

MOTHING INFO

Books

Peterson Field Guide to Moths of Northeastern North America by David Beadle & Seabrooke Leckie

Discovering Moths – Nighttime Jewels in Your Own Backyard by John Himmelman

A Guide to the Moths of Eastern North America by Charles V. Covell, Jr.

Butterflies and Moths by Jo Brewer and Dave Winter

Caterpillars of Eastern North America by David L. Wagner

Owlet Caterpillars of Eastern North America by David L. Wagner

Websites

www.mothapalooza.org

www.bugguide.net

<http://mothphotographersgroup.msstate.edu/MainMenu.shtml>

www.facebook.com - Groups – Mothing Ohio, Mothing and Moth-Watching, Moths of Eastern North America, Moths of eastern United States, Lepidoptera Rearing 101- Ohio, Caterpillars Ohio

MOTHING PROPS

Most Important Ingredient – Power Source for White Light - Electric

When – after sunset, dark of night, you must want and be able to stay up late

Why do people Moth?

To see & photograph the Moths and that is why the **white electric light is the most important** ingredient. Moths are attracted to black light but you cannot see or photograph well. The white light attracts the Moths and you can see them.

Best Mothing Conditions = Warm, No Wind, No Rain, A white light in the middle of vegetative darkness, shelter in case of rain.

Necessary Props for Mothing at a building with access to electric from outside and/or also for Mothing away from a building without electric:

- White Light - Generator or connected power cords plugged into electric
- Overhead Shelter in case of rain & No other light competition
- Sheet – White 100% Cotton (cotton reflects UV) – rocks at bottom to hold sheet steady from wind and Clamps to secure sheet from slipping on rope
- Rope to hold sheet between columns or trees
- Power Cords w/ multiple outlets and/or surge protectors
- Black Light
- Bait – fermented in a non-tight lid container - drinking alcohol (stale beer, rum), brown sugar and/or molasses & rotten fruit for moths that nectar and are not attracted to lights
- Chairs
- Camera, Flashlights that don't cause a blue, green, or yellow photo