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ANOTHER LARVAL FOODPLANT FOR *EUPHYDRYAS PHAETON* (DRURY) (NYMPHALIDAE)

During the first week of June, 1971, I was collecting in a meadow in lower Orange County, New York State, where I had collected *Euphydryas phaeton* (Drury) in other years. This year the season was about one week late and very few of the checkerspots were flying. Numerous mature larvae were identified, however, (about two dozen) feeding on scattered bushes of the arrow-wood (*Virburnum recognitum* L.). This shrub was fairly plentiful in this field. Usually there were two to three larvae on a bush, feeding on the uppermost leaves. Though turtlehead (*Chelone glabra* L.) was also present in this field, no caterpillars were seen feeding on it.

It is to be noted that a few days earlier in Andover, Sussex County, New Jersey, a mature larva of this same butterfly was collected on White Ash (*Fraxinus americana* L.).

In 1969, Joseph Muller reported a new larval foodplant for *Euphydryas phaeton*, namely *Pentstemon hirsutus* (L.) (J. Lepid. Soc. 23: 48). Apparently there are several plants which are accepted by mature *phaeton* larvae. As *phaeton* is known to form colonies on turtlehead in its earlier instars, perhaps its diet becomes more catholic with maturity. Perhaps also the requirements of the larger caterpillars may outstrip the availability of the original foodplant, forcing a change.

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