A Bug's Life Solitary oak leafminer

Cameraria hamadryadella

Fun facts
- Feed between and pupates between layers of leaf
- Overwinter as larvae in fallen leaf
- Injury largely cosmetic
- Silhouette visible through leaf if held up to light

Identification
**Damage:** Blotch mines on the upper-side of the leaf
**Egg:** One at a time on surface of leaf
**Larva:** Flat and tapered, look like rattle of rattle snake
**Moth:** Small, pale, silver moths with orange marks on wings

Host plants
- Larvae feed on various oaks, especially white oak

Management
- Rake, destroy, dispose fallen leaves
- No chemical treatment recommended

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