Artace cribraria (Ljungh) in Louisiana

The medium size, brilliant white Lasiocampid Artace cribraria (Ljungh) (Fig.1) is fairly common where found in Louisiana (Fig. 2). Dozens of individual black dots occurring at veins adorn the forewings as antemedian, median, postmedian, subterminal and terminal lines. Covell(1984) states this species as occurring New York to Florida and Texas. Covell (1984) states cribraria is common in the south, uncommon to rare in the north and occurs June to Oct. Heppner (2003) list dates for all 12 months. The reported foodplants are Quercus and Prunus. Adults were taken in all twelve months in Louisiana (Fig. 3), two lesser populated broods peaking November and February and two largely populated broods May and August.

A second similar looking North American species, Artace colaria Franclemont (1973) was described from Arizona.

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