

A Bug's Life

Basswood leafminer

Baliosus nervosus

Fun facts

- Eggs laid between leaves hatch larvae that feed between layers
- Damage is cosmetic
- Often found with Japanese beetles, bagworms and finger galls

Identification

Damage: Brown, dry blotches and leaf mines by larva, skeletonization of one side of leaf by adults

Larva: White grub, brown head

Beetle: Orange-brown, broad, flat, rectangular shaped body with mottling and texture on wing covers

Host plants

- Linden trees are preferred, but found also on other deciduous trees

Management

- Management for leafminers is not practical



Photos: UNL Department of Entomology