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SHORT COMMUNICATION

The first data on many-plumed moths of Namibia (Lepidoptera, Alucitidae)

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The article gives the first data on the many-plumed moths of Namibia. Two species are reported: *Alucita certifica* and *Alucita homotrocha,* previously known from the Republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe respectively
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Introduction

The Republic of Namibia is located in South Africa and borders on the territory of the Republic of South Africa. Its main part consists of hills and deserts. In contrast to RAS, where the many-plumed moths fauna is presented fairly well (over 20 species have been described) there have been no recordings on Namibia until present. Examining the materials of Natural History Museum, UK, London, and Distong National Museum of Natural History, Pretoria, South Africa (formerly Transvaal Museum), and also the materials of expeditions by Dr. Wolfram Mey (Museum für Naturkunde, formerly Zoologisches Museum der Humboldt Universität), Berlin, Germany, we have revealed two species of Alucitidae, now recorded for Namibia for the first time. The Afrotropical territory is very poorly studied concerning Alucitidae, only in the latest years some works with descriptions of new species, revisions and new faunal data on African many-plumed moths started to appear: Ustjuzhanin & Kovtunovich (2011; 2016), Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin (2016).

Annotated list of species

Alucita certifica (Meyrick, 1909)
Orneodes certifica Meyrick, 1909: 4. (Type locality: Rep. S. Africa).
Material examined. 2 ♂, 1 ♀, Namibia, Grootfontein: Otavi, 19°38'S, 17°21'E, 16–19.ii.1992; 1 ♂ Namibia campsite, Namib-Naukluft NP, 8.iii.2005, W. Mey leg.; 2 ♀, Abachaus, iv. [19]43, G. Hobohm; 1 ♀, vi. 1942, Coll. Janse.
Distribution: South Africa, Namibia.
Flight period: February–June.

Alucita homotrocha (Meyrick, 1921)
Orneodes homotrocha Meyrick, 1921: 108. (Type locality: Zimbabwe).
Material examined. 1 ♂, Abachaus, i. [19]44, 2 ♀, i. [19]45, G. Hobohm leg.; Otjitambi Fm., 27 mls., ESE, Kamanjab, 13–15.ii.1972; 4 ex., Namibia, Okatjikona Waterberg Nat. Park, 14–18.ii.2008; 1 ♀, Otjikondo, W Outjo Holstein-Farm, 13.iii.2005; 1 ♀, Kunene, Baynes Mts., 1252 m, 23–25.ii. 2008; 1 ♀, Sandveld, 60 km N Gobasis, 22-26.i.2007, W. Mey; 1 ♀, Oshikoto Region, Ghaub Nat. Reserve and Guest Farm, 1425 m, S. 19.4703/E 17.748767, 5–6.xii.2016, R. Yakovlev leg.; 2 ♀, 50 km N Grootfontein, M1226, Roy's Rest Camp, 19°13'S, 18°29'E, 05.xii.2010, G. Bassi, leg.
Distribution: Zimbabwe, Namibia.
Flight period: December – March

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