

Polyphemus Moth



Antheraea polyphemus



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Host Plants

- Oak
- Willow
- Birch
- Maple
- Carolina Basswood
- Elm
- Hickory
- *Quercus* spp.
- *Salix* spp.
- *Betula* spp.
- *Acer* spp.
- *Tilia americana*
- *Ulmus* spp.
- *Carya* spp.

Biology

The **Polyphemus Moth** is among the largest moths found in North America, with an approximate wingspan of 6 inches. It can be easily distinguished by the large eyespots on its hindwings. Adults frequent hardwood forests, wetlands and urban areas. Female **Polyphemus Moths** lay brown-tan oval eggs singly or in small batches. Larvae are solitary and vary in color. When mature, they spin a thick cocoon made of dark silver silk among the leaves of host plants. Adult moths live for about 4 days and do not feed.



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