

years' experience at sugaring. At light and sugar this evening I could have taken some 58 species of moths, though of course nearly all were represented in my collection. I have succeeded each year during the last eight years in adding from 18 to 25 new Heterocera to my collection, and hope to beat the record this year, but I certainly received a genuine surprise this particular night. I had made two or three rounds with cyanide bottle *only*, when on nearing one sugar station something that appeared immense to me flew away from the locality. I thought at first it was Polyphemus, but what could it be doing at sugar? Then perhaps a *Catocala*—never saw one so large. Though I had no lamp, I was satisfied at last it was something new; went into the house and got my net and made several trips to the same spot—no results. I said to myself, Well, I will wait for you, and sat down and lit a cigar. I was about two yards from the spot where I first saw the apparition. I waited patiently for about half an hour. Presently along came the same bat-like insect, and, after a few circles, alighted on the post and commenced sucking in the sugar along with the numerous moths—a giant among pigmies. As soon as it was at rest, I knew it at once as *Erebus odora*. I watched it feed awhile, a thing I never expected to see. After I netted it, I found it to be a fine female—looked as if it had just emerged from cocoon—abdomen was quite soft and scales in perfect condition. This I think, under the circumstances, is a very interesting capture, as I understand all previous ones made, in Canada at least, have occurred late in the fall and in out-of-the-way places, and it has been supposed they had wandered here from the South; but here is a perfectly fresh specimen, taken in the middle of summer, apparently quite at home and taking his sweets along with the rest of the Canadian moths. My own notion is it was bred in Orillia.

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