PHALÆNA LUNA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ fetaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ. (Volatu nocturno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 808.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHALÆNA alis viridi-pallentibus, inferioribus caudatis; omnibus ocello disci lunato.

PHALÆNA alis caudatis concoloribus virescentibus; ocello disci lunato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2404.

PHALÆNA LUNA.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 810.

Cramer. 1. t. 2. A. & 3. t. 31. A. B.

Drury inf. 1. t. 24.

Insolitæ est pulchritudinis *Phalæna Luna*, alis omnibus pulcherrime viridi-pallentibus, superiorum margine antico fusco-purpureo. *Alæ* posticæ excurrunt quasi in caudas. Alarum omnium mediam partem

partem ornat macula hyalina, non absimilis oculo.
Generat phalænam Lunam America septentrionalis,
variæque partes provinciarum Britannicarum, nu-
perrime foederatarum.

L U N A.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ or *Horns* fetaceous, decreasing in size from the base to the point.

Wings, when at rest, generally deflected.

Flight mostly nocturnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

LARGE PEA-GREEN PHALÆNA, with the lower wings tailed, and a lunated transparent spot on each wing.

The large caudated pea-green PHALÆNA.

The pea-green CAROLINA MOTH.

The *Phalæna Luna* is an insect of unusual elegance. The wings are of a beautiful pea-green; the upper edge of the superior pair marked by a band of purplish-brown: the lower ones are terminated by a pair of lengthened processes or tails, and in the middle of each wing is a transparent spot, resembling an eye. It is a native of North America, and is found in many parts of the United British States.

Shaw, George. 1796. "Luna, Phalæna luna [Pl. 263]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 8(LXXXVIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310806>.

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