2.
10431. *Faronta diffusa* (Wlk.) (Cloudy Wainscot or Wheat-head Armyworm Moth) – 9-VI-2005 2, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10436. *Aletia oxygala* (Grt.) (Lesser Wainscot) – 23-VII-2002 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10447. *Leucania commoides* Gn. (Comma Wainscot) – 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 5-VIII-2005 1.
10449. *Leucania insueta* Gn. (Heterodox Wainscot) – 20-VI-2002 2, 15-VI-2003 1, 7-VII-2003 1 and 9-VI-2005 2.
10471. *Stetchia plusiaeformis* Hy. Edw. (Grey Spectacles) – 1-V-2003 1.
10493. *Orthosia segregata* (Sm.) (Segregate Penman) – 1-V-2003 3.
10493. *Orthosia segregata* f. *negussa* Sm. – 1-V-2003 4.
10513. *Egira dolosa* (Grt.) (Greater Black-letter Dart) – 1-V-2003 1.
10524. *Nephelodes minians* Gn. (Shaded Umber or Bronzed Cutworm Moth) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 14-VIII-2003 2, 11-VIII-2004 1, 5-VIII-2005 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
10563. *Protorthodes oviduca* (Gn.) (Ruddy Quaker) – 13-VI-2002 2, 15-VI-2003 1, 3-VI-2004 1 (12 SR).
10651. *Agrotis venerabilis* Wlk. (Venerable Dart) – 20-VI-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 2, 7-VII-2003 1, 5-IX-2003 1 and 28-VIII-2006 2.
10652. *Agrotis vancouverensis* Grt. (Vancouver Dart) – 13-VI-2002 2, 20-VI-2002 2, 2-VII-2002 1, 6-VII-2002 1 and 9-VI-2005 1.
10670. *Feltia jaculifera* (Gn.) (Dingy Cutworm Moth) – 23-VII-2002 3, 23-VIII-2002 1, 14-VIII-2003 2, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1, 5-VIII-2005 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
10676. *Feltia herilis* (Grt.) (Master's Dart) – 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1.
- 10701.2. *Euxoa auxiliaris* (Grt.) (Auxiliary Dart) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 5-IX-2003 1.
10702. *Euxoa divergens* (Wlk.) (Divergent Dart) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
10723. *Euxoa tristicula* (Morr.) (Early Cutworm) – 15-VI-2003 1, 31-VII-2004 1, 9-VI-2005 1 and 5-VII-2005 1.
10749. *Euxoa intrita* (Morr.) (Tippling Dart) – 23-VIII-2002 1.
10798. *Euxoa basalis* (Grt.) (Pale-based Dart) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
10801. *Euxoa ochrogaster* (Gn.) (Red-backed Cutworm Moth) – 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1, 15-IX-2003 1.
10830. *Euxoa quadridentata* (Grt. & Rob.) (Four-toothed Dart) – 15-IX-2003 1.
- 10852/4. *Euxoa auripennis* Laf. or *servita* (Sm.) (Servita Dart) – 23-VII-2002 2, 23-VIII-2002 3, 31-VII-2004 2, 11-VIII-2004 2.

10852. *Euxoa auripennis* Laf. – 5-VIII-2005 1.
 10861. *Euxoa ridingsiana* (Grt.) (Riding's Dart) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 14-VIII-2003 4, 31-VII-2004 1, 11-VIII-2004 1.
 10864. *Euxoa flavicollis* (Sm.) – 31-VII-2004 1 and 11-VIII-2004 1.
 10910. *Anicla* (*Euagrotis*) *tepperi* (Sm.) (Black-girdled Dart) – 2-VII-2002 4, 6-VII-2002 1, 23-VII-2002 2, 5-IX-2003 1, 8-VII-2005 2 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 10915. *Peridroma saucia* (Hbn.) (Variegated Cutworm Moth) – 14-VIII-2003 1.
 10926. *Spaelotis clandestina* (Harr.) (Clandestine Dart) – 23-VII-2002 1, 23-VIII-2002 1, 5-IX-2003 1.
 10930. *Eurois astricta* Morr. (Great Brown Dart) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
 10942. *Xestia c-nigrum* (Franc.) (Black-letter Dart) – 28-VI-2006 1.
 10944. *Xestia smithii* (Snell) (Smith's or Spotted Clay Dart) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
 10951. *Pseudohermonassa tenuicula* (Morr.) (Hair-pin Dart) – 31-VII-2004 1.
 10954. *Agnorisma bugrai* (Koçak) (was *Xestia collaris*) (Collared Dart) – 23-VIII-2002 1, 14-VIII-2003 1 and 11-VIII-2004 1, 5-VIII-2005 1 and 28-VIII-2006 1.
 10992. *Paradiarsia littoralis* (Pack.) (Labrador Dart) – 20-VI-2002 2, 2-VII-2002 1, 7-VII-2003 1, 8-VII-2005 1 and 28-VI-2006 1.
 11004. *Protolampra rufipectus* (Morr.) (Red-breasted Dart) – 5-VIII-2005 1.
 11008. *Eueretagrotis perattenta* (Grt.) – 11-VIII-2004 1.
 11072. *Heliothis phloxiphagus* Grt. & Rob. (Spotted Buff Gem or Spotted Straw) – 6-VII-2002 1.
 11175. *Schinia meadi* (Grt.) (Mead's Flower Moth) – 23-VII-2002 3.

SUMMARY

The report based on 2002 (Bird 2003) research had 130 species, Bird (2004) brought the total to 165, Bird (2005) brought the total up to 196, Bird (2006) raised the total to 247 species; while the present one is of 273 species. It was especially encouraging to have one first for Alberta (*Lipographis fenestrella*) plus several discoveries of seldom encountered species, such as *Xenotemna pallorana*, *Nephopterix fernaldi*, *Escaria homogena*, *Heliothis phloxiphagus* and *Schinia meadi*. The list of species would have been considerably greater if the area had additional habitats such as woods or a riverine community but, at the same time, it is quite interesting to be able to discover the moths characteristic of an area with this kind of native prairie. Further study is definitely recommended. It should bring the overall total to over 400 species. To put things into perspective, it is thought that there are about 170 butterflies and skippers, 1000 macromoths at least 1000 micromoths in the province. The present report is still "a work in progress". Many more species can still be added, a few of the present reports will be found to be based on misidentified specimens, and there are still species in the "unknown" category which will eventually be determined.

Peak numbers of moths occurred during June, July and August. As most species fly for only a few days at a particular time of the year, the present list, which involved only twelve nights of study, must be regarded as only a start at a proper inventory.

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USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION SOURCES ON MOTHS

Information on, and illustrations of, many of our Alberta moths can be found at the Entomology Collection Search site of the E.H. Strickland Entomological Museum of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta:

<http://www.entomology.ualberta.ca/>.

Illustrations of Alberta macromoths can be found at a site put together by D. Lafontaine and J. Troubridge called "The Moths of Canada":

http://www.cbif.gc.ca/spp_pages/misc_moths/phps/mothindex_e.php.

Illustrations on many of the western American macromoths can also be found on a site put together by The Moth Photographers Group:

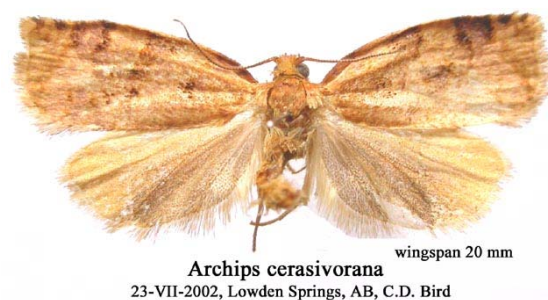
<http://www.origins.tv/MothPhotographersGroup/WestPlates.htm>.

D. Lynn Scott has a web site with natural photos of over 400 species of moths that she has found in Ottawa, Ontario (<http://acleris.com/dls/mothindex.html>). As many of the species also occur in Alberta, these images can be quite helpful

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Plate 1. Some Moths of the Lowden Springs Natural Area.



APPENDIX

Collection dates, sites and other details

- 13 June 2002 – Diurnal, native prairie, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m. The Lowden Springs Conservation Area was dedicated on this day.
- 20 June 2002 – native prairie, UV, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m.
- 2 July 2002 – native prairie, UV, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m.
- 6 July 2002 – UV, native prairie, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m.
- 23 July 2002 – UV, native prairie, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m. Lots of little black beetles and corixids in the traps.
- 23 August 2002 – UV, native prairie, 52.09, 112.425, 830 m.
- 1 May 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 30 May 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of mosquitoes.
- 15 June 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Large numbers of midges in the traps.
- 7 July 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 14 August 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 5 September 2003 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 3 June 2004 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 31 July 2004 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 11 August 2004 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of mosquitoes. Most of Lowden Lake dry.
- 18 May 2005 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of mosquitoes.
- 9 June 2005 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Quite a few midges.
- 8 July 2005 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of mosquitoes and midges.
- 5 August 2005 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of midges and corixids.
- 15A May 2006 – Crepuscular, silverwillow/buckbrush, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m.
- 15B May 2006 – UV, silverwillow/buckbrush, 52.154 (52.15419), 112.712 (112.71183), 838. Lots of sticky midges.
- 15C May 2006 – UV, native prairie/Pulsatilla ludoviciana, 52.153 (52.15346), 112.7111 (112.71123), 855 m. Lots of sticky midges.
- 28 June 2006 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 840 m. Lots of sticky, little aquatic beetles.
- 28 August 2006 – UV, native prairie, 52.154, 112,712, 825 m. Lots of mosquitoes and midges.