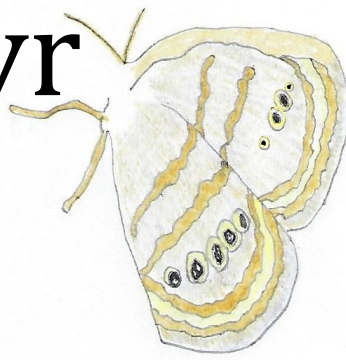


The Lonely Satyr



For Butterfly Enthusiasts
of Northeast Indiana

June 1, 2024

Overwintering Harvesters

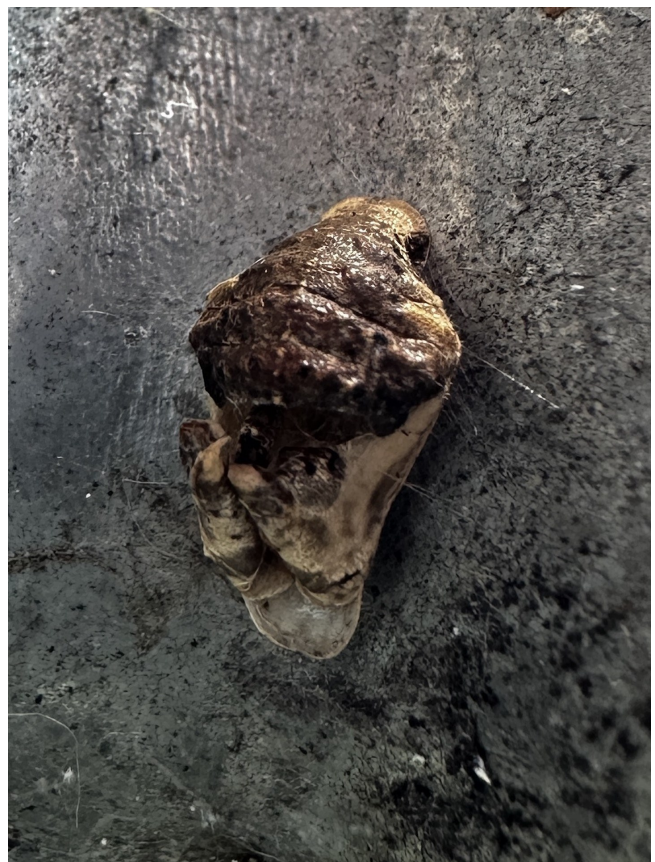
Ronda Spink, the Michigan Butterfly Network Coordinator, attempted to overwinter Harvester pupas. I was curious to hear the end result of her project and share the news with you. This has also been a great opportunity to see some up-close, gorgeous photos of these special butterflies! Thank you, Ronda, for sharing this with “The Lonely Satyr” community. Cheers, Leslie

Ronda’s notes from August 2023:

“Since I have seen so many Harvesters this year, I decided to try to find a caterpillar. Sarett Nature Center (Benton Harbor, MI) is one of the places that I have seen three of the 16 adults so far this year. Sarett has great habitat for Harvesters with the Black Alder and aphids that the butterfly and caterpillar need. Most of the time the aphids are hard to reach but I found a group low to the ground right near a dock where I could sit and access them. I am usually prepared with a toothpick to ‘comb’ carefully through the aphids to look for both the eggs and the caterpillars. The only thing I had in my fanny pack was a broken dental pick that I had forgotten to throw away (thank goodness) and the pointed part of it worked perfectly.”



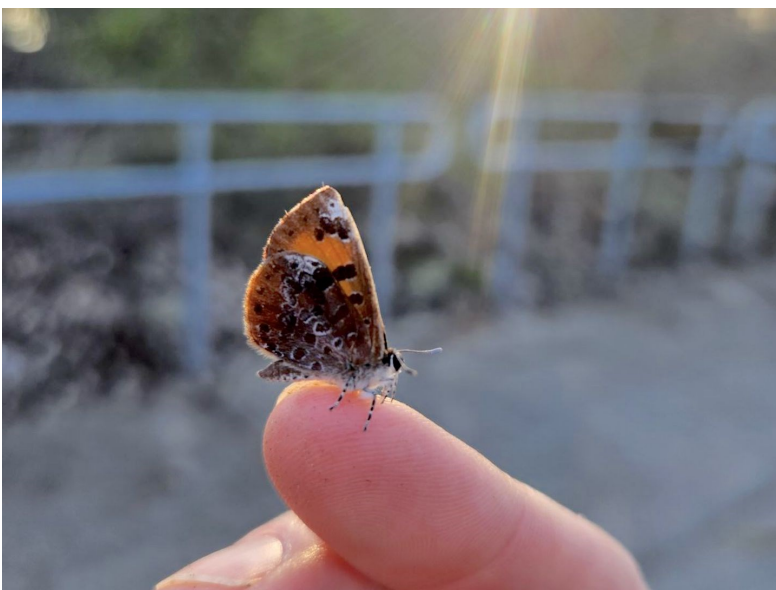
Harvester caterpillars - To avoid ants, they will live hidden amongst silk webs and aphid carcasses.



Harvester Pupa

Overwintering continued

Ronda shared in an email this spring that the pupas overwintered successfully in a garage. Two emerged at the end of April. Ronda, along with grandsons Talus and Calvin, and daughter-in-law Suzee, took them back to their original spot to be released. The photos you see below are of the release moment for the first two. Those are nice, cheerful smiles. Great work, guys! The rest emerged during May, a few at a time.



Ronda's Harvester Fun Facts:

"Adults have very short proboscis and sip honey-dew from the aphids. The four larval stages can complete growth in as little as 8 days. Pupa take only 8-11 days until emergence. The life cycle is only 3 weeks. Adults sip aphid honeydew, sap, carrion, mud, and dung, but not flower nectar."



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If you'd like your event information to be in July's newsletter, please turn it in by June 26. Local sightings are my favorite part of the newsletter, so please report what you're seeing. Don't be shy! Photos are great!

Please seek permission to use any photos in this newsletter. Butterflies make you work for them, so reward dedication!

Spring Butterfly Sightings

Right: Appalachian Brown
Photo credit: Steven Etheridge
Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN
5/29/2024



Above: Red Admiral
Photo credit: Carole Mitchell
Goshen, IN
5/26/2024

Carole also reported a Spring/Summer Azure.



Above: Viceroy (in the hoop house)
Photo credit: Eva Curtis
Eagle Marsh, Fort Wayne, IN
5/2024

Eva also reported 4 Monarchs in Eagle Marsh, as well as 3 Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, 2 Spicebush Swallowtails, "lots" of Red Admirals, and "some" Cabbage Whites.

Spring Butterfly Sightings

Right: Hobomok Skipper
Photo credit: John Michael Durback
Pigeon River FWA, IN
5/24/2024



Above: Female Juvenal's Duskywing (?)
Photo credit: John Brittenham
Badger Barrens, Steuben Co., IN
5/10/2024



Above: Spicebush Swallowtail
Photo credit: Steven Etheridge
Chain O' Lakes State Park, Albion, IN
5/13-5/15, 2024

Steven also reported at Chain O' Lakes SP:
"numerous" Pearl Crescents and Red Admirals,
"several" Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, a Giant
Swallowtail, American Lady, and unidentified
angle wings

Community Calendar

Contact the event host prior to traveling to make sure it's not cancelled.

Sunday, June 2

2:00-4:00pm

Rare Plants in NE Indiana Guest Speaker Nathan Herbert

Indiana Native Plant Society - NE Chapter

Allen County Public Library, Main Branch Meeting Room BC

900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN

Nathan Herbert, NE-IN Steward for The Nature Conservancy, will discuss work they're doing for endangered or threatened plants in our area and how you can help. Space is limited; RSVP required to Freya.Berntson@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 22

10:00am - Noon

Monarch Monitor Training

Little River Wetlands Project, Eagle Marsh Barn

6801 Engle Road, Fort Wayne

RSVP to Eva Curtis at c.curtis@lrwp.org or call 260-478-2515 by June 14.

Now - June 23

Color in Motion: Butterfly Exhibit

Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN

Call 260-427-6440 for hours and admission costs.

Tuesday, June 25

Chain O' Lakes State Park, Albion, IN

North American Butterfly Association 4th of July Count

Volunteers welcome! To participate in the count, rsvp to ccornhill@dnr.in.gov and leslie@forestteacher.org.

Saturday, June 29

10:00-11:00am

Butterfly Monitor Training

Little River Wetlands Project, Eagle Marsh Barn

6801 Engle Road, Fort Wayne

RSVP to Eva Curtis at c.curtis@lrwp.org or call 260-478-2515 by June 21.

Participants will be required to watch a pre-field training video.

(No endorsement or discrimination of specific events or vendors on this community calendar is intended or implied.)

Community Sightings

John Brittenham also reported:

5/11/2024

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

LaGrange Co., IN

5/13/2024

Viceroy

Black Swallowtail

Pearl Crescent

Dallas Lake Park, LaGrange Co., IN

5/16/2024

Silver-spotted Skipper

near Cedar Lake, LaGrange Co., IN

5/19/2024

Giant Swallowtail

LaGrange Co., IN

5/22/2024

Eyed Brown

DeKalb Co., IN

5/24/2024

Red-spotted Purple

LaGrange Co., IN

Leslie Arnold reports seeing:

5/24/2024

Pearl Crescent

LaGrange Co., IN

5/26/2024

Silver-spotted Skipper

LaGrange Co., IN

5/31/2024

Cabbage White

Lake City Bank, Kendallville, IN

