

DIOPTIDAE

PHRYGANIDIA CALIFORNICA - CALIFORNIA OAKWORM



CATERPILLAR Two middorsal white bands bordered in purple; yellow subdorsal and spiracular bands separated by a gray-purple band bordered in black; transverse black stripe on T1, A1, and A8; A5 with a middorsal black spot. Head tan with a faint tint of orange.

ADULT Wingspan 4.0 centimeters. Forewings tan-light brown with a yellow median patch. Hindwings tan and immaculate.

ECOLOGY This species is an occasional pest on live oak and chinquapin. Caterpillars are common; feed on live oak and chinquapin during fall, winter, and spring. Adults are nocturnal; fly in midsummer. Found in dry woodlands in western Oregon and California.