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ORDER LEPIDOPTERA: SUPERFAMILY GEOMETROIDEA.

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As a contribution towards the preparation of the Catalogue of the Insects of Canada and Newfoundland, which was recently outlined in *The Canadian Entomologist* and *The Ottawa Naturalist*, the following list of the Geometridæ which have been found in the Ottawa district is presented. It has taken a considerable number of years to collect the species here recorded, and the list is, I think, a fairly complete one of these insects which occur in this neighborhood. The late Dr. James Fletcher collected many of the specimens and much material has been gathered together by Mr. C. H. Young, of the Geological Survey Department, who collected extensively at Meach Lake. To the Rev. G. W. Taylor we are indebted for the determination of many of the species. Recently the writer has received help in the identification of certain species from Mr. John A. Grossbeck, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, and Mr. A. F. Winn, of Montreal.

FAMILY GEOMETRIDÆ.

Subfamily HYDRIOMENINÆ.

Dyspteris abortivaria H.-S. 28 May, 1901, (Young); 3 June, 1903, (Fletcher).

Nyctobia limitaria Walk. 25 April, 1901; 28 April, 12, 13 May, 1906; 16, 18 May, 1905, (Young); 26 May, 1899, (Gibson); 4 June, 1906, (Fletcher), 24, 30, 31 May, 1 June, 1906, (Taylor).

Nyctobia viridata Pack. 17 May, 1906, (Young); 23 May, 1903, (Gibson); 4 June, 1906, (Fletcher).

Cladonia atroliturata Walk. Bred 9 April, 1906; 10 May, 1901, (Gibson); 18 June, 1906, (Fletcher).

Rachela bruceata Hulst. 2 Oct., 1900; 4 Nov. 1905, (Gibson).

Alsophila pomataria Harr. 3 Nov., 1900, (Gibson).

Eudule mendica Walk. 24 June, 1899, 29 June, 1906; 13 July, 1907, (Gibson).

- Tallegeda montanata* Pack. 12 May, 1901, (Young).
Tallegeda tabulata Hulst. 12 May, 1901, (Young); 19 May, 1904, (Gibson), 30 May, 1 June, 1906, (Taylor).
Nannia refusata Walk. 10 June, 1908, (Letourneau).
Heterophleps triguttaria H.-S. 17 June, 1899, (Young); 11 July, 1907, (Gibson); 13 July, 1905, (Fletcher).
Eupithecia luteata Pack. 19 April, 1905, (Young).
Eupithecia palpata Pack. 25 May, 1905, (Fletcher); 3 June, 1906, (Gibson); 10 June, 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia ornata Hulst. 24 April, 4 May, 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia interruptofasciata Pack. Larvæ found on *Juniperus communis* L., moths emerged Sept. 7, 1904, (Gibson).
Eupithecia albicapitata Pack. 5 June, 1904, (Young).
Eupithecia latipennis Hulst. 4 June, 1887; 9, 19 June, 1906; 20 June, 1905; 27 June, 1907, (Fletcher); 14 June, 1906; 23 June, 1908, (Gibson); 15 June, 1906, (Young), 1 June, 1906, (Taylor).
Eupithecia plumbaria Hulst, 24 May, 1906, (Taylor).
Eupithecia gibsonata Taylor. 9 June, 1903, (Young).
Eupithecia grata Taylor. 5 June, 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia fasciata Taylor. 28 June, 1906, (Gibson).
Eupithecia fumata Taylor. 9 June, 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia packardata Taylor. 7 Aug., 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia fumosa Hulst. A single specimen taken by Dr. Fletcher on 3 June, 1904, was named *fumosa*? by Rev. G. W. Taylor.
Eupithecia coagulata Gn. 19 May, 1905; 23 June, 1908, (Gibson).
Eupithecia casloata Dyar. 5 Aug., 1905, (Young).
Eupithecia youngata Taylor. 7 June, 20 July, 1905, (Young).
Eupithecia fletcherata Taylor. 3 Aug., 10 Sept., 1906, (Young).
Eupithecia raveocostaliata Pack. 17 May, 1904, (Young).
Eucymatoge intestinata Gn. 16 May, 3 June, 1903; 26 May, 1904; 23 June, 1905; 3 July, 1906, (Fletcher); 10 June, 1904, (Young); 2 June, 1906, (Taylor).
Euchoeca inornata Hulst. 29 April, 1903, (Young); 22 May, 1900, (Gibson).
Euchoeca comptaria Walk. 1, 11, 12 May, 1899, (Gibson); 16 May, 1900; 18 May, 1905; 4 June, 1906, (Fletcher); 29 June, 1903, (Young).
Trichodezia albovittata Gn. 26 May, 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 29 June, 1904, (Young); 9 Aug., 1904, (Gibson).
Trichodezia albifera Walk. 13 June, 1907, (Gibson); 29 June, 1905; 13 Aug., 1906, (Young).
Epirrita dilutata D. & S. 23 Sept., 3 Oct., 1905, (Young).
Hydria undulata L. Reared from cherry 3-15 June, 1904, (Gibson); 26 June, 1900, (Young).

- Eustroma diversilineata* Hbn. Emerged 13, 16 June, 1900; 14 Aug., 1900; 14 Aug. 1903, (Gibson); 14 Aug., 1900, (Young); 12 Aug., 1904, (Fletcher).
- Eustroma populata* L. 9, 18 July, 1905, (Young).
- Neolexia xyliua* Hulst. 18 July, 1904; 19 July, 1906, (Young).
- Rheumaptera hastata* L. 18 May, 1903, (Young); 24 May, 2 June, (Taylor), 26 June, 1906, (Gibson).
- Rheumaptera sociata* Bork. 30 May, 4 June, 1906; 14 June, 1907; 16 Aug., 1904, (Fletcher); 4, 25 June, 1906; 14 June, 15 July, 1907; 9 Aug., 1904, (Gibson).
- Rheumaptera georgii* Hulst. 21 July, 1906, (Young).
- Percnoptilota fluviata* Hbn. 28 July, 1908; 16 Aug., 22 Sept., 1900, (Gibson); 15 Aug., 1899; 18 Aug., 1900, (Young).
- Entephria aurata* Pack. 27 June, 1903, (Young).
- Mesoleuca ruficillata* Gn. 29 May, 3 June, 1899, (Gibson); 31 May, 1899, (Young); 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 5 June, 1908, (Fletcher).
- Mesoleuca lacustrata* Gn. 27 May, 1900, (Young); 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 9 June, 1906; 24 June, 1905; 24 June, 6, 11 July, 1907, (Gibson); 14 June, 1907; 1 July, 1906, (Fletcher).
- Mesoleuca intermediata* Gn. 18 May, 19 July, 1904; 10 June, 1901, (Young); 14 June, 1899, (Gibson); 17 Aug., 1906, (Fletcher).
- Mesoleuca truncata* Hfn. 30 July, 1903, (Young).
- Mesoleuca silaceata* Hbn. 28 May, 1900, (Gibson); 2 June, 1898; 27 July, 3 Sept., 1904; 12 Aug., 1903, (Young); 16 Aug., 1905, (Fletcher).
- Mesoleuca hersiliata* Gn. 12 June, 1908, (Fletcher); 25 June, 1899, (Gibson); 1 July, 1903, (Young).
- Mesoleuca vasilata* Gn. 18, 28 April, 9, 15, 29 May, 1899, (Gibson); 20 April, 1900, (Young); 26 May, 1906, (Taylor).
- Hydriomena autumnalis* Strom. 28 May, 1900, (Young); 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 3 June, 1908; 12 July, 1906, (Fletcher); 19 June, 1908, (Gibson).
- Hydriomena basaliata* Walk. 16 July, 1905; 17 July, 1904, (Young); 20 July, 1905, (Gibson).
- Hydriomena contractata* Pack. 10 Sept., 1901, (Fletcher).
- Hydriomena latirupta* Walk. 21 April, 1902, (Young); 30 Sept., 1900, (Gibson).
- Hydriomena multiferata* Walk. June.
- Triphosa indubitata* Grt. 24 April, 21 Sept., 1900, (Young); 25 Oct., 1900, (Gibson); 31 May, 1906, (Taylor).
- Cænocalpe magnoliata* Gn. 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 3 June, 1899; 10 June, 1903; 20 Aug., 1904, (Gibson); 5, 6, 8 June, 1906, (Fletcher); 10 June, 1908, (Letourneau).
- Cænocalpe gibbocostata* Walk. No date, (Fletcher). The species flies in early September.

Gypsochroa designata Hfn. 29 May, 9 June, 1899; 4 June, 1906; 20 Aug., 1904, (Gibson); 14 June, 1907, (Fletcher); 28 July, 1903, (Young).

Xanthorhoe ferrugata Clk. 13, 16 May, 1905; 4, 8, 9, 14, 21 June, 1906, (Fletcher); 27 May, 1900, (Young); 3 June, 1904; 23 July, 1899; 8 Sept., 1907, (Gibson).

Xanthorhoe planata Taylor. 19, 20, 30 June, 1904; 3 July, 1905, (Young).

Subfamily MONOCTENIINÆ.

Hæmatopsis grataria Fab. 31 May, 16 Aug., 1900, (Young); 15 Aug., 1907; 16 Aug., 1900; 30 Sept., 1900, (Gibson).

Subfamily STERRHINÆ.

Deptalia insulsaria Gn. 2 July, 1905; 18 Aug., 1906, (Young).

Cosymbia lumenaria Hbn. 22 July, 1905; 28 July, 1902, (Young); 16 Aug., 1904, (Gibson).

Synelys ennucleata Gn. 9 June, 1904, (Gibson); 26 June, 1 July, 1904, (Young); 12 July, 1906, (Fletcher).

Leptomeris quinquelinearia Pack. 8 June, 1903; 5 July, 1905, (Young).

Eois inductata Gn. 13 June, 1903, (Young); 14 June, 1899, (Gibson); 18 June, 1906, (Fletcher).

Subfamily GEOMETRINÆ.

Chlorochlamys chloroleucaria Gn. 12 June, 1901; 14 June, 1899; 16 Aug., 1900, 28 July, 1908, (Gibson); 28 Aug., 1908, (Fletcher). Slender green larva found on *Solidago canadensis*.

Nemoria pistaceata Gn. 25 May, 1901; 30 May, 1903, (Gibson); 28 May, 1904, (Young).

Nemoria subcroceata Walk. 8 June, 1907, (Gibson).

Eucrostes incertata Walk. 14 May, 1904, (Young); 21 May, 1904, (Gibson).

Synchlora ærata Fab. 24 July, 1902, (Young).

Aplodes mimosaria Gn. 29 April, 8 June, 1906; 18 June, 1907, (Fletcher); 24 May, 1900, (Young).

Aplodes rubrifrontaria Pack. 5 June, 1906, (Young).

Anaplodes rubromarginaria Pack. 8 June, 1906; 8 June, 1907, (Fletcher). Mr. Young has also taken the species.

Anaplodes remotaria Walk. 19 Aug., 1902, (Young).


Subfamily ENNOMINÆ.

Epelis truncataria Walk. 18 May, 1898, (Young); 25 May, 1903, (Gibson); 8 June, 1903, (Fletcher).

Epelis faxonii Minot. 8 June, 1903, (Fletcher); 20 June, 1908, (Gibson).

Eufidonia notataria Walk. 30 May, 1901; 9 June, 1908, (Gibson); 8 June, 1903, (Fletcher); 18 June, 1902, (Young); 26 June, 1904, (Metcalf).

- Orthofidonia exornata* Walk. 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 25 June, 1906, (Young).
- Orthofidonia semiclarata* Walk. 6 May, 1899, (Young); 30 May, 1908; 9 June, 1900, (Gibson); 14 June, 1907, (Fletcher).
- Orthofidonia vestaliata* Gn. 24 May, 1906, (Taylor), 30 May, 1908; 9 June, 1906, (Gibson).
- Psysostegania pustularia* Gn. 13 July, 1905, 10 Aug., 1906, (Fletcher); 19 July, 1903, (Young).
- Gueneria basiaris* Walk. 16 May, 1905, (Young); 31 May, 9 June, 1900; 14 June, 1907; 6 July, 1905, (Gibson); 4, 8 June, 1906; 13, 14 June, 1907, (Fletcher).
- Deilinia variolaria* Gn. 6 June, 1901; 12 July, 1904, (Young); 4 June, 1908, (Letourneau); 22 June, 1906, (Fletcher); 25 June, 1906, (Gibson).
- Deilinia erythemaria* Gn. 21 May, 22 July, 1904, (Young); 4 June, 1906, (Fletcher).
- Deilinia liberaria* Walk. 6 Sept., 1902, (Young).
- Sciagraphia granitata* Gn. 10 May, 12 July, 1906; 29 May, 1896; 3 June, 1899; 2, 9 June, 1906; 16, 27 June, 1907; 13 Aug., 1904, (Gibson); 27 May, 1903; 1 June, 1901, (Young); 8 June, 1903, (Fletcher); 21 May, 1908, (Letourneau).
- Sciagraphia neptaria* Gn. 1 June, 1905, (Young).
- Sciagraphia continuata* Walk. 23 July, 1900, (Gibson).
- Sciagraphia atrofasciata* Pack. 26 Aug., 1907, (Letourneau).
- Sciagraphia mellistrigata* Grt. 3 June, 1903, (Fletcher); 22 July, 1899, (Young).
- Macaria labradoriata* Moesch. 12 Aug., 1904, (Fletcher). Mr. Grossbeck, who examined this specimen, reported: "This species was described from a male and female from southern Labrador in 1883, and to my knowledge has never been rediscovered since. Your specimen is large for the species but otherwise fits Moeschler's description exactly."
- Macaria bisignata* Walk. 2, 3 July, 1906, (Fletcher).
- Macaria glomeraria* Grt. 29 April, 17 May, 1903, (Young).
- Diastictis hulstaria* Taylor. 12 May, 1903, (Gibson).
- Diastictis virginalis* Hulst. 29 June, 1904, (Young).
- Diastictis ribearia* Fitch. Emerged 2 July, 1903, (Gibson); 19 July, 1903, (Young).
- Diastictis sulphurea* Pack. 12 July, 1902, (Young).
- Diastictis brunneata* Thunb. 6 July, 1903, (Young).
- Diastictis inceptaria* Walk. 23 July, 1900, (Gibson).
- Diastictis evagaria* Hulst. 8 June, 1903, (Young).
- Diastictis subcessaria* Walk. 20 July, 1905, (Gibson); 6 Aug., 1903, (Young).
- Diastictis latiferrugata* Walk. Larva on *Prunus pennsylvanica*, moth emerged 11 Aug., 1906, (Fletcher).

- Diastictis inquinaria* Hulst. 8 July, 1903, (Young).
Homochlodes fritillaria Gn. 21 May, 1904, (Young); 27 May, 1901; 19 June, 1907, (Gibson); 31 May, 1 June, 1906, (Taylor), 3 June, 1903; 19 June, 1907, (Fletcher).
Apæcasia detersata Gn. 10 May, 1904; 23 May, 1908; 13, 14 June, 1907, (Gibson); 14 May, 1904; 27 May, 1905, (Young); 9 June, 1906, (Fletcher).
Apæcasia defluata Walk. 16 May, 1900, (Young); 25 May, 1903; 27 May, 1901; 19 June, 1907, (Gibson); 1 June, (Fletcher).
Caripeta divisata Walk. 25 July, 1902, (Young). 
Nepytia semiclusaria Walk. 30 Aug., 1899, (Young); 7 Sept., 1908, (Letourneau).
Alcis guttata Hulst. 20 June, 1894, (Fletcher). This specimen was so named by Mr. Grossbeck. In reporting upon it he says: "The species which I am quite certain is the one described by Hulst as *Alcis guttata* is very interesting. I was never quite certain that the two specimens on which the name was based really came from New York and Pennsylvania as Hulst said. They had a decidedly European aspect. The receipt of your specimen now seems to indicate, however, that the types were caught in this country."
Paraphia subatomaria Wood. 10 July, 1903, (Young); 20 Aug., 1906, (Gibson).
Spodolepis substriaria Hulst. 4 May, 1906, (Young).
Selidosema humaria Gn. 1 July, 1905; 21 July, 1903, (Young).
Cleora pampinaria Gn. 1 June, 1905 (Young).
Cleora takenaria Pears. 20 July, 1905, (Gibson); 28 June, 1905; 16 July, 1903, (Young); 24 July, 1905, (Fletcher).
Melanolophia canadaria Gn. 5 May, 1902; 17 May, 1905; 4, 8, June, 1906; 18 June, 1907, (Fletcher); 17, 18 May, 1905; 8 June, 1906; 12 June, 1899; 18 June, 1907, (Gibson); 7 June, 1903, (Young).
Æthalopectera anticaria Walk. 11 May, 17 June, 1905, (Young), 2 June, 1906, (Taylor), 4 June, 1906, (Fletcher).
Ectropis crepuscularia D. & S. 10 May, 1911; 2, 4 June, 1899; 20 Aug., 1904, (Gibson); 17 May, 1906; 25 July, 1903, (Young), 31 May, 1 June, 1906, (Taylor).
Lycia ursaria Walk. 13 April, 1902; 29 April, 13 May, 1903, (Gibson).
Lycia cognataria Gn. 8, 12 June, 1899, 18 June, 1904, (Gibson).
Nacophora quernaria S. & A. 20 June, 1906, (Young).
Paleacrita vernata Peck. 16, 20 April, (Gibson); 26 April, 1905, (Young).
Phigalia titea Cram. 20, 21 April, 1899, (Gibson).
Erannis tiliaria Harr. 8 Oct., 1900; 11-20 Oct., 1911; (Gibson); 14 Oct., 1899, (Young).

- Cingilia catenaria* Dru. 7 Sept., 1902, (Young); 26 Sept., 1899; (Gibson).
- Cingilia rubiferaria* Swett. 1 Oct., 1902, (Gibson).
- Anagoga pulveraria* Linn. 17 May, 1903; 24 May, 1906, (Young); 30 May, 1906, (Gibson); 14 June, 1907, (Fletcher).
- Sicya macularia* Harr. 10 July, 1904, (Young); 20 July, 1905, (Gibson).
- Therina endropiaria* G. & R. 18 May, (Fletcher); 8 June, 1903; (Gibson); 9 June, 1903, (Young).
- Therina athasiaria* Walk. 17 June, 1906, (Young).
- Therina fiscellaria* Gn. 28 Aug., 1904; 3 Sept., 1903; 7 Sept., 1901, (Young); 22 Aug., 6 Sept., 1905; 12 Sept., 1908, (Gibson); 19 Sept., 1907, (Fletcher).
- Metrocampa perlata* Gn. 17 June, 24 Aug., 1903, (Young); 20 Aug., 1904; 12 Sept., 1903, (Gibson).
- Eugonobapta nivosaria* Gn. 7 July, 1902, (Young).
- Ennomos subsignarius* Hbn. 14 July, 1899; 24, 25 July, 1908, (Gibson); 1 Aug., 1906, (Fletcher).
- Ennomos magnarius* Gn. Em. 9, 15 July, 1904; 7 Sept., 1900; 15, 23 Sept., 1903; 23 Sept., 1899, (Gibson); 4 Sept., 1900, (Young); 24 Sept., 1907, (Fletcher).
- Xanthotype crocataria* Fab. 27 June, 1906; 6 July, 1905, (Fletcher); 28 June, 1899; 12 July, 1900, (Young); 6 July, 1905; 7 July, 1906, (Gibson).
- Plagodis serinaria* H-S. 18 May, 1903, (Young); 18 May, 1904, (Gibson); 18 May, 1905, (Fletcher), 26 May, 1906, (Taylor).
- Plagodis keutzingi* Grt. 26, 31 May, 1906, (Taylor), 2 June, 1902, (Young).
- Plagodis alcoolaria* Gn. 17 May, 1903, (Young.)
- Plagodis keutzingaria* Pack. 24 May, (Gibson).
- Plagodis phlogosaria* Gn. 14 July, 1899; 20 July, 1905, (Gibson); 24 July, 1902, (Young).
- Hyperitis amicaria* H.-S. 26, 31 May, 1906, (Taylor); 27 May, 1900, (Young).
- Ania limbata* Haw. 18 July, 1906; 13 July, 1900; 20 July, 1905; 31 Aug., 1899, (Gibson); 19 July, 1903, (Young).
- Gonodontis hypochraria* H.-S. 28 May, 1899, (Young); 2, 5 June, 1899; 12 June, 1904, (Gibson); 3, 8 June, 1903, (Fletcher).
- Gonodontis duaria* Gn. 29 May, 1901; 25 May, 1903, (Gibson); 31 May, 1900; 13 June, 1906, (Young).
- Gonodontis obfirmaria* Hbn. 30 May, 1901; 25 May, 1903, (Gibson); 18 June, 1902, (Young).
- Euchlaena obtusaria* Hbn. 25 June, 1900, (Young).
- Euchlaena effectaria* Walk. 28 June, 1904, (Young).
- Euchlaena johnsonaria* Fitch. 6 July, 1905, (Gibson).

- Euchlaena astylusaria* Walk. 18 June, 1903, (Young).
Euchlaena pectinaria D. & S. 6, 20 June, 1901, (Gibson).
Euchlaena sirenaria Strk. 8 June, 1903, (Young). When determining this specimen, Mr. Taylor reported: "May be only a variety of *pectinaria* but it is very different in appearance to our western form."
Eutrapela alciphearia Walk. 24 May, 1906, (Young).
Eutrapela hentaria Grt. 24 May, 1906, (Young).
Metanema inatomaria Gn. 29 May, 1905, (Fletcher); 6 July, 1903, (Young); 20 July, 1905, (Gibson).
Metanema determinata Walk. 30 June, 1903, (Young).
Priocycla armataria H.-S. 24 June, 1900, (Young).
Pero honestarius Walk. 31 May, 1902, 10 Aug., 1900, (Young); 5 June, 1906, (Fletcher); 3, 22 June, 1906, (Gibson).
Caberodes confusaria Hbn. 7 July, 1902, (Young); 6 July, 1905, (Fletcher); 14, 24 July, 1899; 20 Aug., 1904, (Gibson).
Caberodes majoraria Gn. 7 June, 1903, (Young).
Tetracis crocallata Gn. 25 May, 1906, (Taylor), 3 June, 1903, (Fletcher); 3 June, 1899, (Young).
Sabulodes arcasaria Walk. 27 May, 1901, (Gibson); 10 June, 1904, (Young).
Sabulodes lorata Grt. 3 June, 1903; 12 June, 1904; 9 June, 1908, (Fletcher); 5 June, 1903, (Gibson); 10 June, 1900, (Young).
Sabulodes transversata Dru. 7 July, 1903, (Young); 5 Aug., 1899; 14 Aug., 1903; 18 Aug., 1904, (Gibson); 9 Aug., 1906; 12 Aug., 1904, (Fletcher); 26 Aug., 1907, (Baldwin).
Abbotana clemataria S. & A. No date, (Fletcher).

Family BREPHIDÆ.

- Brephos infans* Moesch. 29 April, 1900, (Young); April, 2 May, 1896, (Fletcher).

PLANTS CAUSING SKIN IRRITATIONS.

The susceptibility of different individuals towards irritant juices of certain plants may be as different as the individuals themselves. That is to say, the juices of some plants may cause serious Dermatitis in a number of people, while others may not be affected in the slightest degree. Curiously enough all people alike seem to be affected by the sting of the common nettles; while the most common of all skin irritating plants, Poison Ivy, does not seem to affect all persons; even those susceptible may be affected in varying degrees. This peculiar tendency may be termed idiosyncrasy. Some persons cannot partake of strawberries, asparagus and other fruits or vegetables without their being troubled by Urticaria or like skin rashes. This is their idiosyncrasy, their peculiarity of constitution.



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