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AN UNUSUAL MOTH IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

After working on my car, at about 1400 on 14 November 1971, I drove it through a parking lot across the street from my home. I then noticed a large moth clinging to a building, about ten feet off the ground. A closer look revealed that it was a large noctuid. Immediately, I opened the back of the car, grabbed my net, made a lunge at the moth, and managed to capture it.

As soon as I got home, I checked my revised edition of Holland's *Moth Book*, and found that the moth I had just caught was *Thysania zenobia* Cramer. After reading that it was a "South American moth," I knew that I had caught something quite unusual for central Illinois. However, a moderately strong wind had been blowing from the south for several days preceding the capture, and as the specimen was slightly worn, this probably explains its presence this far north, especially at such a late time of year.

I am sure that this capture does not constitute a state record after checking with the University of Illinois and Eastern Illinois University; but it might be a new record at least for Coles County. If any members know of a previous capture of this species in this county, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from them.

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WING-SHAPE AND ADULT RESOURCES IN LYCAENIDS

Various small species of blues (Lycaenidae: Lycaeninae) are characterized by rather narrow elongated wings—a Nearctic example being *Zizula cyna* Edwards. In September of 1971 some observations were made on a related African species, *Zizula hylax* (F.) in the Gombe Reserve on Lake Tanganyika, Tanzania.