

patch at base, one on middle of disk and six elongated spots in row within the margin. Duration of this stage 17 days.

I have received eggs of *Idalia* in different seasons from Mr. G. M. Dodge, Nebraska, laid from middle to last of September, of females confined in bags over plants of violet. The larvæ hatched in from 23 to 25 days, and after eating the egg shells, went at once into lethargy, most of them taking refuge at the base of the leaf stalks on the violet on which I placed them. Some fixed themselves on the under side of the leaves. Their behavior is similar in all respects to that of *Diana*, *Cybele*, etc., passing five moults, and in the northern area of the species the butterflies emerge from chrysalis in July. At Martha's Vineyard I found them emerging 25th July and subsequent days. In the neighborhood of Philadelphia, I have been told by Mr. T. R. Peale that *Idalia* is double-brooded, there being one generation about 1st July, another about 1st September. He had found several caterpillars in New Jersey in the early part of June, one of which suspended the day after it was taken, and three days later made chrysalis. At the north there is but a single brood. Mr. Scudder has informed me that at Nantucket he observed a female *Idalia* laying eggs on *Sericocarpus conyzoides*, a species of white Aster, and the same would happen at Martha's Vineyard. But the larvæ eat violet readily in confinement.

*Idalia* is common in many localities, but rare in others, in the belt which it inhabits, and this belt extends from Massachusetts westward to Nebraska. I have never seen the species in West Virginia, but not unlikely it is found in Virginia and Maryland along the coast. It seems very subject to suffusion, and many examples are to be found in different collections in this country. One of the most striking of these was named *Ashtaroth* by Mr. Fisher, who took it, and it was figured in the Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phil., 1852. I saw this beautiful example afterwards in the collection of Mr. Reakirt, borrowed from the Academy's collection, to which it has not yet been returned.

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