A Bug's Life Basswood leafminer

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



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