Catocala judith Strecker 1874 in Louisiana

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Fig. 1. Catocala judith Strecker: a. male, b. female.

Fig. 2. Parish records by this author.

The rarely encountered, medium-sized black hindwing underwing moth Catocala judith Strecker (Fig. 1) is known to occur in Louisiana from a series of four specimens, three males and one female, captured at Red Dirt National Wildlife Refuge in Kisatchie National Forest, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana (Fig. 2). The dates of capture of these four specimens are May 31 and June 1. Both sexes of judith appear quite similar in maculation and the fringe on hindwings is gray. The forewings appear somewhat inconspicuous and mottled gray and white in appearance. Barnes and McDunnough (1918) reported judith occurs widespread throughout the eastern states and the valleys of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, extending northward into Ontario and Quebec. Sargent (1976) states judith is generally uncommon, occurring "... Ontario, New Hampshire to North Carolina and west throughout area". Covell (1984) reported judith to occur from New Hampshire and southern Ontario to North Carolina, west to Wisconsin and Missouri. There is no mention of judith occurring in Florida by Heppner (2003) nor by Knudson and Bordelon (1999) for the state of Texas.

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