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## EUVANESSA ANTIOPA Linn.

## THE MOURNING CLOAK

A specimen of this striking butterfly was caught by the author about two miles east of Gainesville on February 1st, 1931. There were a few willows growing in the rather boggy place where it was found. In February of 1917 Professor Watson (in Florida Entomologist, Vol. 1, No. 1, page 6,) saw, but was unable to capture, one two miles west of Gainesville near what is known as Hog Town Creek.

These are the only known records of the Mourning Cloak this far south in Eastern United States. John A. Grossbeck, in the Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History, Vol. XXXVII, in a list of Florida Lepidoptera, mentions "Northern Florida", and states "it is very rare", also "two specimens were seen in 1887 by Johnson at St. Augustine". St. Augustine is about fifteen miles further north than Gainesville and on the Atlantic Coast.

Therefore, the conclusion is drawn that the range of Euvanessa antiopa extends but a short distance into Florida from the North, altho some of its host plants, such as willows, extend to the tip of the peninsula, and elms and hackberry (celtis) are common about Gainesville. The presence of its eggs, larvae, or pupae have not been known to the author in this region. The two specimens found may have migrated from the North.

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