

# A CHECK-LIST OF THE MOTHS OF SASKATCHEWAN

## PART 2 - PROMINENT MOTHS (NOTODONTIDAE)

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Prominent Moths are medium-sized and of various shades of brown. They resemble Owlet Moths (Noctuidae) but have longer abdomens in proportion to their size; they usually lack a central spot on the underside of the hind wings, and the males have pectinate (feather-like) antennae.

The striped caterpillars lack pro-legs at their ventral ends, which are often extended in the air.

Abbreviations are used in the text for directions (n north, s south, e east, w west).

White-C Chocolate-tip - *Clostera albosigma* Fitch — s Saskatchewan, n to Cumberland House, Deschambault Lake and Smoothstone Lake.

Striped Chocolate-tip - *C. strigosa* (Grt.) — Greenwater Lake, Duck Mountain Park, Maryfield and Moose Mountain Park.

Bruce's Chocolate-tip - *C. brucei* (Hy. Edw.) — Douglas Park.

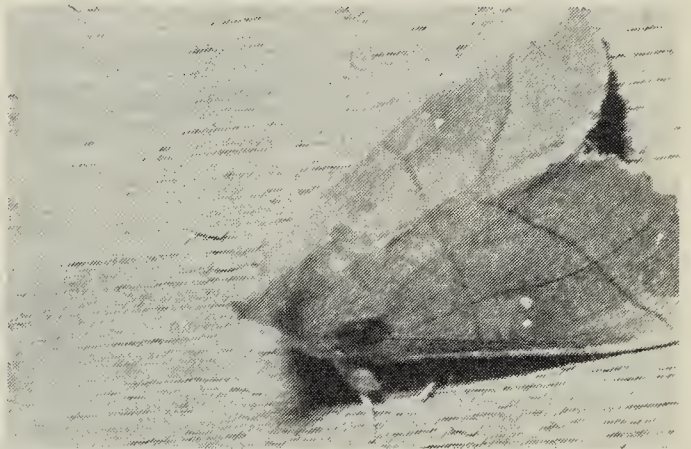
Common Chocolate-tip - *C. apicalis* (Wlk.) — s Saskatchewan, n to Otter Rapids.

Yellow-necked Apple Worm - *Datana ministra* (Drury) — s Saskatchewan, n to Saskatoon.

White-dotted Prominent - *Nadata gibbosa* (J.E. Smith) — throughout Saskatchewan.



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White-dotted Prominent R. Hooper

Fissured Prominent - *Pheosia rimosa* Pack — s Saskatchewan, n to La Ronge and Buffalo Narrows.

Elegant Prominent - *Odontosia elegans* (Stkr.) — s Saskatchewan, n to La Ronge.

Base-streaked Prominent - *Notodonta scitipennis* Wlk. (*N. stragula* Grt.) — s Saskatchewan, n to Somme, Bjorkdale and Saskatoon.

Simple Prominent - *N. simplaria* Graef — s Saskatchewan, n to Somme.

Double-toothed Prominent - *Nerice bidentata* Wlk. — Roche Percee and Fort Qu'Appelle.

- Small Pebble - *Gluphisia septentrionis* Wlk — throughout Saskatchewan.
- Avimacula Pebble - *G. avimacula* Hudson — Fort Qu'Appelle.
- Lintner's Pebble - *G. lintneri* (Grt.) — Fort Qu'Appelle.
- Gray Furcula - *Furcula cinerea* (Wlk.) — s Saskatchewan, n to Battlefords Park.
- Willow Kitten - *F. occidentalis* (Lint.) — s Saskatchewan, n to Hudson Bay and Loon Lake.
- Poplar Kitten - *F. scolopendrina* (Bdv.) — s Saskatchewan, n to Greenbush Campsite.
- Modest Kitten - *F. modesta* (Hudson) — s Saskatchewan, n to Wadena and Battlefords Park.
- Black-etched Prominent - *Cerura sciti-scripta* Wlk. — Kamsack.
- White-headed Prominent - *Symmerista albifrons* (J.E. Smith) — Maryfield.
- Sharp-toothed Symmerista - *S. canicosta* Franc. — Tantallon.
- Black-spotted Prominent - *Dasylophia anguina* (J.E. Smith) — s Saskatchewan, n to Fort Qu'Appelle, Moose Jaw and Estuary.
- White-blotched Heterocampa - *Heterocampa umbrata* Wlk. — Maryfield.
- Saddled Prominent - *H. guttivitta* (Wlk.) — Maryfield and Tantallon.
- Double-lined Prominent - *Lochmaeus bilineata* (Pack.) — e Saskatchewan, w to Trossachs, n to Cumberland House.
- White-tipped Prominent - *Schizura ipomoeae* Dbldy. — s Saskatchewan, n to Gilbert Lake (se of Southend).
- Chestnut Schizura - *S. badia* (Pack.) — Cumberland House and Erwood.
- Variegated Prominent - *S. unicornis* (J.E. Smith) — Trout Lake (n of La Ronge).
- Red-humped Caterpillar - *S. concinna* (J.E. Smith) — s Saskatchewan, n to Smeaton.
- Black-blotched Schizura - *S. leptinoides* (Grt.) — s Saskatchewan, n to La Ronge.
- Red-washed Prominent - *Oligocentria semirufescens* (Wlk.) — s Saskatchewan, n to La Ronge.
- Angle-lined Oligocentria - *O. perangulata* (Hy. Edw.) — Preeceville, Fort Qu'Appelle and Trossachs.

#### EXPECTED SPECIES

- Angle-lined Prominent - *Clostera inclusa* (Hbn.) — e Canada, w to Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.
- Angulose Prominent - *Peridea angulosa* (J.E. Smith) — w to Brandon, Manitoba.
- Georgian Prominent - *Hyperaeschra georgica* (H.-S.) — w to Brandon, Manitoba.
- White Furcula - *Furcula borealis* (Guer-Meneville) — recorded w to Edmonton, Alberta by K. Bowman.

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