

leadplant flower moth

Schinia lucens

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Noctuidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

The leadplant flower moth, also known as the false indigo flower moth, has a wingspan of about one inch. The upperside of the forewing has mottled dark and light raspberry colors with a white tinge. The upperside of the hindwing is yellow with brown blotches. The undersides of the wings are white, raspberry and yellow-brown with some black spots.

BEHAVIORS

This species can be found in open areas and prairies where leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*) or false indigo plants (*Amorpha spp.*), the larval host plants, are present. One generation is produced per year. The adult is present from June through July. Adults are active during the daylight hours but may also be seen at night.

ILLINOIS RANGE







Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge