NORTHERLY RECORD OF THE LUNA MOTH IN SASKATCHEWAN

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On 19 July, 1984, Tim Haughian, the attendant at the Narrows Campground, Prince Albert National Park contacted the Interpretive Service requesting the identification of a moth he had found by the campground kiosk that morning. I subsequently investigated, observed and photographed the moth which was then released unharmed.

The moth was approximately 10 cm from wing-tip to wing-tip and 8 cm from the base of the antennae to the end of the prominent tails of the hind-wings. It was a soft, emerald green with a faint yellow area at the base of the wings. Two pairs of false eyespots were present. This is the description of the Luna moth (Actias luna, Saturniidae).

This finding at approximately 53° 59' N, 106° 17' W is perhaps the northern-most record of this species in Saskatchewan.



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Blue Jay