

Northern Pearly Eye

Enodia anthedon

-The Northern Pearly Eye is a unique butterfly in that the ends of its antennae are black. The upper-sides of the wings are brown with dark eyespots, while the undersides are simply brown.

-The Northern Pearly Eye may not seem like the most beautiful of butterflies, but I can tell you from personal experience that they are much prettier than the pictures indicate. Plus, you do not need to plant anything special for them. If you live near damp deciduous woodlands, and have a small lawn, you probably will have the Northern Pearly Eye.



Wingspan: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Caterpillar hosts: The caterpillar form of the Northern Pearly Eye is not too picky. Almost any tall grass will create a wonderful place for it to live.

Adult foods: The adult form of the Northern Pearly Eye eats on dung, fungi, carrion, and the sap from Willows, Aspens, and Birch trees. “Why would I want a butterfly around that eats dung and carrion?” you might think. Well, they help with the decomposition of both, naturally helping get rid of what the neighbors dog left you.