

CHECK-LIST OF SASKATCHEWAN MOTHS

PART 6: LOOPER MOTHS (PLUSIINAE)

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The caterpillars of this sub-family are called loopers because they loop their backs similar to Geometrid Moths when they are crawling because they lack legs on the third and fourth abdominal segments.

The adults are medium sized moths. The fore-wings are grey or brown and often there is a silver mark in the middle. Sometimes this mark is shaped like an "o" or a "u" or a "y," causing the name "*Autographa*" to be given to one of the genera. The hind wings are usually pale brown, buff, or orange, with broad dark bands near the outer margin.

Many of the species are avid flower feeders in the daytime. Some of the forest species prefer aster blossoms.

Abbreviations used in the text for directions are s = south, n = north, w = west, e = east; CNC = the only known Saskatchewan records of this species are in the Canadian National Collection in Ottawa. (All species are represented in the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History collection in Regina unless otherwise stated).

Variegated Brindle - *Abrostola urentis* Gn.
- s Saskatchewan, n to Aylsham.

Cabbage Looper - *Trichoplusia ni* (Hbn.)
- s Saskatchewan, n to Aylsham.

Brassy Plusia - *Diachrysis aeroides* (Grt.)
- s Saskatchewan, n to Red Earth, Aylsham, and Anglin Lake.

Large Brassy Plusia - *D. balluca* Gey. -
Bjorkdale, Tantallon, Indian Head and Regina.

Unspotted Looper Moth - *Allagrapha aerea* (Hbn.) - Reported for Chap area by Eichlin and Cunningham.

Straight-lined Looper Moth - *Pseudopluripurpurigera* (Wlk.) - s Saskatchewan to Somme.

European Looper - *Polychrysis morontrabea* (Sm.) - Regina; also reported the Meadow Lake area by Eichlin and Cunningham.

Formosa Looper Moth - *Chrysanympha formosa* (Grt.) - Little Bear Lake, Jay Lake (near Big Sandy Lake), La Ronge, Otter Rapids and Gordon Lake (near Pinehouse).

Pink-tinted Beauty - *Eosphoropterythyatyroides* (Gn.) - Fort Qu'Appelle and Aylsham.

Bilobed Looper Moth - *Autographa biloba* (Steph.) - Bjorkdale and Saskatoon.

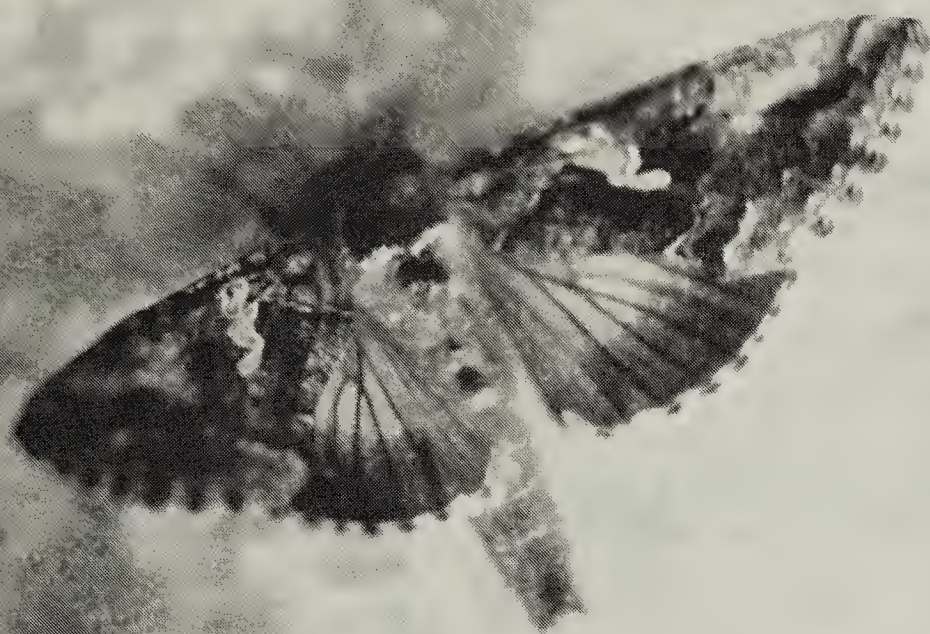
Common Looper Moth - *A. precationis* (Gn.) - Earl Grey

Rubida Looper Moth - *A. rubida* Otto - Cypress Hills and Saskatoon.

Twin Gold Spot - *A. bimaculata* (Steph.) - s Saskatchewan, n to La Ronge.

Wavy Chestnut Y - *A. mappa* (G. and S.) - Kamsack, Somme, Aylsham, and Candle Lake.

Delicate Silver Y - *A. pseudogamma* (CNC) - Cypress Hills (CNC).



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alfa Looper - *A. californica* (Spey.) - Throughout Saskatchewan, except northeast corner.

Question Mark Looper - *S. interrogationis* (L.) - Black Lake, Umpherville River (near Wollaston Lake) and Key Lake.

er Whip - *A. flagellum* (Wlk.) - Norway, Somme, Shoal Lake, Aylsham and Saskatoon.

Surena Looper - *S. surena* (Grt.) - Midwest Lake (west of Wollaston Lake).

ken-banded Y - *A. ampla* (Wlk.) - s Saskatchewan, n to Aylsham.

Hooked Silver Y - *S. alias* (Ottol.) - n Saskatchewan, s to Saskatoon.

ery Looper - *Anagrapha falcifera* (Grt.) - s Saskatchewan, n to Aylsham and Meadow Lake Park.

Mountain Looper - *S. montana* (Pack.) - Harlan (CNC).

ky Silver Y - *Syngrapha octoscripta* (Grt.) - n Saskatchewan, s to Mortlach.

Small Gamma Looper - *S. microgamma* (Hbn.) - Weekes.

row Silver Y - *S. epigaea* (Grt.) - Shoal Lake and Saskatoon.

Alticola Looper - *S. devergens alticola* (Wlk.) - reported for Cluff Lake area by Eichlin and Cunningham.

en-marked Looper - *S. viridisigma* (Grt.) - Throughout Saskatchewan.

Mountain Beauty - *S. ignea* (Grt.) - Cypress Hills, Porcupine Hills, Aylsham and Hunt Falls.

ema Looper - *S. diasema* (Bdv.) - La Roche.

Putnam's Looper Moth - *Plusia putnami* (Grt.) - s Saskatchewan, n to Aylsham and Buffalo Narrows.

er U Looper - *S. u-aureum* (Gn.) - Montreal Lake area and Athabasca Sands area (reported by Eichlin and Cunningham).

Connected Looper Moth - *P. contexta* (Grt.) - Fort Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon.