

The Pterophoridae fauna (Lepidoptera) of Thailand

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We give a full list of Pterophoridae species of Thailand fauna, including type habitats, synonymy, worldwide distribution (adding new data). For 4 species new for Thailand we provide data of the collected material. Now the plume moths fauna of Thailand includes 38 species.

Key words: Lepidoptera; Pterophoridae; plume moths; Thailand; distribution; new data

Introduction

Due to its tropical and sub-equatorial climate, Thailand is very rich and diverse in flora and fauna. Its considerable length from north to south (over 1500 km) and a large vertical drop (more than 2500 m) led to the emergence of a wide variety of natural zones. The Pterophoridae of Thailand are relatively well studied. One of the first publications on the Pterophoridae of Thailand indicated 5 species: *Deuterocopus socotranus*, *Platyptilia [Stenoptilodes] taprobanes*, *Nippoptilia vitis*, *Sphenarches anisodactylus*, *Megalorhipida leucodactyla* (as *Trichoptilus defectalis*). All these specimens were collected in the province Chieng Mai of north-western Thailand Yano (1961). The next paper, specifically dedicated to the fauna of plume moths of Thailand, has recently been published by Ernst Arenberger (2010). This study gives an overview of Pterophoridae 28 species from Thailand. Then, two more species of the genus *Xyroptilia*: *dohertyi* and *siami* were described from Thailand Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin (2006). Having examined new Pterophoridae specimens from Thailand, the authors of this article have added three more new species to the Thailand fauna of plume moths: *Deuterocopus atrapex*, *Platyptilia ignifera*, *Oxyptilus causodes* and *Buckleria paludum*.

As a result, taking into account all the published data, we provide a list of 38 Pterophoridae species now known for the Thailand fauna. The species indicated for the fauna of Thailand for the first time are marked with an asterisk *.

Material and Methods

In writing this work, we have analyzed all the major literature sources, which contain data on the distribution of plume moths in Thailand Yano (1961, 1962, 1963), Yano et al. (1996); Gielis (2003); Li et al. (2003); Ustjuzhanin et Kovtunovich (2009); Arenberger (2010). In determining the new material collected by the authors of this article and by our colleagues, we used modern literature (Arenberger 1995, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2010). In some difficult cases of determination, we compared the examined material with the specimens of the Pterophoridae collection funds of the Natural History Museum, UK, London (BMNH). The examined material is deposited in the Natural History Museum (BMNH) and in the private collection of Ustjuzhanin and Kovtunovich.

Annotated list of species

Ochyrotica connexiva (Walsingham, 1891)

Steganodactyla connexiva Walsingham, 1891: 242. (Type locality: Burma).

Distribution. Bhutan, India, Burma, Thailand.

* *Deuterocopus atrapex* Fletcher, 1910

Deuterocopus atrapex Fletcher, 1910. 19. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Material. 1 ♂, N.Thailand, 800m Nan, km 61 on Pua to Bo Kleua rd (Hwy 1081), 9.ix 1990, I.J. Kitching & A.M. Cotton.

Distribution. India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Australia.

Notes. New for Thailand.

Deuterocopus planetus Meyrick, 1908

Deuterocopus planeta Meyrick, 1908: 473. (Type locality: India).

Deuterocopus torridus Meyrick, 1913: 106. (Type locality: Irian Jaya, Indonesia).

Distribution. India, Sri Lanka, Burma, Indonesia, New Guinea.

Deuterocopus socotranus Rebel, 1907

Deuterocopus socotranus Rebel, 1907: 115. (Type locality: Yemen, Sokotra).

Deuterocopus viticola Meyrick, 1911: 104. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Deuterocopus triannulatus Meyrick, 1913: 107. (Type locality: Australia).

Deuterocopus deltoptilus Meyrick, 1930: 565. (Type locality: Uganda).

Deuterocopus henrioti Bigot & Boireau, 2006: 16–17. (Type locality: Cote d'Ivoire).

Distribution. Yemen, Oman, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Burma, Indonesia, Rep. S. Africa, Somalia, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Ivory Coast, New Guinea, Australia.

* *Platyptilia ignifera* Meyrick, 1908

Platyptilia ignifera Meyrick, 1908: 481. (Type locality: India).

Material. 1 ♀, Phuket, lower reaches of a rivulet between Nai Thon and La Yang, 8°02'N 98°16'E, 19.ii.2009, N. Vikhrev.

Distribution. Japan, India, Thailand.

Notes. New for Thailand.

Platyptilia farfarella Zeller, 1867

Platyptilus farfarellus Zeller, 1867: 334. (Type locality: Poland).

Platyptilia molopias Meyrick, 1906: 135. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Platyptilia petila Yano, 1963: 851. (Type locality: Solomon Islands).

Platyptilia periacta Meyrick, 1910: 411. (Type locality: Cape Town, S. Africa).

Platyptilia claripicta Fletcher, 1910: 400. (Type locality: Seychelles).

Distribution. Europe, Asia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Rep. S. Africa, Swaziland, Madagascar, Mauritius, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, San Tome Isl., Seychelles, Nigerian, Ghana.

Stenoptilia zophodactyla (Duponchel, 1840)

Pterophorus zophodactylus Duponchel, 1840: 668. (Type locality: France).

Pterophorus loewii Zeller, 1847: 38. (Type locality: Italy).

Pterophorus canalis Walker, 1864: 944. (Type locality: Australia).

Mimeseoptilus semicostata Zeller, 1873a: 323. (Type locality: Texas, USA).

Distribution. Europe, Nepal, Japan, India, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand. Rep. S. Africa, Kenya, Madagascar, U.S.A., Mexico, Ecuador, Paraguay.

Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (Walker, 1864)

Oxyptilus pusillidactylus Walker, 1864: 933. (Type locality: Jamaica).

Platyptilia tecnidion Zeller, 1877: 13. (Type locality: Virgin Islands).

Platyptilia hemimetra Meyrick, 1886: 18. (Type locality: Reunion Isl.).

Platyptilia lantana Busck, 1914: 103. (Type locality: Hawai'i Islands).

Platyptilia amphiloga Meyrick, 1909: 365. (Type locality: Rep. S. Africa).

Platyptilia teleactna Meyrick, 1932: 250. (Type locality: Indonesia, Java).

Platyptilia lantanadactyla Amsel, 1951: 66. (Type locality: Morocco).

Distribution. Spain, Canary Islands, Madeira, Morocco, Israel, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, New Guinea, Hawaii Islands, Galapagos Islands, Swaziland, Tanzania, Reunion Island, Seychelles, U.S.A., Bermuda Islands, Paraguay, Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Galapagos Islands, Hawai'i Islands.

Stenoptilodes taprobanes (Felder & Rogenhofer, 1875)

Amblyptilia taprobanes Felder & Rogenhofer, 1875: plate 140, fig. 54. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Platyptilia brachymorpha Meyrick, 1888: 240. (Type locality: India).

Platyptilia seiboldi Hofmann, 1898: 33. (Type locality: Syria).

Platyptilia terlizzi Turati, 1926: 67. (Type locality: Libya).

Amblyptilia zavatterii Hartig, 1953: 67. (Type locality: Italy).

Platyptilia legrandi Bigot, 1962b: 86. (Type locality: Seychelles).

Stenoptilodes vittata Service, 1966: 11. (Type locality: Nigeria).

Distribution. France, Spain, Portugal, Canary Islands, Libya, Finland, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Bulgaria, Greece, Crete, Cyprus, Turkey, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, New Guinea, Australia, Hawai'i Islands, Tchad, Sao Tome, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, Madagascar, Seychelles, U.S.A., Paraguay, Bolivia.

Nippoptilia cinctipedalis (Walker, 1864)*Oxyptilus cinctipedalis* Walker, 1864: 935. (Type locality: Australia).*Nippoptilia minor* Hori, 1933. (Type locality: Japan).*Trichoptilus eochrodes* Meyrick, 1935. (Type locality: Hunan, China).*Oxyptilus caryornis* Meyrick, 1935. (Type locality: Tien-Mu-Shan, China).**Distribution.** Australia, Japan, Palau, China, Thailand.***Nippoptilia regula*** (Meyrick, 1906)*Oxyptilus regulus* Meyrick, 1906: 135. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).**Distribution.** Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Tanzania.***Nippoptilia vitis*** (Sasaki, 1913)*Stenoptilia vitis* Sasaki, 1913: 3. (Type locality: Japan).*Oxyptilus formosanus* Matsumura, 1931: No. 2061. (Type locality: Japan).**Distribution.** Japan, Korea, Nepal, India, Thailand, Taiwan.***Xyroptilia dohertyi*** Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin, 2006*Xyroptilia dohertyi* Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin, 2006: 263. (Type locality: Renong, Thailand).**Distribution.** Thailand.***Xyroptilia siami*** Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin, 2006*Xyroptilia siami* Kovtunovich & Ustjuzhanin, 2006: 262. (Type locality: Chiang Mai, Thailand).**Distribution.** NW Thailand (Myanmar), China (Yunan).***Asiaephorus longicucullus*** Gielis, 2000*Asiaephorus longicucullus* Gielis, 2000: 371. (Type locality: Nepal).**Distribution.** Nepal, Thailand, Japan, India.***Asiaephorus sythoffi*** (Snellen, 1903)*Platyptilia (Amblyptilia) sythoffi* Snellen, 1903: 54. (Type locality: Java, Indonesia).**Distribution.** Indonesia, India, Thailand.***Sphenarches anisodactylus*** (Walker, 1864)*Oxyptilus anisodactylus* Walker, 1864: 934. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).*Pterophorus diffusalis* Walker, 1864: 945. (Type locality: Australia).*Sphenarches synophrys* Meyrick, 1886: 17. (Type locality: New Hebrides).*Megalorhipida rishwani* Makhan, 1994: 353. (Type locality: Surinam).**Distribution.** Nepal, Japan, China, Sri Lanka, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Bismarck Islands, Australia, Cameroun, Seychelles, Reunion Island, Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, Zaire, Gambia, Guinea, Nigeria, Tchad, Malawi, Swaziland, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, U.S.A., Brazil, Dominica, Grenada, Panama, Virgin Islands, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, Peru, Paraguay, Fiji Islands, New Hebrids, Tonga Islands, New Caledonia, Palau, Bonin Island, Guam.***Sphenarches bilineatus*** Yano, 1963*Sphenarches bilineatus* Yano, 1963: 868. (Type locality: Samoa).**Distribution.** Samoa, Thailand.***Sphenarches zandlistis*** (Meyrick, 1905)*Oxyptilus zandlistis* Meyrick, 1905: 582. (Type locality: Burma).**Distribution.** Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Australia.****Oxyptilus causodes*** Meyrick, 1905*Oxyptilus causodes* Meyrick, 1905: 582. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).**Material:** 1 ♂, 1 ♀, 100 km N Chiang Mai, Chiang Dao, 20-30.vii.2008, S. Murzin.**Distribution.** India, Sri Lanka, Thailand.**Notes.** New for Thailand.***Strangeia xerodes*** (Meyrick, 1886)*Trichoptilus xerodes* Meyrick, 1886: 14. (Type locality: Toowoomba, Australia).*Trichoptilus esakii* Hori, 1936: 79. (Type locality: Japan).*Trichoptilus dryites* Meyrick, 1936: 625. (Type locality: Indonesia).**Distribution.** Japan, China, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Australia, New Guinea, Fiji Islands, Rep. S. Africa.

Stenodacma pyrrhodes (Meyrick, 1889)*Trichoptilus pyrrhodes* Meyrick, 1889: 1113. (Type locality: Australia).*Oxyptilus kinbane* Matsumura, 1931: No. 2063. (Type locality: Japan).**Distribution.** Pakistan, Nepal, Korea, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Australia.***Megalorhipida leucodactyla*** (Fabricius, 1794)*Pterophorus leucodactylus* Fabricius, 1794: 346. (Type locality: Virgin Islands).*Pterophorus defectalis* Walker, 1864: 943. (Type locality: Sierra Leone).*Pterophorus congrualis* Walker, 1864: 943. (Type locality: Sierra Leone).*Pterophorus oxydactylus* Walker, 1864: 944. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).*Aciptilia hawaiiensis* Butler, 1881: 408. (Type locality: Hawaii Islands).*Trichoptilus ochrodactylus* Fish, 1881: 142. (Type locality: Texas, U.S.A.).*Trichoptilus centetes* Meyrick, 1886: 16. (Type locality: New Guinea).*Trichoptilus compsochares* Meyrick, 1886: 16. (Type locality: Cape Verde Islands).*Trichoptilus adelphodes* Meyrick, 1887: 266. (Type locality: Australia).*Trichoptilus ralumensis* Pagenstecher, 1900: 239. (Type locality: Bismarck Islands).*Trichoptilus derelictus* Meyrick, 1926: 276. (Type locality: Ecuador, Galapagos Islands).***Megalorhipida palaestinensis*** Amsel, 1935: 283. (Type locality: Israel).**Distribution.** Spain, Morocco, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Dubai, Oman, Iran, Pakistan, Somalia, Congo, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroun, Tchad, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Nigeria, Cape Verde Islands, Kenya, Tanzania, Swaziland, Rep. S. Africa, Uganda, Madagascar, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Ethiopia, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia, U.S.A., Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, French Guyana, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Thomas, St. Vincent, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Surinam, Galapagos Islands, Mariana Islands, Wake Island, Marshall Islands, Gilbert Islands.***Trichoptilus regalis*** (Fletcher, 1909)*Oxyptilus regalis* Fletcher, 1909: 25. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).*Oxyptilus chordites* Meyrick, 1913: 106. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).**Distribution.** China, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia.***Prichotilus bidens*** (Meyrick, 1930)*Trichoptilus bidens* Meyrick, 1930: 564. (Type locality: India).**Distribution.** India, Thailand.****Buckleria paludum*** (Zeller, 1841)*Pterophorus paludum* Zeller, 1839: 277. (Type locality: Germany).*Trichoptilus paludicola* Fletcher, 1907: 20. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).*Pselnophorus dolichos* Matsumura, 1931: No. 2071. (Type locality: Japan).**Material:** 1 ♀, Chiang Dao Resort, 600m, 28.05-08.vi.2009; 2 ♀N, Thailand, 100 km N Chiang Mai, 600m, 20-31.07.2008. leg. Murzin S.**Distribution.** Europe, Iran, south of western Siberia, the Far East of Russia, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand.**Notes.** New for Thailand.***Exelastis pumilio*** (Zeller, 1873)*Mimesoepilus pumilio* Zeller, 1873: 324. (Type locality: Texas, U.S.A.).*Marasmarcha liophanes* Meyrick, 1886: 19. (Type locality: Reunion Island).*Mimaesopilus gilvidorsis* Hedemann, 1896: 8 (not Zeller, 1877). (Type locality: Virgin Islands, St. Croix).**Distribution.** Nepal, Tchad, Gambia, Tanzania, Mali, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Rep. S. Africa, Seychelles, Reunion Island, Madagascar, Nigeria, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand, New Guinea, U.S.A., Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Surinam, Costa Rica, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guadelupe, Mexico, Jamaica, Virgin Islands, Fatu Hiva, Guam, Palau.***Adaina microdactyla*** (Hubner, [1813])*Alucita microdactyla* Hubner, [1813]: pi. 5, figs. 26, 27. (Type locality: Europe).*Pterophorus carphodactylus* Stephens, 1834: 374. (Type locality: England).*Adaina montivola* Meyrick, 1937: 170. (Type locality: China).*Adaina subflavescens* Meyrick, 1930: 568. (Type locality: Indonesia).*Oidaematophorus madecasseus* Gibeaux, 1994: 130. (Type locality: Madagascar).**Distribution.** Ireland, Great Britain, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Corse, Sardinia, Malta, Estland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Russia (European part), Turkey, Israel, Iran, Georgia, Nepal, China, Japan, Madagascar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan, New Guinea, Solomon Islands.

Gypsochares catharotes (Meyrick, 1908)

Pselnophorus catharotes Meyrick, 1908: 491. (Type locality: India).

Distribution. Pakistan, Nepal, India, Thailand, Rep. S. Africa, Kenya.

Pterophorus albidanus (Zeller, 1852)

Aciptilus albidanus Zeller, 1852: 397. (Type locality: Southern Africa).

Alucita endogramma Meyrick, 1922: 549. (Type locality: Fiji).

Alucita endophaea Meyrick, 1930: 567. (Type locality: Mozambique).

Aciptilia suffiata Yano, 1963: 200. (Type locality: Okinawa, Japan).

Distribution. Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Kei, Irian Jaya, Australia, Fiji Islands, South Africa, Gambia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Zaire, Uganda, Cameroon, Tchad, Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Zanzibar, Madagascar, Reunion Island.

Pterophorus chosokeialis (Strand, 1922)

Alucita chosokeialis Strand, 1922: 15. (Type locality: Taiwan).

Alucita chionadelpha Meyrick, 1929: 708. (Type locality: Vietnam).

Pterphorus attenuatus Hao, Kendrick, Li, 2008: 38. (Type locality: Hainan, China)

Distribution. Japan, China, Taiwan, Vietnam.

Pterophorus elaeopus (Meyrick, 1908)

Alucita elaeopa Meyrick, 1908: 490. (Type locality: India).

Distribution. India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia.

Pterophorus leucadactylus (Walker, 1864)

Aciptilus leucadactylus Walker, 1864: 949. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Distribution. India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia.

Pterophorus lacteipennis (Walker, 1864)

Aciptilus lacteipennis Walker, 1864: 949. (Type locality: India).

Aciptilus similis Walker, 1864: 949. (Type locality: Sarawak).

Aciptilia malaccensis Zeller, 1877: 485. (Type locality: Malacca).

Distribution. Burma, Malaysia, Singapore, Sarawak, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, New Guinea, Australia.

Pterophorus melanopodus (Fletcher, 1907)

Alucita melanopoda T.B. Fletcher, 1907: 284. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Distribution. Sri Lanka, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, New Guinea.

Cosmoclostis leucomochla Fletcher, 1947

Cosmoclostis leucomochla Fletcher, 1947: 46. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Distribution. Sri Lanka, Burma, Philippines, Thailand.

Cosmoclostis pesseuta Meyrick, 1906

Cosmoclostis pesseuta Meyrick, 1906: 134. (Type locality: Sri Lanka).

Cosmoclostis premnicola Fletcher, 1932: 1. (Type locality: India).

Distribution. Sri Lanka, India, Thailand.

Diacrotricha fasciola Zeller, 1852

Diacrotricha fasciola Zeller, 1852: 399. (Type locality: Java, Indonesia).

Distribution. Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan, China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, New Guinea.

Discussion

Thus, as a result of our examination of the material on Pterophoridae, the plume moths fauna of Thailand now includes 38 species, 4 of which are indicated as new for the country. There is no doubt that there is a need for further revision and research, so the Pterophoridae fauna of this region will be supplemented with many other new species, previously unknown for Thailand.

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