

LITTLE WOOD SATYR

(Megisto cymela)

Bug
of the
Month



The little wood satyr is often observed along forest edges and in brush filled clearings from June to July. They fly close to the ground, twisting through grasses and bushes. Males will patrol clearings looking for females, but usually remain in the shade.

These butterflies are a type of brush-footed butterfly. This means that two of the legs are significantly smaller than the other four. These smaller legs are not used for walking, but instead help the butterfly smell and taste its surroundings.

The adults mostly feed on the sap flows from trees, honeydew, and the fluids from decaying mushrooms. The caterpillars feed on several types of grasses.

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