

## LeConte's haploa *Haploa lecontei*

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Lepidoptera

Family: Erebidæ

ILLINOIS STATUS: common, native

### FEATURES

Coloration is variable in this moth species but generally shows white with black borders on the forewing. Black lines may be present, but some individuals are mostly white. The black lines may or may not be continuous to the edge of the wing. The pattern is sometimes described as an upside-down "y" shape. It is a broad-winged moth with a wingspan of from slightly under one and one-half inches to two inches.

### BEHAVIORS

This species is frequently seen around trees and shrubs in woodlands, especially around fruit trees. The larvae feed on these woody plants as well as some nonwoody plants. The species overwinters in the larval stage. Adults are active in summer.

Aquatic Habitats: bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats: bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats: edge

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