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PROBABLE SECOND U.S. RECORD FOR EREBIA DISCOIDALIS

On 24 May 1964 W. R. Pieper, Ray Glassel, and I were collecting in Lake County, Minnesota. About 20 miles north of Two Harbors, we stopped at the little town of McNair. The general area is one of acid bogs, characterized by black spruce, white cedar, and tamarack. Ground cover is mostly mosses (sphagnum, hipnum, haircap, etc.) with occasional gatherings of checkerberry, Labrador tea, leather-leaf, and claytonia.

Just behind the buildings at McNair (NE ¼, S 24, T 56 N, R 11 W) is an open, grassy meadow, sparsely dotted with speckled alder and quaking aspen, both of shrub size. In this meadow we captured three badly worn but typical red-disked alpines, Erebia discoidalis (Kirby).

Macy and Shepard (1941)¹ list the only U.S. record for this species as Itasca Park (Clearwater County), Minnesota on 31 May 1935. The most recent literature that I have is Ehrlich and Ehrlich (1961),² where the Itasca Park record is again cited as the only U.S. record. We have reason to believe, then, that the three specimens taken by us on 24 May are the second documented occurrence of Erebia discoidalis for the U.S. If any readers know of other specimens, I would be interested in the details.

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¹ Ralph W. Macy & Harold H. Shepard, Butterflies (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1941), p. 91

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