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## A DWARF FORM OF EUPTOIETA CLAUDIA (LEPIDOPTERA: NYMPHALIDAE)

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During a collecting vacation in August, 1970, I captured several specimens of *Euptoieta claudia* (Cramer). After spreading the catch, the interesting gradation shown in the accompanying photograph was noted. Figure 1 shows a wing span range from 1 3/8" to 2".

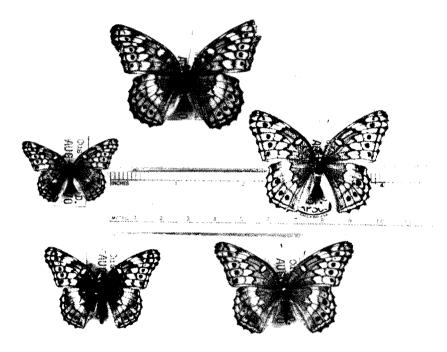


Fig. 1. Size variation in Euptoieta claudia (Cramer).

Brown (1965) has indicated that a series of miniature *E. hegesia* can be found in the American Museum, and that the dwarf form of that species was taken in the Santa Rita Mountains of southeastern Arizona. The specimens of *E. claudia* figured here were taken in the Dakotas, between August 18 and 21, 1970. The largest specimen at the top was "captured" on the radiator of the automobile somewhere in western North Dakota, while the remaining specimens were taken at the Outlaw Ranch, near Custer, Custer County, South Dakota. The specimens are in the collection of the author.

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