

Les Ferge

Treasurer of the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists

I grew up in Wausau, Wisconsin. After graduating in 1972 from the UW-Madison with a degree in Entomology, I worked as a Biological Technician with the USDA Forest Service - Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wisconsin. I was involved in the early development of a new approach to termite control, which subsequently was perfected and now widely used in the pest control industry. I began collecting Lepidoptera in 1961, and credit my inspiration and true beginning to viewing the magnificent Harold Bower collection in Wausau, shortly before he passed away at the end of 1963. Since then I have collected throughout Wisconsin, documenting the macrolepidoptera in the state's many and diverse habitats. I have been a member of the Lepidopterists' Society since 1969, and served as the Midwest Season Summary Coordinator from 1988-2014. I joined the Kentucky Lepidopterists in 1976, and have served as treasurer since 2000.