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Taxonomic discoveries enabled by genomic analysis of butterflies

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ABSTRACT. The comparative genomics of butterflies yields additional insights into their phylogeny and classification that are compiled here. As a result, 3 genera, 5 subgenera, 5 species, and 3 subspecies are proposed as new, i.e., in Hesperidae: *Antina* Grishin, **gen. n.** (type species *Antigonus minor* O. Mielke, 1980), *Pompe* Grishin and Lamas, **gen. n.** (type species *Lerema postpuncta* Draudt, 1923), and *Curva* Grishin, **gen. n.** (type species *Moeris hyagnis* Godman, 1900); in Lycaenidae: *Fussia* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (type species *Polyommatus standfussi* Grum-Grshimailo, 1891) and *Pava* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (type species *Thecla panava* Westwood, 1852); in Hesperidae: *Monoca* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (type species *Tagiades monophthalma* Plötz, 1884), *Putuma* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (type species *Tisias putumayo* Constantino and Salazar, 2013), and *Rayia* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (type species *Mastor perigenes* Godman, 1900); *Cissia wahala* Grishin, **sp. n.** (Nymphalidae; type locality in Mexico: Oaxaca); in Hesperidae: *Hedone mira* Grishin and Lamas, **sp. n.** (type locality in Peru: Apurímac), *Vidius pompeoides* Grishin, **sp. n.** (type locality in Brazil: Amazonas), *Parphorus hermieri* Grishin, **sp. n.** (Hesperidae; type locality in Brazil: Rondônia), and *Zenis par* Grishin, **sp. n.** (Hesperidae; type locality in Peru: Cuzco); in Pieridae: *Glutophrissa drusilla noroesta* Grishin, **ssp. n.** (type locality in USA: Texas, Cameron Co.) and *Pieris marginalis sibilanca* Grishin, **ssp. n.** (type locality in USA: New Mexico, Lincoln Co.), and *Argynnis cybele neomexicana* Grishin, **ssp. n.** (Nymphalidae; type locality in USA: New Mexico, Sandoval Co.). *Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] and *Acidalia nokomis valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] are unavailable names. **Neotypes** are designated for *Mylothris margarita* Hübner, [1825] (type locality in Brazil) and *Papilio coras* Cramer, 1775 (type locality becomes USA: Pennsylvania, Montgomery Co., Flourtown). *Mylothris margarita* Hübner, [1825] becomes a junior objective synonym of *Pieris ilaire* Godart, 1819, currently a junior subjective synonym of *Glutophrissa drusilla* (Cramer, 1777). **Lectotypes** are designated for *Hesperia ceramica* Plötz, 1886 (type locality in Indonesia: Seram Island), *Pamphila trebius* Mabille, 1891 (type locality Colombia: Bogota), *Methionopsis modestus* Godman, 1901 and *Papias microsema* Godman, 1900 (type locality in Mexico: Tabasco), *Hesperia fusca* Grote & Robinson, 1867 (type locality in USA: Georgia), *Goniloba corusca* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869, and *Goniloba devanes* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869; the type localities of the last two species, together with *Pamphila stigma* Skinner, 1896 and *Carystus (Argon) lota* (Hewitson, 1877), are deduced to be in South America. Type locality of *Junonia pacoma* Grishin, 2020 is in Sinaloa, not Sonora (Mexico). Abdomen is excluded from the holotype of *Staphylus ascalon* (Staudinger, 1876). Furthermore, a number of taxonomic changes are proposed. *Alciphronia* Koçak, 1992 is treated as a subgenus, not a synonym of *Heodes* Dalman, 1816. The following genera are treated as subgenera: *Lafron* Grishin, 2020 of *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807, *Aremfoxia* Real, 1971 of *Epityches* D'Almeida, 1938, *Placidina* D'Almeida, 1928 of *Pagyris* Boisduval, 1870, and *Methionopsis* Godman, 1901 of *Mnasinus* Godman, 1900. *Polites (Polites) coras* (Cramer, 1775) is not a *nomen dubium* but a valid species. The following are species-level taxa (not subspecies or synonyms of taxa given in parenthesis): *Lycaena pseudophaeas* (Lucas, 1866) and *Lycaena hypophaeas* (Boisduval, 1852) (not *Lycaena phlaeas* (Linnaeus, 1761), *Satyrium dryope* (W. H. Edwards, 1870) (not *Satyrium sylvinus* (Boisduval, 1852)), *Apodemia cleis* (W. H. Edwards, 1882) (not *Apodemia zela* (Butler, 1870)), *Epityches thyridiana* (Haensch, 1909), **comb. nov.** (not *Epityches ferra* Haensch, 1909, **comb. nov.**), *Argynnis bischoffii* W. H. Edwards, 1870 (not *Argynnis mormonia* Boisduval, 1869), *Argynnis leto* Behr, 1862 (not *Argynnis cybele* (Fabricius, 1775)), *Boloria myrina* (Cramer, 1777) (not *Boloria selene* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)), *Phyciodes jalapeno* J. Scott, 1998 (not *Phyciodes phaon* (W. H. Edwards, 1864)), *Phyciodes incognitus* Gatrell, 2004 and *Phyciodes diminutor* J. Scott, 1998 (not *Phyciodes cocyta* (Cramer, 1777)), *Phyciodes orantain* J. Scott, 1998 (not *Phyciodes tharos* (Drury, 1773)), *Phyciodes anasazi* J. Scott, 1994 (not *Phyciodes batesii* (Reakirt, [1866])), *Cercyonis silvestris* (W. H. Edwards, 1861) (not *Cercyonis sthenele* (Boisduval, 1852)), *Paramacera allyni* L. Miller, 1972 and *Paramacera rubrossuffusa* L. Miller, 1972 (not *Paramacera xicaque*

(Reakirt, [1867]), *Cissia cheneyorum* (R. Chermock, 1949), *Cissia pseudocleophes* (L. Miller, 1976), and *Cissia anabelae* (L. Miller, 1976) (not *Cissia rubricata* (W. H. Edwards, 1871)), *Tarsoctenus gaudialis* (Hewitson, 1876) (not *Tarsoctenus corytus* (Cramer, 1777)), *Nisoniades inca* (Lindsey, 1925) (not *Nisoniades mimas* (Cramer, 1775)), *Xenophanes ruatanensis* Godman & Salvin, 1895 (not *Xenophanes tryxus* (Stoll, 1780)), *Lotongus shigeoi* Treadaway & Nuyda, 1994, *Lotongus balta* Evans, 1949, *Lotongus zalates* (Mabille, 1893), and *Lotongus taprobanus* (Plötz, 1885) (not *Lotongus calathus* (Hewitson, 1876)), *Oxyntes martius* (Mabille, 1889) (not *Oxyntes corusca* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869)), *Notamblyscirtes durango* J. Scott, 2017 (not *Notamblyscirtes simius* W. H. Edwards, 1881), *Hedone praeceps* Scudder, 1872, *Hedone catilina* (Plötz, 1886), and *Hedone calla* (Evans, 1955) (not *Hedone vibex* (Geyer, 1832)), *Atalopedes huron* (W. H. Edwards, 1863) (not *Atalopedes campestris* (Boisduval, 1852)), *Papias microsema* Godman, 1900 (not *Mnasinous phaeomelas* (Hübner, [1829]), **comb. nov.**), *Papias unicolor* (Hayward, 1938) and *Papias monus* Bell, 1942 (not *Papias phainis* Godman, 1900), *Nastra leuconoides* (Lindsey, 1925) (not *Nastra leucone* (Godman, 1900)), *Nastra fusca* (Grote & Robinson, 1867) (not *Nastra lherminier* (Latreille, [1824])), *Zenis hemizona* (Dyar, 1918) and *Zenis janka* Evans, 1955 (not *Zenis jebus* (Plötz, 1882)), *Carystus (Argon) argus* Möschler, 1879 (not *Carystus (Argon) lota* Hewitson, 1877), and *Lycas devanes* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869) (not *Lycas argentea* (Hewitson, 1866)). *Borbo impar ceramica* (Plötz, 1886), **comb. nov.** is not a synonym of *Pelopidas agna larika* (Pagenstecher, 1884) but a valid subspecies. *Parnassius smintheus behrii* W. H. Edwards, 1870 and *Cercyonis silvestris incognita* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 2012 are subspecies, not species. The following are junior subjective synonyms: *Shijimiaeoides* Beuret, 1958 of *Glaucoopsyche* Scudder, 1872, *Micropsyche* Mattoni, 1981 of *Turanana* Bethune-Baker, 1916, *Cyclyrus* Butler, 1897 of *Leptotes* Scudder, 1876, *Mesenopsis* Godman & Salvin, 1886 of *Xynias* Hewitson, 1874, *Carystus tetragraphus* Mabille, 1891 of *Lotongus calathus parthenope* (Plötz, 1886), *Parnara bipunctata* Elwes & J. Edwards, 1897 of *Borbo impar ceramica* (Plötz, 1886), *Hesperia peckius* W. Kirby, 1837 of *Polites (Polites) coras* (Cramer, 1775), and *Lerodea neamathla* Skinner & R. Williams, 1923 of *Nastra fusca* (Grote & Robinson, 1867). The following transfers are proposed: of species between genera (i.e., revised genus-species combinations): *Nervia niveostriga* (Trimen, 1864) (not *Kedestes* Watson, 1893), *Leona lota* Evans, 1937 (not *Lennia* Grishin, 2022), *Leona pruna* (Evans, 1937) and *Leona reali* (Berger, 1962) (not *Pteroteinon* Watson, 1893), *Mnasinous phaeomelas* (Hübner, [1829]) (not *Papias* Godman, 1900), *Saturnus jaguar* (Steinhauser, 2008) (not *Parphorus* Godman, 1900), *Parphorus harpe* (Steinhauser, 2008) (not *Saturnus* Evans, 1955), *Parphorus kadeni* (Evans, 1955) (not *Lento* Evans, 1955), and *Calpodes chocoensis* (Salazar & Constantino, 2013) (not *Megaleas* Godman, 1901); of subspecies between species (i.e., revised species-subspecies combinations): *Melitaea sterope* W. H. Edwards, 1870 of *Chlosyne palla* (Boisduval, 1852) (not *Chlosyne acastus* (W. H. Edwards, 1874)) and *Panoquina ocola distipuncta* Johnson & Matusik, 1988 of *Panoquina lucas* (Fabricius, 1793); and junior subjective synonym transferred between species: *Rhithon zaba* Strand, 1921 of *Conga chydrea* (A. Butler, 1877), not *Cynea cynea* (Hewitson, 1876), *Pamphila stigma* Skinner, 1896 of *Hedone catilina* (Plötz, 1886), not *Hedone praeceps* Scudder, 1872, and *Pamphila ortygia* Möschler, 1883 of *Panoquina hecebolus* (Scudder, 1872), not *Panoquina ocola* (W. H. Edwards, 1863). Proposed taxonomic changes result in additional revised species-subspecies combinations: *Lycaena pseudophlaeas abbottii* (Holland, 1892), *Satyrium dryope putnami* (Hy. Edwards, 1877), *Satyrium dryope megapallidum* Austin, 1998, *Satyrium dryope itys* (W. H. Edwards, 1882), *Satyrium dryope desertorum* (F. Grinnell, 1917), *Argynnis bischoffi opis* W. H. Edwards, 1874, *Argynnis bischoffi washingtonia* W. Barnes & McDunnough, 1913, *Argynnis bischoffi erinna* W. H. Edwards, 1883, *Argynnis bischoffi kimimela* Marrone, Spomer & J. Scott, 2008, *Argynnis bischoffi eurynome* W. H. Edwards, 1872, *Argynnis bischoffi artonis* W. H. Edwards, 1881, *Argynnis bischoffi luski* W. Barnes & McDunnough, 1913, *Argynnis leto letona* (dos Passos & Grey, 1945), *Argynnis leto pugetensis* (F. Chermock & Frechin, 1947), *Argynnis leto eileenae* (J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 1998), *Boloria myrina nebraskensis* (W. Holland, 1928), *Boloria myrina sabulocollis* Kohler, 1977, *Boloria myrina tollandensis* (W. Barnes & Benjamin, 1925), *Boloria myrina albequina* (W. Holland, 1928), *Boloria myrina atrocotalis* (Huard, 1927), *Boloria myrina terraenovae* (W. Holland, 1928), *Phyciodes anasazi apsaalooke* J. Scott, 1994, *Polites coras surllano* J. Scott, 2006, and *Curva darienensis* (Gaviria, Siewert, Mielke & Casagrande, 2018). Specimen curated as the holotype of *Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] is *Argynnis leto letona* (dos Passos & Grey, 1945) (not *A. leto leto* Behr, 1862) from USA: Utah, Provo. A synonymic list of available genus-group names for Lycaeninae [Leach], [1815] is given. Unless stated otherwise, all subgenera, species, subspecies and synonyms of mentioned genera and species are transferred with their parent taxa, and others remain as previously classified.

Key words: nomenclature, taxonomy, classification, genomics, phylogeny, biodiversity.

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INTRODUCTION

In this study, we continue the exploration of the phylogenetic classification of butterflies aided by genomic sequencing. The general philosophy, strategy, and details of the methods follow our previous publications (Cong et al. 2019a, b; Li et al. 2019; Zhang et al. 2019a, b, c, d; Cong et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2020; Cong et al. 2021; Zhang et al. 2021; Robbins et al. 2022; Zhang et al. 2022b, c). Here, we report further findings that are encountered as whole genomic shotgun datasets for additional specimens are being assembled and comparatively analyzed. We place emphasis on the sequencing of primary type specimens that provide objective references for the names (Zhang et al. 2022a). When type localities are unknown, we deduce them by genomic comparison of the type specimens with specimens from known

localities (Cong et al. 2021). Criteria used for genera, subgenera, species, and subspecies are the same as we employed and discussed previously (Cong et al. 2019a, b; Li et al. 2019; Zhang et al. 2019b, d; Cong et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021; Zhang et al. 2022b).

Because speciation and extinction patterns are linked to geological events simultaneously affecting many phylogenetic lineages, we observe levels in phylogenetic trees, i.e., periods of rapid diversification followed by the reduced number of splits that result in longer internal branches at about the same distance from the root (or the leaves). Genera are defined as the most prominent level in genomic trees between tribes and species that mostly corresponds to the current classification into genera. Subgenera form a rather prominent level between genera and species. Species are delineated by a combination of criteria that include genetic differentiation in the Z chromosome measured by F_{st} (>0.25 typically corresponds to distinct species) and gene exchange G_{min} (<0.7 for distinct species) (Cong et al. 2019a), COI barcode difference (usually $>2\%$ for distinct species) (Hebert et al. 2003) and its correlation with phenotypic differences (Lukhtanov et al. 2016), and the prominence of species-level clades (Zhang et al. 2022c).

Diagnostic DNA characters are given as abbreviations for either of the three reference genomes: *Pieris rapae* (Linnaeus, 1758) (pra) (Shen et al. 2016), *Calycopis cecrops* (Fabricius, 1793) (cce) (Cong et al. 2016), or *Cecropterus lyciades* (Geyer, 1832) (aly) (Shen et al. 2017), and for the COI barcode: e.g., aly728.44.1:G672C means position 672 in exon 1 of gene 44 from scaffold 728 of *C. lyciades* (formerly in *Achalarus* Scudder, 1872, thus aly; cce would be for *C. cecrops*; no prefix and : for COI barcode) reference genome is C, changed from G in the ancestor.

The sections below follow the standardized format. Taxonomic act is given as the title. For cited genera and subgenera, type species are listed in parenthesis. Type localities are specified. Sections are illustrated by a segment of a nuclear genomic tree (or the Z chromosome tree when specified) with species necessary to support the conclusion. Currently employed names and combinations (Lamas 2004; Mielke 2005; Pelham 2008) are used in the figures, including recently proposed changes (Cong et al. 2019b; Zhang et al. 2019b; Zhang et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021; Pelham 2022; Zhang et al. 2022b). New combinations and taxonomic changes are given in the text and figure legends. The sections are ordered by family and generally in their taxonomic order deduced from genome-scale phylogeny complemented by phenotypic considerations. Whole genome shotgun datasets we obtained and used in this work are available from the NCBI database <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> as BioProject PRJNA883758, and BioSample entries of the project contain the locality and other collection data of the sequenced specimens shown in the trees. COI barcode sequences have been deposited in GenBank with accessions OP231464–OP231472, OP323110–OP323113, and OP381659–OP381661. Exon sequences with diagnostic characters highlighted are also available from <https://osf.io/zy38s/>.

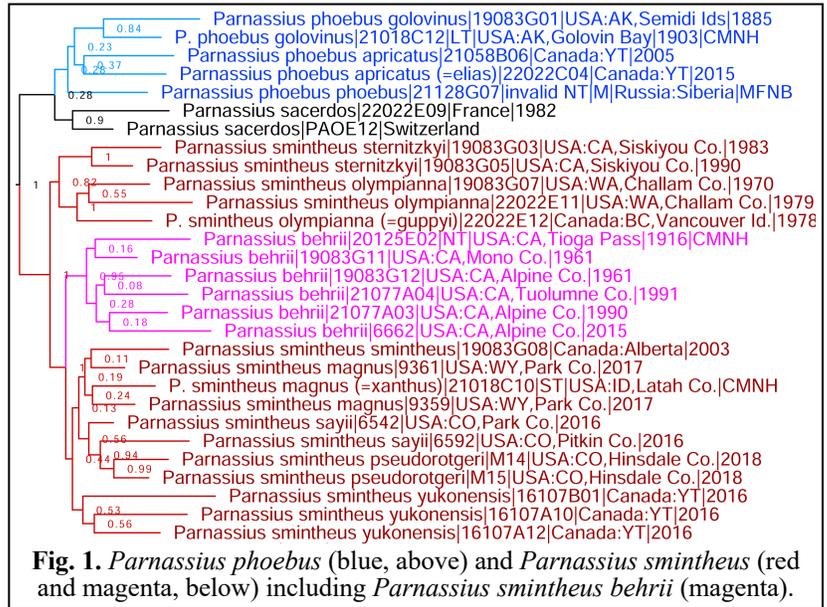
Family Papilionidae Latreille, [1802]

***Parnassius smintheus behrii* W. H. Edwards, 1870, revised status**

Genomic sequencing of *Parnassius phoebus* (Fabricius, 1793) (type locality in Russia: Altai) and relatives reveals that *Parnassius behrii* W. H. Edwards, 1870 (type locality USA: California, Tioga Pass) is placed among subspecies of *Parnassius smintheus* E. Doubleday, 1847 (type locality Canada: Alberta, nr. Rock Lake), rendering *P. smintheus* paraphyletic (Fig. 1, the Z chromosome tree). Moreover, *P. behrii* is not strongly differentiated genetically from various subspecies of *P. smintheus*. E.g., COI barcodes of *P. behrii* neotype (NVG-20125E02) and *P. smintheus smintheus* from Canada: Alberta (NVG-19083G08) differ by 0.6% (4 bp). We see that the two northwestern subspecies of *P. smintheus* i.e., *P. s. sternitzkyi* McDunnough, 1937 (type locality in USA: California, Siskiyou Co.) and *P. s. olympianna* Burdick, 1941 (type locality in USA: Washington, Clallam Co.), are more differentiated from the nominotypical subspecies in nuclear DNA than the nominotypical *P. smintheus* from *P. behrii* (Fig. 1). Therefore, we propose to treat *P. behrii* as a subspecies of *P. smintheus*: *Parnassius smintheus behrii* W. H. Edwards, 1870, **stat. rev.**, which appears to be a more isolated geographically and genetically bottlenecked (i.e., comparatively longer branch leading to the last common ancestor of sequenced *P. s. behrii* specimens in

Fig. 1) group of populations rather than a reproductively isolated species.

Furthermore, barcodes of *P. smintheus* (NVG-19083G08) and *Parnassius phoebus* (Fabricius, 1793) male “neotype” in MFNB (NVG-21128G07) differ by 2.1% (14 bp), which is consistent with them being distinct species in the presence of phenotypic differences. Finally, the status of *Parnassius sacerdos* Stichel, 1906 (type locality in the Alps) as a species also appears questionable (Fig. 1), and it is possible that *P. sacerdos* may be a subspecies of *P. phoebus* as traditionally treated. The specimens from Switzerland (PAOE12) and Altai (NVG-21128G07) exhibit COI barcode difference of 0.9% (6 bp), which drops to 0.3% (2 bp) between *P. sacerdos* (PAOE12) and the lectotype of *Parnassius phoebus golovinus* W. Holland, 1930 (type locality USA: Alaska, Golovin Bay, NVG-21018C12) and appears to represent individual variation in mitochondrial genome rather than to stem from reproductive isolation. Genomic sequencing of larger sample of specimens throughout the ranges of these taxa is needed to confidently address these questions.



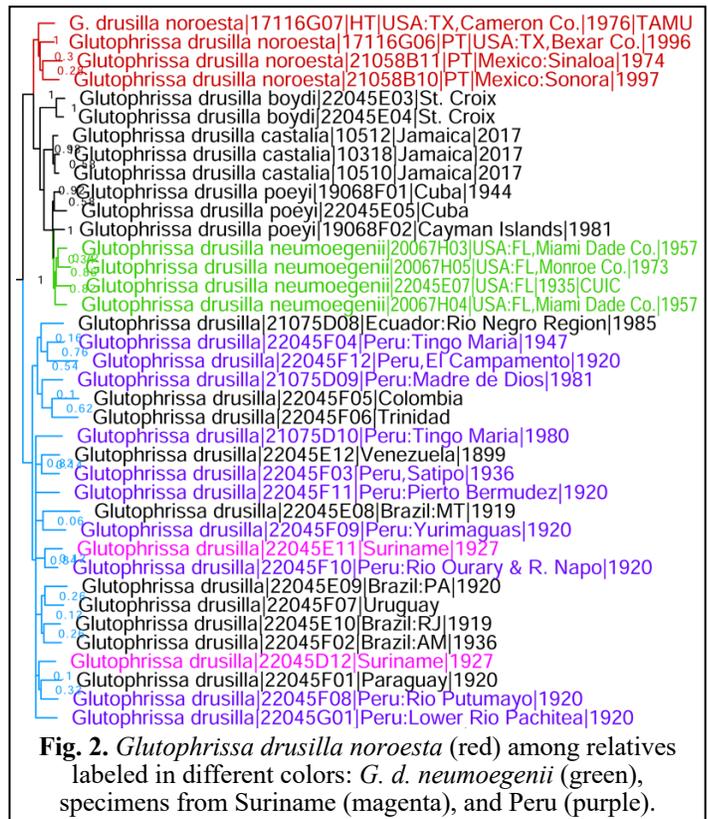
Family Pieridae Swainson, 1820

Glutophrissa drusilla noroesta Grishin, new subspecies

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(Figs. 2 part, 3, 4)

Definition and diagnosis. Genomic sequencing of *Glutophrissa drusilla* (Cramer, 1777) (type locality likely in Suriname) specimens across the range reveals that those from Texas and Mexico form a separate clade in the Z chromosome tree (Fig. 2) sister to eastern US (*Glutophrissa drusilla neumoenii* (Skinner, 1894), type locality USA: Florida, Indian River) and Caribbean Islands subspecies, rather than grouping with South American specimens that include similar in appearance *Glutophrissa drusilla tenuis* (Lamas, 1981) (type locality in Peru), the name currently applied to these northwesternmost populations. Therefore, the northwestern populations are not *G. d. tenuis* (they are not monophyletic with it) and, because no available name applies to them, are a new subspecies defined by its own clade in the Z chromosome tree. Typical males are spotless (Fig. 3), similar to eastern US and Caribbean subspecies, without an area covered in black scales by forewing apex characteristic of *G. d. tenuis* (Lamas, 1981) or more extensive patch of most South American populations, but with



were lost, together with most other type material of Hübner names (Hemming 1937; Calhoun 2018). Therefore, we proceeded with the neotype designation, because there is an exceptional need to define *M. margarita* objectively: a new subspecies proposed above and others are similar to *M. margarita*, and, without the type locality defined for it, potential for destabilization of nomenclature exists. According to its original illustrations, *M. margarita* is mostly white with dark forewing apex, some dark overscaling at forewing base by costal margin, pale-yellowish ventral forewing, and orange humeral area of ventral hindwing. It is currently regarded as a junior subjective synonym of *Glutophrissa drusilla* (Cramer, 1777) (type locality likely in Suriname), together with very similar to it *Pieris ilaire* Godart, 1819 (type locality in Brazil). To stabilize this treatment, N.V.G. designates the lectotype of *Pieris ilaire* Godart, 1819 as the **neotype** of *Mylothris margarita* Hübner, [1825]. As a result, the type locality of *M. margarita* is in Brazil, and the latter name becomes a junior objective synonym of the former.

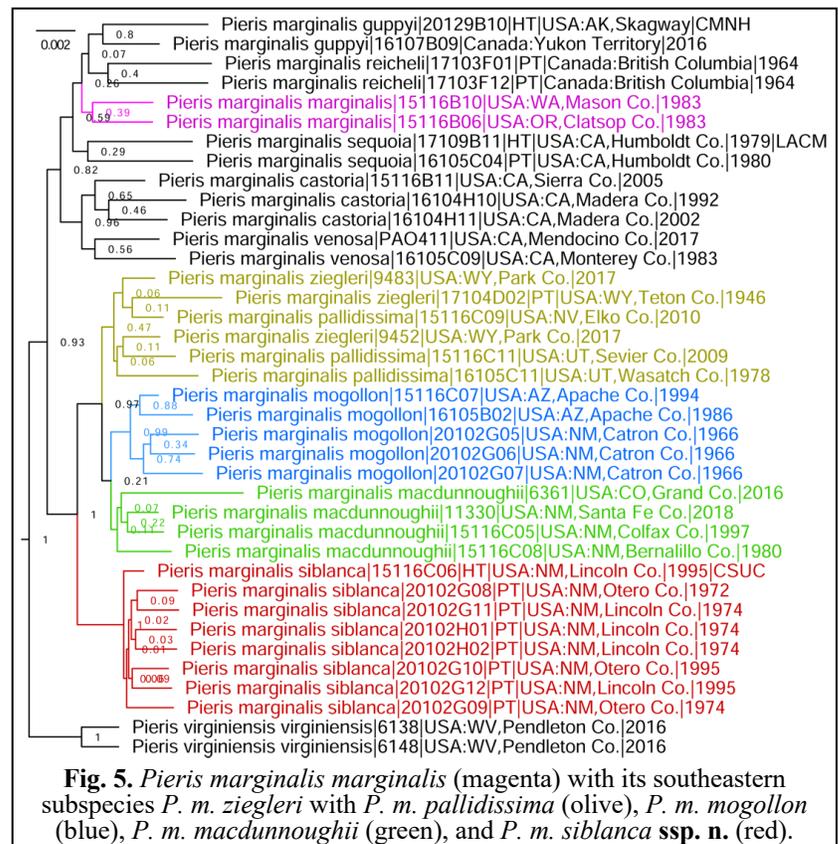
Our neotype of *M. margarita* satisfies all requirements set forth by the ICZN Article 75.3, namely: 75.3.1. It is designated to clarify the taxonomic identity of *Mylothris margarita* Hübner, [1825], which has been in question due to similarities of the original illustrations with other named taxa in this complex, and to define its type locality that was not specified when the name was proposed; 75.3.2. The characters for the taxon include white wings with dark forewing apex and orange humeral area of ventral hindwing; 75.3.3. The neotype specimen is a male bearing four labels [SYN- | TYPE], [TYPE], [MUSEUM PARIS | Brésil], and [Ilaire Goda | Bresil]; 75.3.4. Our search for syntypes is described above, it was unsuccessful, and therefore we believe that they were lost; 75.3.5. The neotype is consistent with the original drawings in the characters given above and differs only in less yellow ventral forewing; 75.3.6. The neotype is from Brazil, which becomes the type locality of *M. margarita*. The type locality was not specified when the name was proposed and remained unknown; 75.3.7. The neotype is in the collection of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France (MNHP).

Pieris marginalis sibilanca Grishin, new subspecies

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(Figs. 5 part, 6, 7)

Definition and diagnosis. Sequencing of *Pieris marginalis* Scudder, 1861 (type locality in USA: Washington, Jefferson Co.) specimens across the range reveals genetic distinction of the population from the Sacramento mountains (Fig. 5 red), that is more different from *Pieris marginalis mogollon* Burdick, 1942 (type locality USA: New Mexico, Catron Co., Mogollon Range) (Fig. 5 blue) than *P. m. mogollon* from *Pieris marginalis macdunnoughii* C. Remington, 1954 (type locality USA: Colorado, San Juan Co. Silverton) (Fig. 5 green) or from *Pieris marginalis pallidissima* W. Barnes & McDunnough, 1916 (type locality USA: Utah, Provo) (Fig. 5 olive). Currently, the Sacramento Mts. populations that according to their genomics represent a distinct taxon, are associated with *P. m. mogollon* and no name is available for them. Hence,



these populations represent a new subspecies, because other taxa of comparable genetic differentiation are treated as subspecies of *P. marginalis*. Phenotypically, this new subspecies differs from others by absent or less developed dark spots, especially at the forewing apex, and most females are spotless, only veins are outlined by dark scales, both dorsally and ventrally (Figs. 6, 7), but this dark overscaling of veins is typically more extensive than even in *P. m. mogollon*. In typical females (Figs. 6, 7f–h), continuous apical dark area is absent, but veins are heavily overscaled with dark-brown towards the apex, both dorsally and ventrally. Males (Fig. 7a–e) are whiter than yellower females and additionally differ from females by reduced dark overscaling on the dorsal side, in particular in the discal area of dorsal forewing, but possess more extensive overscaling at the apex, which in some specimens merges into a continuous dark apical patch towards the outer margin. Because females are easier to distinguish from other populations than males, a female is chosen as the holotype. Due to individual variation, these differences are expected to be statistical, and the new subspecies can be confidently diagnosed by a combination of the following DNA characters in the COI barcode: G34A, C64T, C115T, A415G, and 634T(not C).

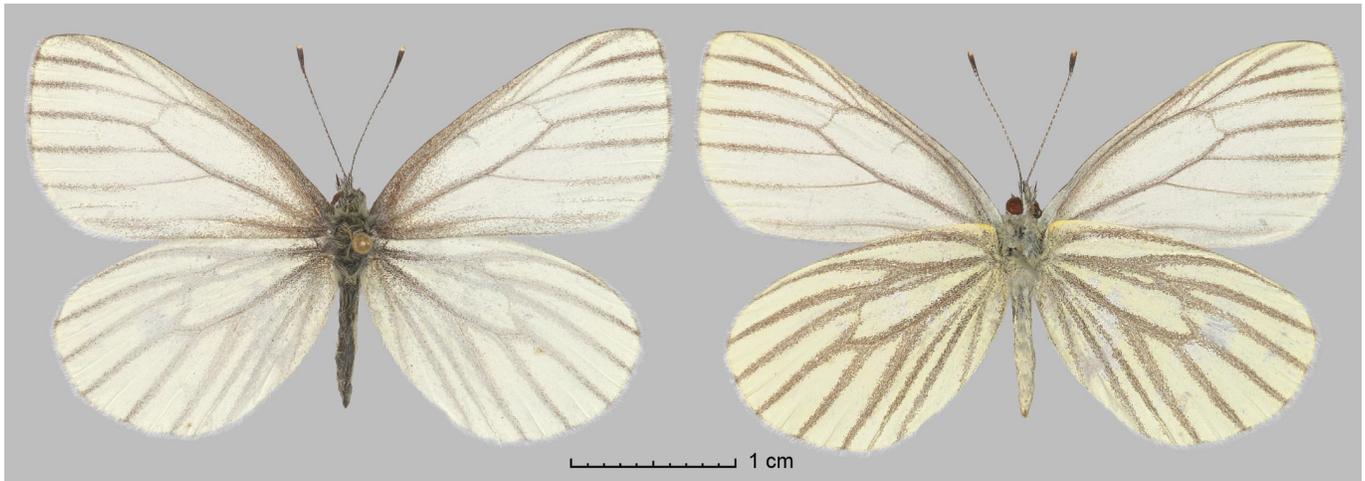


Fig. 6. *Pieris marginalis sibilanca* ssp. n. holotype, dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, NVG-15116C06, data in text.

Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-15116C06, GenBank OP231464, 658 base pairs:

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Type material. Holotype: ♀ deposited in the C. P. Gillette Museum of Arthropod Diversity, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA (CSUC), bears five rectangular labels: four white [2-VI-95 10,000' RWH & SJC | Sierra Blanca Ski Area HQ | E slope, Sacramento Mts. | Lincoln Co., NM], [19180 RWH | *P. napi* | mogollon], [DNA sample ID: | NVG-15116C06 | c/o Nick V. Grishin], [CSU_ENT | 1049135], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♀ | *Pieris marginalis* | sibilanca Grishin]. **Paratypes:** 2♂♂ and 2♀♀ from Lincoln County, Sierra Blanca Mts.: ♂ NVG-20102G12, CSU_ENT1049153, from the type locality with the same data; ♂ NVG-20102H01, CSU_ENT1049145, from the type locality, 13-May-1974; ♀ NVG-20102G11, CSU_ENT1049142, Nogal Canyon, 7000', 5-May-1974; ♀ Philadelphia Cyn., below Bonito Lake, 6700', 18-Apr-1974; and 3♂♂ from Otero County, Sacramento Mts.: NVG-20102G08, CSU_ENT1049157, Five Spring, 7500', 28-Apr-1972; NVG-20102G09, CSU_ENT1049139, 1 mi E Head Springs, 7000', 19-Apr-1974; NVG-20102G10, CSU_ENT1049158, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Head Springs, 7000', 9-Apr-1995 in New Mexico, USA (Figs. 5, 7), all collected by Richard W. Holland (NVG-20102G10 and NVG-20102G12 together with Steve J. Cary) and are in CSUC.

Type locality. USA: New Mexico, Lincoln County, E slope of Sierra Blanca Mountains, Ski Apache Resort Headquarters, elevation 10,000'.

Etymology. The name refers to the type locality in the Sierra Blanca Mountains, to the white color of this subspecies, to the “blank” appearance without characteristic spotting present in many *Pieris marginalis*

populations. The name is a feminine adjective.

Distribution. Sierra Blanca and Sacramento Mountains in southern New Mexico.

Comments. This new subspecies is unexpectedly different genetically from nearby populations. It is likely that the white colors with only a few elements of wing pattern present and significant variation across and within *Pieris marginalis* populations hindered the discovery of this taxon.



Fig. 7. The type series of *Pieris marginalis sibilanca* ssp. n. from USA: New Mexico, Sierra Blanca and Sacramento Mountains (Lincoln and Otero Cos). The holotype is shown in **g** and **g'**, others are paratypes. **a.** NVG-20102H01; **b.** NVG-20102G08; **c.** NVG-20102G12; **d.** NVG-20102G09; **e.** NVG-20102G10; **f.** NVG-20102G11; **g.** NVG-15116C06; **h.** NVG-20102H02; **a–e** are males and **f–g** are females, dorsal (left image) and ventral (right image, labels with prime, e.g., **a'**) views; data in text. Specimens were photographed together as a single image on a slightly greenish background, not assembled in Photoshop.

Family Lycaenidae [Leach], [1815]

Lafron Grishin, 2020 is a subgenus of *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807

Genomic analysis of *Papilio orus* Stoll, 1780, the type species of *Lafron* Grishin, 2020, reveals that it originates within the rapid radiation at the origin of the genus *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807 (type species *Papilio phlaeas* Linnaeus, 1761), and therefore belongs to it (Fig. 8). It forms a long branch in the phylogenetic trees, reflecting its phenotypic uniqueness, and distinctness of the COI barcode, but is a taxon of equivalent rank to subgenera within *Lycaena*, and therefore we propose that *Lafron* Grishin, 2020, **stat. nov.** be treated as a subgenus of *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807.

Alciphronia Koçak, 1992 is a subgenus of *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807

Frequently regarded as a synonym, *Alciphronia* Koçak, 1992 (type species *Papilio alciphron* Rottenburg, 1775) stands out in genomic trees as a clade at the subgenus level (Fig. 8, see next section). Hence, we propose that *Alciphronia* Koçak, 1992, **stat. rest.** be treated as a subgenus of *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807.

Genera and subgenera of Lycaeninae [Leach], [1815]

Genomic sequencing of representative species of Lycaeninae [Leach], [1815], including the type species of all available genus group names, gives a comprehensive overview of the subfamily phylogeny (Fig. 8). The tree is similar to the one we reported previously (Zhang et al. 2020), but now includes more taxa.

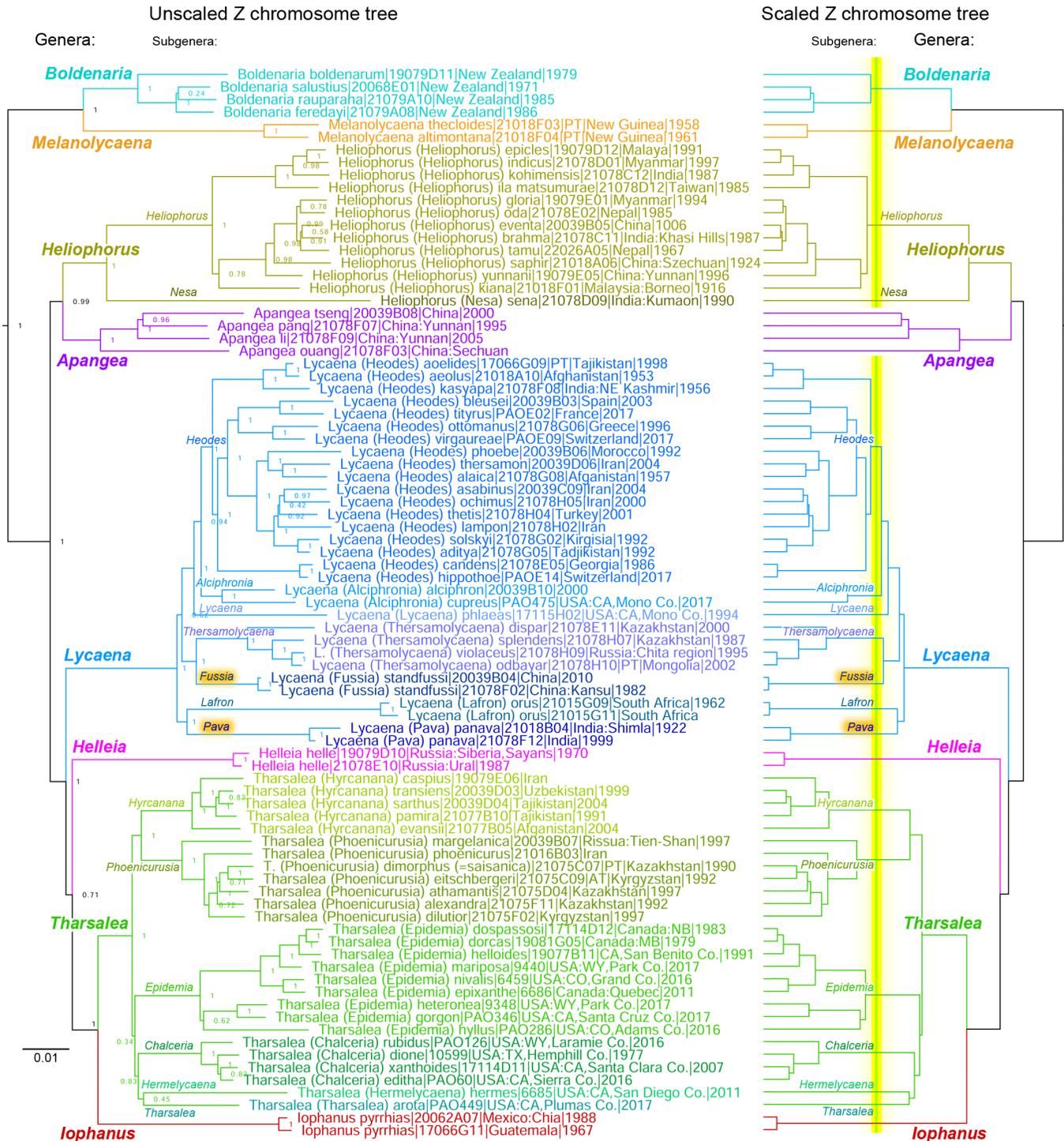
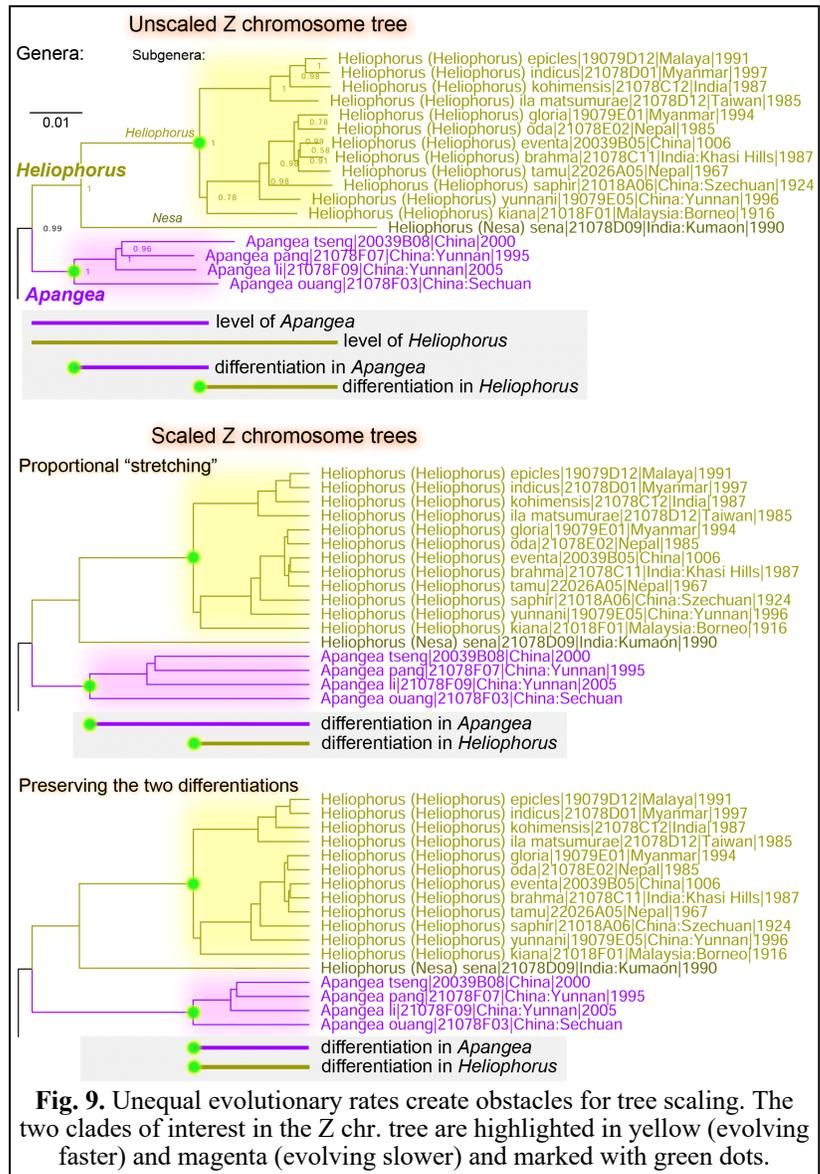


Fig. 8. The phylogenetic classification of Lycaeninae. Z chromosome-based tree is shown as unscaled (left, branch lengths proportional to the estimated number of accepted mutations) and scaled (right, branch lengths adjusted uniformly and with the same proportion throughout the tree so that the tips are placed at the same level). Specimens are in the same order in both trees and only one set of names is shown. The subfamily is divided into eight genera: *Boldenaria* (cyan), *Melanolycaena* (orange), *Heliophorus* (olive), *Apangea* (purple), *Lycaena* (blue), *Helleia* (magenta), *Tharsalea* (green), and *Iophanus* (red). Subgenera are labeled in different shades of colors used for genera. Names of new subgenera are highlighted in orange.

We take the lowest (close to the root) level of most prominent (i.e., longer compared to others nearby) branches as the genus level, and the clades supported by these prominent branches (at about the same level) are defined as genera. This approach partitions the subfamily into eight genera (Fig. 8 and see the synonymic list below). The next (closer to the leaves) level of more prominent branches is taken as the subgenus level with 12 additional subgenera defined. Two subgenera are new (Fig. 8, their names highlighted in orange) and are described below. Similar results are obtained by “slicing” the scaled tree (Fig. 8 right, green line), except the curious irregularity with *Apangea* illustrated in Fig. 9. *Apangea* clade (purple) is characterized by reduced evolutionary rate, nearly two times slower than that of *Heliophorus* (Figs. 8 and 9 olive, the length of “level of” lines from the root to leaves of each clade is proportional to the average evolutionary rate of the clade). Genetic differentiations within the subgenus *Heliophorus* and the genus *Apangea* are approximately equal (Fig. 9 unscaled tree, yellow and magenta shading, respectively, and “differentiation in” lines, from the base of each clade to its leaves). When the tree is proportionally scaled, i.e., each segment is stretched equally (assuming evolutionary changes were slow all the time, from the last common ancestor of *Apangea* with *Heliophorus*, to the present (=leaves)), genetic differentiation in *Apangea* is nearly two times larger than in *Heliophorus* (Fig. 9, “differentiation in” lines in “Proportional stretching” tree with yellow and magenta shading highlighted). However, if we assume that evolution in *Apangea* was slower only along the branch before the diversification of the genus (from the last common ancestor of *Apangea* with *Heliophorus* to the green point on the purple branch), and therefore only this branch should be stretched, the result preserves about equal genetic differentiation in *Apangea* and *Heliophorus* (Fig. 9 “differentiation in” lines in “Preserving the two differentiations” tree with yellow and magenta shading highlighted). If proportional scaling reflects evolutionary events better, then *Apangea* may need divisions into subgenera, because genetic differentiation within it (Fig. 9, highlighted in magenta in the trees) is twice as large as in the subgenus *Heliophorus*, (Fig. 9, highlighted in yellow in the trees), and is about the same as the genetic differentiation within the genus *Heliophorus* that also includes *Heliophorus sena*, placed in subgenus *Nesa*. However, if slower evolution was only along the basal branch of the *Apangea* clade, and after the genus started diversifying, evolutionary rates of *Apangea* and *Heliophorus* became approximately equal, then the diversification in *Apangea* and subgenus *Heliophorus* started at about the same time, and there is no need to divide *Apangea* into subgenera.

We are not able to tell which scenario better corresponds to reality. However, phenotypic assessment of differentiation would likely follow the unscaled tree, because the number of accepted



mutations is loosely correlated with phenotypic change. In the unscaled tree (Fig. 9 top), genetic differentiation in *Apangea* is approximately the same as in the subgenus *Heliophorus*, and visual phenotypic assessment of *Apangea* indeed gives an impression of a rather compact genus, not warranting definition of subgenera. Therefore, we favor the scaling approach that preserves differentiation (Fig. 9 bottom tree) and do not define subgenera in *Apangea*.

***Fussia* Grishin, new subgenus**

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Type species. *Polyommatus standfussi* Grum-Grshimailo, 1891.

Definition. Originates within *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807 (type species *Papilio phlaeas* Linnaeus, 1761) as a likely sister of *Thersamolycaena* Verity, 1957 (type species *Papilio dispar* Haworth, 1802), however, is distant from it, forming a taxon of the same rank (Fig. 8). Distinguished from its relatives by the following combination of characters: hindwing rounded, no tail, ventrally overscaled with cream scales, without dark-brown spots present on ventral forewing, but instead with pale-brown spots encircled with white (Fig. 10), dorsal hindwing typically with purple submarginal spots or band, or broadly purple with dark postdiscal spots and dark margin. In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs is diagnostic in nuclear genome: cce2291.12.2:A1548G, cce3368.6.2:A816C, cce303125.12.1:A5073G, cce9657.10.14:G7956A, cce9657.10.31:A51G, and COI barcode: G86A, T232C, T259C, A430T, G554A.



Fig. 10. *Lycaena standfussi* from China: Qinghai, Gyêgu Tibetan. iNaturalist observation 89585202. © Daniel Shi, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, formed from the type species name.

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Genus *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807.

***Pava* Grishin, new subgenus**

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Type species. *Thecla panava* Westwood, 1852.

Definition. Originates within *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807 (type species *Papilio phlaeas* Linnaeus, 1761) as a likely sister of *Lafron* Grishin, 2020 (type species of *Papilio orus* Stoll, 1780), but is distant from it, forming a taxon of the same rank (Fig. 8). Distinguished from its relatives by nearly straight contrasting white postdiscal band from costa to inner margin of gray, black-spotted ventral hindwing (spots encircled by white) between postdiscal row of black spots and submarginal dark lunules, well-developed and connected by orange lunules with submarginal row of black spots lined with brown and then cream-white towards outer margin (Fig. 11). In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs is diagnostic in nuclear genome: cce8519.3.3:C297T, cce349.2.3:A111G, cce320.8.1:G156A, cce2297.24.1:T1437C, cce3074.1.4:T202C, and COI barcode: T13C, G77A, G78A, A474G, T562C, and T595C.



Fig. 11. *Lycaena panava* from India: Uttarakhand, Nainital. iNaturalist observation 67405185. © Shriram Bhakare, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, formed from the type species name: *Pa[na]va*, or the first two syllables of its unavailable synonym *Polyommatus pavana* Kollar, [1844].

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Genus *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807.

- =*Kulua* Zhdanko, 1995 (*Polyommatus tamu* Kollar, 1844)
- Subgenus *Nesa* Zhdanko, 1995 (*Polyommatus sena* Kollar, 1844)
- Genus *Apangea* Zhdanko, 1995 (*Chrysophanus pang* Oberthür, 1886)
- Genus *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807 (*Papilio phlaeas* Linnaeus, 1760)
 - Subgenus *Lafron* Grishin, 2020, **stat. nov.** (*Papilio orus* Stoll, [1780])
 - Subgenus *Pava* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (*Thecla panava* Westwood, 1852)
 - Subgenus *Fussia* Grishin, **subgen. n.** (*Polyommatus standfussi* Grum-Grshimailo, 1891)
- Subgenus *Thersamolycaena* Verity, 1957 (*Papilio dispar* Haworth, 1802)
- Subgenus *Heodes* Dalman, 1816 (*Papilio virgaureae* Linnaeus, 1758)
 - =*Loweia* Tutt, 1906 (*Papilio dorilis* Hufnagel, 1766, which is *Papilio tityrus* Poda, 1761)
 - =*Thersamonia* Verity, 1919 (*Papilio thersamon* Esper, 1784)
 - =*Palaeochrysophanus* Verity, 1943 (*Papilio hippothoe* Linnaeus, 1760)
 - =*Mirzakhania* Koçak, 1996 (*Chrysophanus kasyapa* F. Moore, 1865)
- Subgenus *Alciphronia* Koçak, 1992 (*Papilio alciphron* Rottemburg, 1775)
- Subgenus *Lycaena* [Fabricius], 1807 (*Papilio phlaeas* Linnaeus, 1760)
- Genus *Helleia* Verity, 1943 (*Papilio helle* Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775)
- Genus *Tharsalea* Scudder, 1876 (*Polyommatus arota* Boisduval, 1852)
 - Subgenus *Hyrceanana* Bethune-Baker, 1914 (*Polyommatus caspius* Lederer, 1870)
 - =*Sarthusia* Verity, 1943 (*Polyommatus sarthus* Staudinger, 1866)
 - Subgenus *Phoenicurusia* Verity, 1943, **confirmed status** (*Polyommatus phoenicurus* var. *margelanica* Staudinger, 1881)
 - =*Athamanthia* Zhdanko, 1983, **confirmed synonymy** (*Polyommatus athamantis* Eversmann, 1854)
 - Subgenus *Epidemia* Scudder, 1876 (*Polyommatus epixanthe* Boisduval & Le Conte, [1835])
 - =*Hyllolycaena* L. Miller & F. Brown, 1979 (*Papilio hyllus* Cramer, 1775)
 - =*Hellolycaena* Koçak, 1983 (= *Polyommatus thoe* Guérin-Ménéville, [1832], which is *Papilio hyllus* Cramer, 1775)
 - Subgenus *Chalceria* Scudder, 1876 (*Chrysophanus rubidus* Behr, 1866)
 - =*Gaeides* Scudder, 1876 (*Chrysophanus dione* Scudder, 1868)
 - Subgenus *Tharsalea* Scudder, 1876 (*Polyommatus arota* Boisduval, 1852)
 - Subgenus *Hermelycaena* L. Miller & F. Brown, 1979 (*Chrysophanus hermes* W. H. Edwards, 1870)
- Genus *Iophanus* Draudt, 1920 (*Chrysophanus* (?) *pyrrhias* Godman & Salvin, 1887)

***Satyrrium dryope* (W. H. Edwards, 1870) is a species distinct from *Satyrrium sylvinus* (Boisduval, 1852)**

Genomic tree of the subgenus *Satyrrium* Scudder, 1876 (type species *Lycaena fuliginosa* W. H. Edwards, 1861) reveals that *Satyrrium sylvinus* (Boisduval, 1852) (type locality in USA: California, Plumas Co.) may be paraphyletic with respect to *Satyrrium californica* (W. H. Edwards, 1862) (type locality in USA: California, Napa Co.) (Fig. 13 blue), and the clade of *S. sylvinus* with *S. californica* consists of three lineages of likely equivalent taxonomic status (Fig. 13 red, blue, and green), not two. The divergence of COI barcodes among the three taxa is low, 0.5–0.6% (3–4 bp). However, it is not uncommon for closely related Lycaenidae species to have similar barcodes. For instance, barcodes of all American *Celastrina* Tutt, 1906 (type species *Papilio argiolus* Linnaeus, 1758) are identical to each other, no variation. There is little doubt that *S. californica* is a species distinct from *S. sylvinus*, and a similar level of genetic differentiation between northwestern (Fig. 13 red, includes nominal *S. sylvinus*) and southeastern (Fig. 13 red) groups of

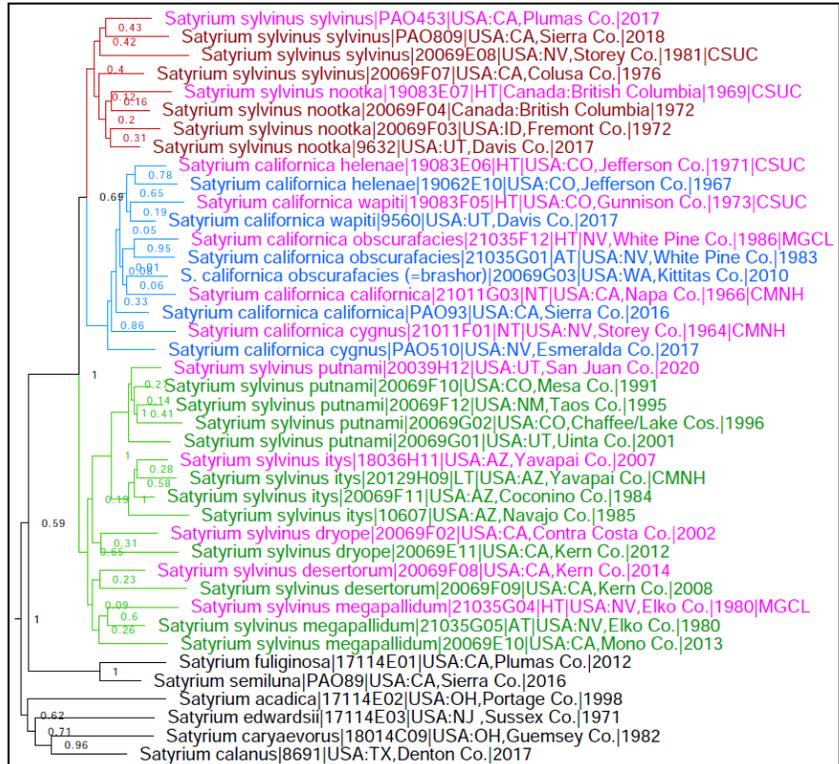


Fig. 13. *Satyrrium sylvinus* (red), *Satyrrium californica* (blue), and *Satyrrium dryope* (green). Reference specimens for the names are labeled in magenta.

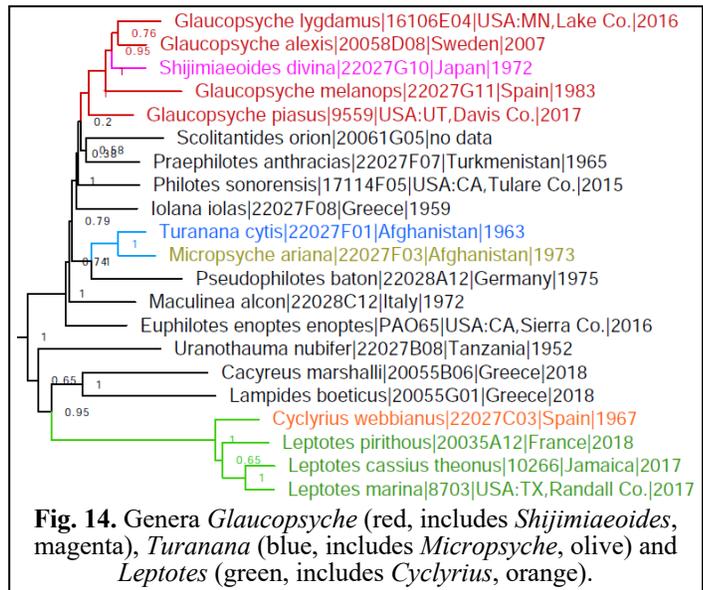
populations currently associated with *S. sylvinus* as that between *S. californica* and either of these groups of populations suggests that they represent two species, not one, with *S. californica* being the third. The oldest available name for the southeastern group of populations is *Thecla dryope* W. H. Edwards, 1870 (type locality in USA: California, Santa Clara Co.). Therefore, we propose it is a species-level taxon *Satyrium dryope* (W. H. Edwards, 1870), **stat. rest.** We sequenced representatives of all valid names associated with the *S. sylvinus* complex (Fig. 13, reference specimens labeled in magenta), and on the basis of genomic analysis assign the following taxa to *S. dryope* as its subspecies: *Thecla putnami* Hy. Edwards, 1877 (type locality USA: Utah, Mt. Nebo), *Satyrium sylvinus megapallidum* Austin, 1998 (type locality USA: Nevada: Elko Co., Elko), *Thecla itys* W. H. Edwards, 1882 (type locality USA: Arizona, Yavapai Co., Prescott), and *Strymon sylvinus desertorum* F. Grinnell, 1917 (type locality USA: California, Kern Co., Oak Creek). Only *Satyrium sylvinus nootka* M. Fisher, 1998 (type locality in Canada: British Columbia, Vancouver Island) remains a subspecies of *S. sylvinus*.

***Shijimiaeoides* Beuret, 1958 is a junior subjective synonym of *Glaucopsyche* Scudder, 1872**

The phylogenetic tree constructed from protein-coding regions of autosomes in the nuclear genome places *Shijimiaeoides* Beuret, 1958 (type species *Lycaena barine* Leech, 1893, which is a synonym or subspecies of *Lycaena divina* Fixsen, 1887) (Fig. 14 magenta) deep within *Glaucopsyche* Scudder, 1872 (type species *Polyommatus lygdamus* E. Doubleday, 1841) (Fig. 14 red) and near the type species of the genus and its closest relatives. COI barcodes of *S. divina* and *G. lygdamus* are only 2.4% (16 bp) different, the difference characteristic of species most closely related to each other. Therefore, we most confidently place *Shijimiaeoides* Beuret, 1958 as a junior subjective synonym of *Glaucopsyche* Scudder, 1872.

***Micropsyche* Mattoni, 1981 is a junior subjective synonym of *Turanana* Bethune-Baker, 1916**

Genomic phylogeny places monotypic genus *Micropsyche* Mattoni, 1981 (type species *Micropsyche ariana* Mattoni, 1981) as sister to *Turanana* Bethune-Baker, 1916 (type species *Lycaena cytis* Christoph, 1877) (Fig. 14 olive and blue). COI barcodes of *M. ariana* and *Turanana cytis* differ by only 3.2% (21 bp), the difference typical for closely related species. Therefore, we propose to treat *Micropsyche* Mattoni, 1981, **syn. nov.** as a junior subjective synonym of *Turanana* Bethune-Baker, 1916.



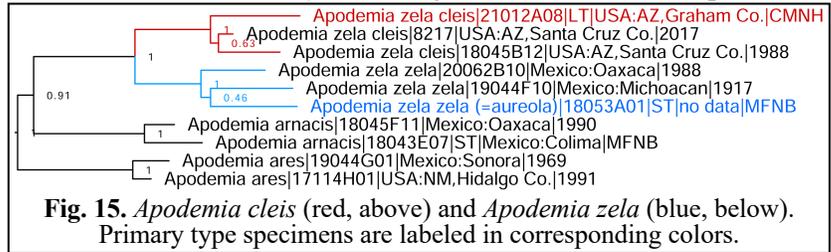
***Cyclyrius* Butler, 1897 is a junior subjective synonym of *Leptotes* Scudder, 1876**

Despite its unusual wing patterns, *Cyclyrius* Butler, 1897 (type species *Polyommatus webbianus* Brullé, 1839) clusters closely with *Leptotes* Scudder, 1876 (type species *Lycaena theonus* Lucas, 1856, which is a subspecies of *Papilio cassius* Cramer, 1775) (Mérit et al. 2017), and together they form a longer branch in the tree, indicating elevated evolutionary rates compared to their relatives (Fig. 14 orange and green). COI barcodes of *Cyclyrius webbianus* and *Leptotes cassius theonus* differ by 4.6% (30 bp), which is not an uncommon difference for closely related congeners. Therefore, we confirm *Cyclyrius* Butler, 1897 as a junior subjective synonym of *Leptotes* Scudder, 1876, as it was treated by Eliot (1973).

Family Riodinidae Grote, 1895 (1827)

Apodemia cleis (W. H. Edwards, 1882), reinstated status

A genomic comparison of specimens from Arizona that includes the lectotype of *Lemonias cleis* W. H. Edwards, 1882 (type locality in USA: Arizona, Graham Co.) currently considered a subspecies of *Apodemia zela* (Butler, 1870) (type locality “Venezuela” and Mexico) with specimens from Mexico that includes a syntype of *Emesis zela aureola* Stichel, 1926 (type locality in Mexico: Veracruz), currently considered a junior subjective synonym of *Apodemia zela*



zela, reveals particularly strong genetic differentiation between the two groups (Fig. 15): F_{st}/G_{min} statistics are 0.6/0.003 and the COI barcodes between the primary type specimens differ by 6.2% (41 bp). Therefore, we reinstate the US taxon as a species *Apodemia cleis* (W. H. Edwards, 1882), **stat. rest.**

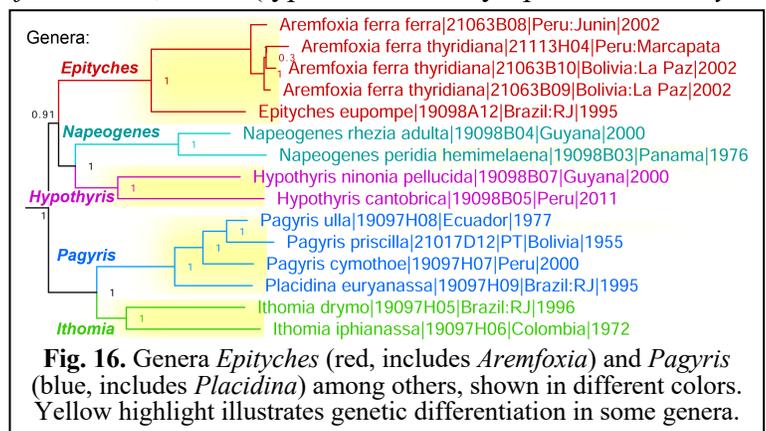
Mesenopsis Godman & Salvin, 1886 is a junior subjective synonym of *Xynias* Hewitson, 1874

Correcting a mistake made in Zhang et al. (2021), we state that *Mesenopsis* Godman & Salvin, 1886 is a junior subjective synonym of *Xynias* Hewitson, 1874. These two names were swapped in Zhang et al. (2021), and this error is corrected here to follow the priority of the two names (1874 vs. 1886). The arguments for their synonymy are the same as presented previously (Zhang et al. 2021). We are grateful to Gerardo Lamas for kindly informing us about this error.

Family Nymphalidae Rafinesque, 1815

Aremfoxia Real, 1971 is a subgenus of *Epityches* D'Almeida, 1938

Genomic analysis of rarely encountered *Aremfoxia* Real, 1971 (type and the only species *Leucothyris ferra* Haensch, 1909, but see below) in the context of its relatives (Fig. 16, the tree built from Z chromosome-encoded genes) reveals close relationship with *Epityches* d'Almeida, 1938 (type and the only species *Tritonia eupompe* Geyer, 1832). COI barcodes of the *Aremfoxia ferra* and *Epityches eupompe* differ by 4.6% (30 bp), which is rather small difference even for congeners. Furthermore, provided that these closely related genera are monotypic (but see below), we feel that it is more informative for the users of taxonomic classification to reflect the close evolutionary connection between them through the common genus name, rather than keeping them in separate genera. However, taking into account phenotypic differences between these two species (*A. ferra* and *E. eupompe*), e.g., in wing shape and venation, instead of synonymizing *Aremfoxia*, we propose to treat it as a subgenus of *Epityches*.



Placidina D'Almeida, 1928 is a subgenus of *Pagyris* Boisduval, 1870

Genomic phylogeny reveals that a monotypic genus *Placidula* d'Almeida, 1922 (type species *Ithomia euryanassa* C. Felder & R. Felder, 1860) is closely related to *Pagyris* Boisduval, 1870 (type species

Ithomia ulla Hewitson, 1857) (Fig. 16, Z chromosome tree). COI barcodes of *Placidula euryanassa* differ from those of *Pagyris cymothoe* (Hewitson, 1855) and *Pagyris ulla* by 8.2% (56 bp) and 9% (59 bp), respectively. This is a moderately large difference for congeners that is more than expected from their nuclear genome differentiation (Fig. 16 blue). This differentiation between *Placidula* and *Pagyris* (Fig. 16 yellow highlight on the blue clade) is smaller than that of other related genera such as *Ithomia* Hübner, 1816 (type species *Ithomia drymo* Hübner, 1816) (Fig. 16 yellow highlight on the green clade) and *Hypothyris* Hübner, 1821 (type species *Nerëis ninonia* Hübner, [1806]) (Fig. 16 yellow highlight on the magenta clade). We believe that monotypic genera should be reserved for species that are particularly distinct from others genetically and do not have phenotypically apparent relatives, thus stressing uniqueness of such species. Therefore, we propose that *Placidina* D'Almeida, 1928 is a subgenus of *Pagyris* Boisduval, 1870. We do not consider them synonymous due to phenotypic differences, most notably more extensively scaled wings in *Placidina*. However, it is not unprecedented for congeners to differ in the amount of scaling, e.g., in *Olyras* Doubleday, 1847 (type species *Olyras crathis* Doubleday, 1847) and *Hyaliris* Boisduval, 1870 (type species *Ithomia coeno* Doubleday, 1847).

Epityches thyridiana (Haensch, 1909), new combination and new status

Proposed by Haensch as a form (i.e., subspecies) from Bolivia of concurrently described *Leucothyris ferra* Haensch, 1909 (type locality in southern Peru) and kept at this status since, *thyridiana* exhibits 2.4% (16 bp) difference in COI barcode from the nominotypical subspecies. Augmented with clear phenotypic differences between *ferra* and *thyridiana* mentioned by Haensch (1909) that likely stem from nuclear genome differentiation (Fig. 16), this barcode difference suggests that it is a species-level taxon *Epityches thyridiana* (Haensch, 1909), **comb. nov., stat. nov.**

Argynnis bischoffii W. H. Edwards, 1870 is a species distinct from *Argynnis mormonia* Boisduval, 1869

We obtained whole genome shotgun sequences of primary types of all available names currently associated with *Argynnis mormonia* Boisduval, 1869 (type locality probably in USA: Nevada, Washoe Co.)—except *A. mormonia kimimela* Marrone, Spomer & J. Scott, 2008, which is represented by a specimen within 10 miles from its type locality USA: South Dakota, Lawrence Co., Terry Peak—complemented with at least one specimen collected more recently for each name that is considered valid by Pelham (2022). A phylogenetic tree constructed from protein-coding regions of the Z chromosome reveals that *Argynnis mormonia* (Fig. 17 red and blue) may be paraphyletic with respect to *Argynnis edwardsii* Reakirt, 1866

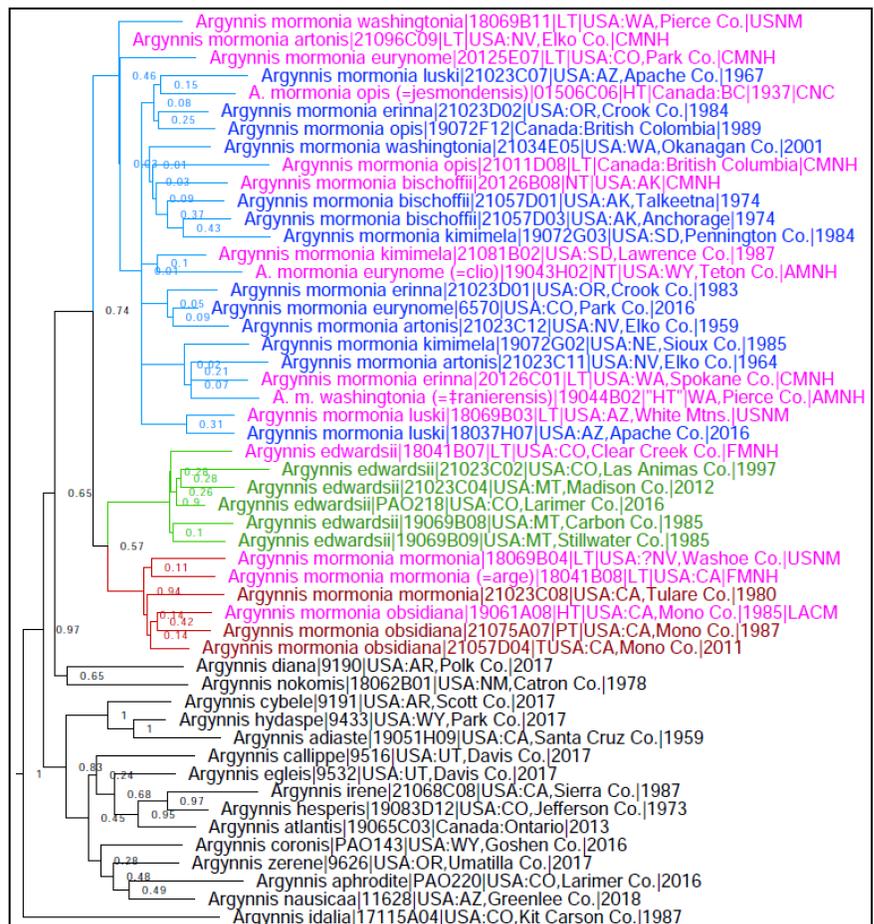


Fig. 17. *Argynnis bischoffii* (blue), *A. mormonia* (red), and *A. edwardsii* (green). Specimens used as references for the names are labeled in magenta.

(type locality in USA: Colorado) (Fig. 17 green), and if not (the support values are low, suggesting incomplete lineage sorting and/or gene exchange), then simply partitions this complex into three lineages of comparable genetic differentiation (Fig. 17 blue, green, and red) with F_{st}/G_{min} statistics of 0.32–0.4/0.02–0.04. Therefore, these three lineages are likely to be species-level taxa: *A. edwardsii* (hardly anyone would question its distinctness), *A. mormonia*, and the third is *Argynnis bischoffii* W. H. Edwards, 1870, **stat. rest.** (type locality USA: Alaska, Kodiak), which is the oldest name in the blue clade (Fig. 17). Because our genetic analysis included primary types of nearly all available names, we are able to confidently assign the synonymy in the *A. mormonia* complex (Fig. 17) and place the following 7 taxa treated as valid by Pelham (2022) as subspecies of *A. bischoffii*: *Argynnis opis* W. H. Edwards, 1874 (type locality in Canada: British Columbia), *Argynnis bischoffi* [sic] *washingtonia* W. Barnes & McDunnough, 1913 (type locality in USA: Washington, Pierce Co.), *Argynnis eurynome* var. *erinna* W. H. Edwards, 1883 (type locality USA: Washington, Spokane Co.), *Argynnis (Speyeria) mormonia kimimela* Marrone, Spomer & J. Scott, 2008 (type locality in USA: South Dakota, Lawrence Co.), *Argynnis eurynome* W. H. Edwards, 1872 (type locality in USA: Colorado, Park Co.), *Argynnis artonis* W. H. Edwards, 1881 (type locality in USA: Nevada, Elko Co.), *Argynnis eurynome luski* W. Barnes & McDunnough, 1913 (type locality in USA: Arizona, White Mts.). Only *Speyeria mormonia obsidiana* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 1998 (type locality in USA: California, Mono Co.) remains a subspecies of *A. mormonia*.

Argynnis leto Behr, 1862 is a species distinct from *Argynnis cybele* (Fabricius, 1775)

Genomic comparison strongly supports monophyly of taxa currently placed as subspecies of *Argynnis cybele* (Fabricius, 1775) (type locality USA: New York City), but partitions them into two distinct groups: western and eastern (Fig. 18 red and blue). F_{st}/G_{min} statistics of 0.34/0.068 suggest species-level status of these groups. Specimens that have the appearance of “intergrades” between the two groups (Fig. 18 labeled in cyan) from the localities where the two species may meet, are confidently assigned to one of the clades and do not fall between the clades as hybrids would. Nevertheless, the “cybele leto intergrades” from USA: MT, Liberty Co. are placed near the base of the red clade (Fig. 18).

While they confidently belong to this clade (statistical support of 1, the most confident value), they appear to have some genomic regions introgressed from the blue clade. Due to genetic differentiation of the two groups and the ability to confidently assign specimens of intermediate phenotype to one of the groups, we propose to treat these groups as distinct species. The blue clade (Fig. 18) retains the name *A. cybele*, and the oldest name for the red clade is *Argynnis leto* Behr, 1862, **stat. rest.** that we consider a species-level taxon. Due to comprehensive coverage of valid taxa in this complex (Fig. 18), we confidently assign the following as subspecies of *A. leto*: *Speyeria cybele letona* dos

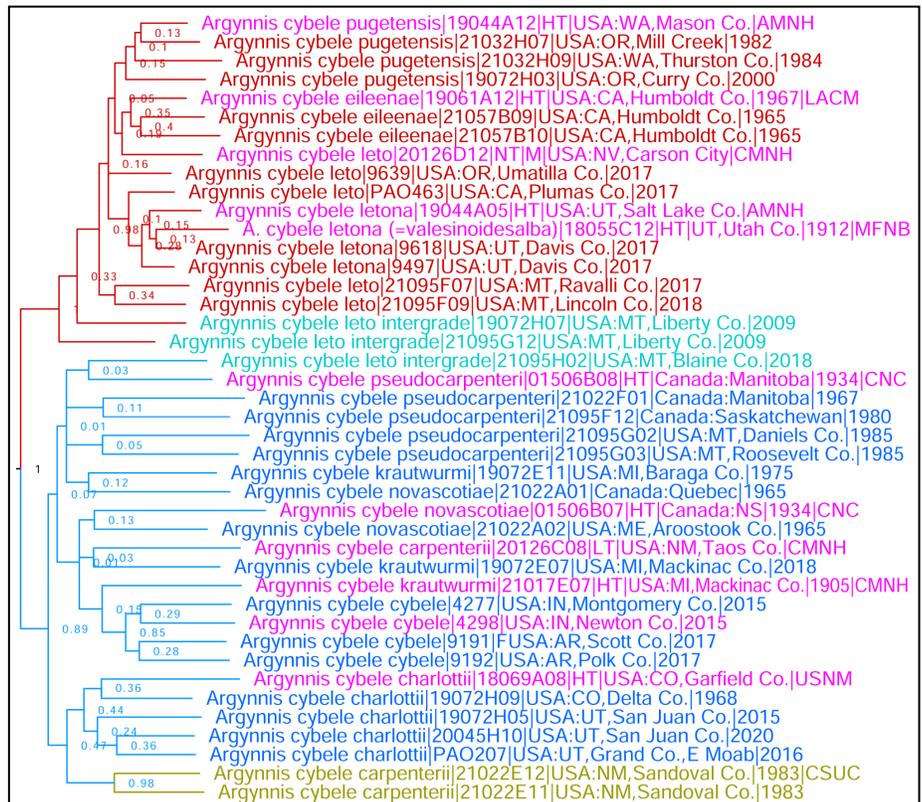


Fig. 18. *Argynnis leto* (red) and *Argynnis cybele* (blue). Specimens used as references for the names and those that look like intergrades are labeled in magenta and cyan, respectively. *A. cybele neomexicana* sp. n. is shown in olive color.

Passos & Grey, 1945 (type locality USA: Utah, Salt Lake City, City Creek Canyon), *Speyeria cybele pugetensis* F. Chermock & Frechin, 1947 (type locality USA: Washington, Mason Co.), and *Speyeria cybele eileenae* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 1998 (type locality in USA: California: Humboldt Co.). All other subspecies considered valid by Pelham remain with *A. cybele*. Interestingly, New Mexican and Colorado populations are *A. cybele*, although they are separated from eastern populations by a larger gap in the distribution than from *A. leto*.

***Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] and *Acidalia nokomis valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] are infrasubspecific names and are unavailable**

Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba Reuss, [1926] and *Acidalia nokomis valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] were proposed in the following sentence by Reuss ([1926]): “Die ♀♀ gehören zu den extremsten *valesina* - Formen, und benenne ich die weißen bis gelblichweißen und schwarzen ♀♀ als *leto valesinoides-alba* m. und *nokomis valesinoides-alba* m., Typen im Berliner Museum”, which we translate as: “The ♀♀ belong to the most extreme *valesina* - forms, and I name the white to yellowish-white and black ♀♀ as *leto valesinoides-alba* m[ihi] and *nokomis valesinoides-alba* m[ihi], types in the Berlin Museum.” No other mention of these names was made. Reuss states explicitly that he names females of a particular color variation that spans species boundaries, and names them using the same epithet (would be homonyms if available) for both species (*leto* and *nokomis*), like the name “alba” that applies to white form females of various *Colias* [Fabricius], 1807 species. Reuss refers to individual variation in females, not to subspecies. In the same work, Reuss ([1926]) also named a subspecies, listing it as “*castetoides* n. ssp. T. Rß.”, and referred to “*valesina*-Formen der Weibchen” [*valesina*-forms of females] in contrast to that. The content of Reuss’ work unambiguously reveals that these female form names were proposed for infrasubspecific entities, and, according to the Art. 45.6.4. of ICZN Code (1999), may be unavailable. These two names were not adopted as valid for species or subspecies, and were only listed in synonymy, so Art. 45.6.4.1. does not apply. Therefore, *Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] and *Acidalia nokomis valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] are infrasubspecific names and are unavailable.

***Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] is *Argynnis leto letona* (dos Passos & Grey, 1945) and not *Argynnis leto leto* Behr, 1862**

Genomic analysis of the specimen selected as the “holotype” *Acidalia (Semnopsyche) leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] (type locality not stated, NVG-18055C12 ♀ in MFNB labeled from Provo, Fig. 19)

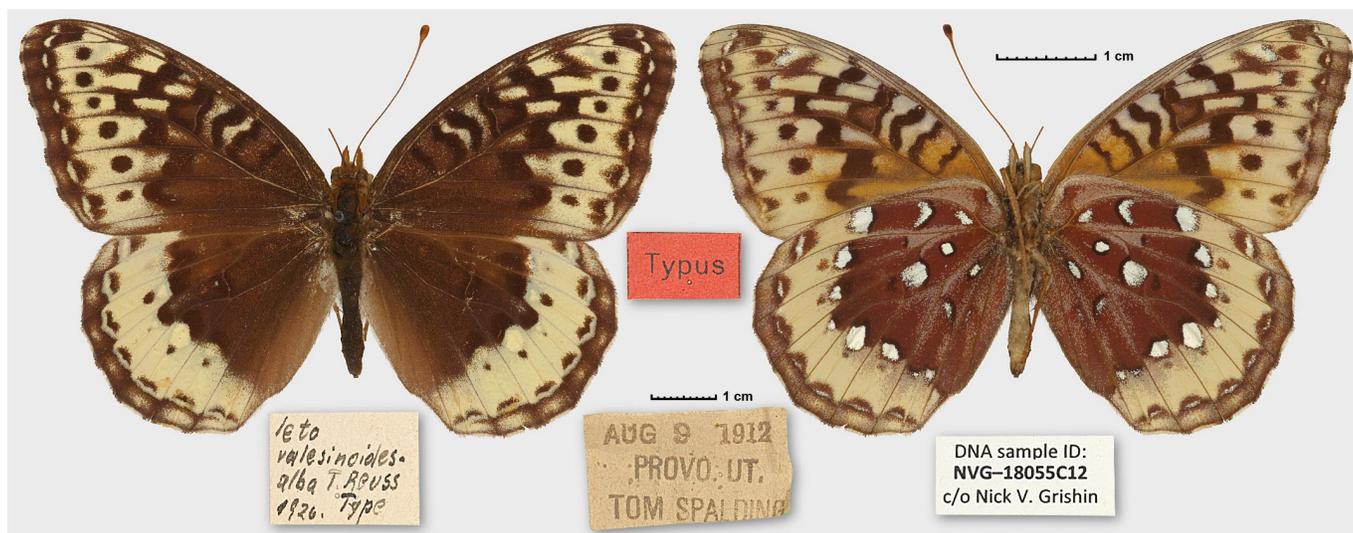
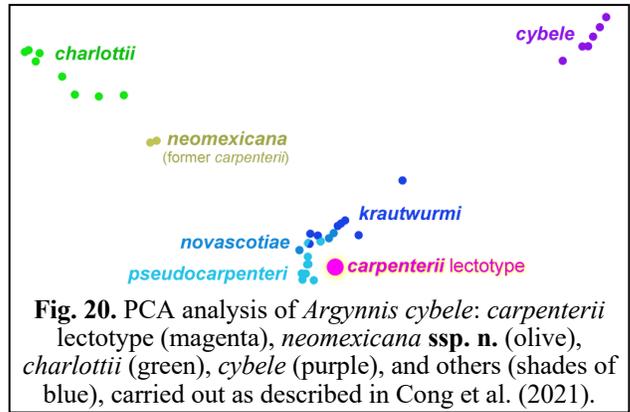


Fig. 19. “Holotype” of *Acidalia leto valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926], NVG-18055C12, dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views with labels. All images are to scale except the locality label (with “Provo”) that is reduced, and its scale is shown above it.

places it among specimens of *Argynnis leto letona* (dos Passos & Grey, 1945) (type locality USA: Utah, Salt Lake City, City Creek Canyon) (Fig. 18) in agreement with its label data and implying that it is not synonymous with *Argynnis leto* Behr, 1862 (type locality Nevada, nr. Carson City) as currently treated. Therefore, infrasubspecific name *A. l. valesinoides-alba* Reuss, [1926] should be listed among unavailable names associated with *Speyeria leto letona* dos Passos & Grey, 1945. The “type locality” of *A. l. valesinoides-alba* is USA: Utah, Utah County, Provo according to the label of its “holotype”. Quotes are used here because unavailable names do not formally have holotypes or type localities.

***Argynnis cybele neomexicana* Grishin, new subspecies**
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 (Figs. 18 part, 20 part, 21, 22)

Definition and diagnosis. Sequencing of the lectotype of *Argynnis cybele carpenterii* W. H. Edwards, 1876 (NVG-20126C08, labeled from “top Taos Mtn NM”) reveals that it is not grouping in the tree (Fig. 18) or PCA analysis (Fig. 20) with the specimens we sequenced from New Mexico or even Colorado and Utah, and therefore does not belong to the north-central New Mexican populations, contrary to the current understanding. Instead, the *Argynnis cybele carpenterii* lectotype is placed within more eastern specimens from the US and Canada, and we hypothesize that it was either mislabeled, or the Taos Peak population (which we have not sequenced) is the southernmost remnant of northeastern *A. cybele*. In either case, the New Mexican subspecies referred to as *A. c. carpenterii* (Fig. 18 olive) is left without a name, which is proposed here. This new subspecies is similar in appearance to *Argynnis cybele charlottii* W. Barnes, 1897 (type locality USA: Colorado, Garfield Co., Glenwood Springs) but is genetically distinct from it, and can be distinguished by typically larger silver spots on ventral hindwing (especially in males compared to typical males of *A. c. charlottii*), narrower cream band between postdiscal and submarginal rows of silver spots, silver spots at forewing apex beneath (usually), and less prominent dark overscaling at wing basal halves above (Figs. 21, 22).



Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-21022E12, GenBank OP231465, 658 base pairs:

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Fig. 21. Holotype of *Argynnis cybele neomexicana* ssp. n. dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, data in text.

Type material. Holotype: ♂ in the C.P. Gillette Museum of Arthropod Diversity, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA (CSUC), bears four rectangular printed labels: three white [9-VII-83 leg. RWH 8900' | Dome Lookout, St. Peter's | Dome, E. slope, Jemez | Mts., Sandoval Co., NM], [14877 RWH | *S. cybele* | *carpenterii*], [DNA sample ID: | NVG-21022E12 | c/o Nick V. Grishin], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Argynnis cybele* | *neomexicana* Grishin]. It was collected by Richard W. Holland. **Paratype:** ♂ NVG-21022E11 USA: New Mexico, Sandoval Co., S slope of Jemez Mts., 4 mi down Bland Canyon from Bland, elevation 6500', 9-Jul-1983, leg. Richard W. Holland.

Type locality. USA: New Mexico, Sandoval Co., E slope of Jemez Mts., Saint Peter's Dome, Dome Lookout, elevation 8900'.

Etymology. The name is given for the type locality that is in New Mexico. The name is a feminine adjective.

Distribution. North-central New Mexico and southwestern Colorado.

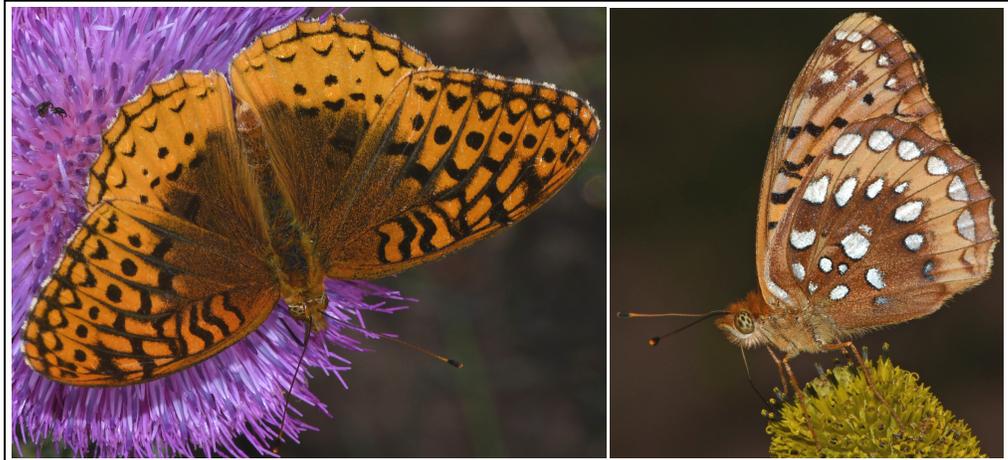


Fig. 22. *Argynnis cybele neomexicana* ssp. n. from USA: New Mexico, Sandoval Co. iNaturalist observations 73138385 (left), 73138564 (right). © Ken Kertel, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Argynnis cybele carpenterii W. H. Edwards, 1876 is from northeastern populations

“Taxonomists should not name anything pseudo-. Nearly every one of those named recently [also in *Callophrys* & *Colias*] has become embroiled in disputes.”
James A. Scott (2014)

The genomic analysis reveals that the lectotype of *Argynnis cybele carpenterii* W. H. Edwards, 1876 (type locality USA: New Mexico, Taos Co., Taos Peak, possibly mislabeled) is close to the three closely related and therefore questionably distinct subspecies: *Argynnis cybele krautwurmi* W. Holland, 1931 (type locality in USA: Michigan, Mackinac Co.), *Argynnis cybele novascotiae* McDunnough, 1935 (type locality in Canada: Nova Scotia), and *Argynnis cybele pseudocarpenterii* F. Chermock & R. Chermock, 1940 (type locality Canada: Manitoba, Sand Ridge), but is somewhat distant from each of them (Figs. 18, 20). Sequencing of specimens from additional localities will clarify the origins of *A. c. carpenterii*, which we presently regard as subspecies distinct from the other three due to genetic differences.

Boloria myrina (Cramer, 1777) is a species distinct from *Boloria selene* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)

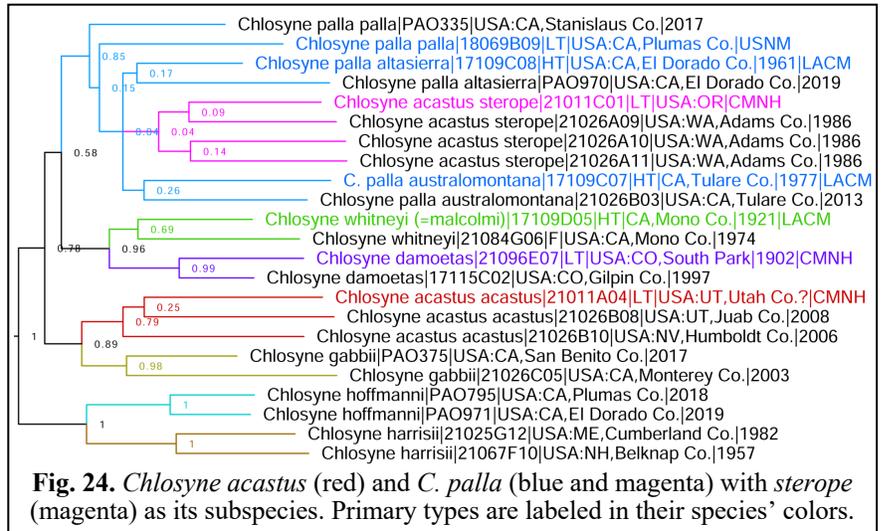
Genomic sequencing of *Boloria selene* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775) (type locality Austria: Vienna) specimens from across its range reveals two distinct clades, which correspond to the Old and the New World groups of populations (Fig. 23, Z chromosome). The high genetic differentiation between the clades, low gene exchange (F_{st}/G_{min} of 0.48/0.01), and COI barcode difference of 3.3% (22 bp) suggest that the two clades represent two species. The oldest available name for the New World species is *Boloria myrina* (Cramer, 1777), **stat. rest.** (type locality in USA, probably southeastern New York) and all North American taxa currently attributed to *B. selene* become subspecies of *B. myrina*.



Fig. 23. *Boloria myrina* (red, top), and *B. selene* (blue, bottom).

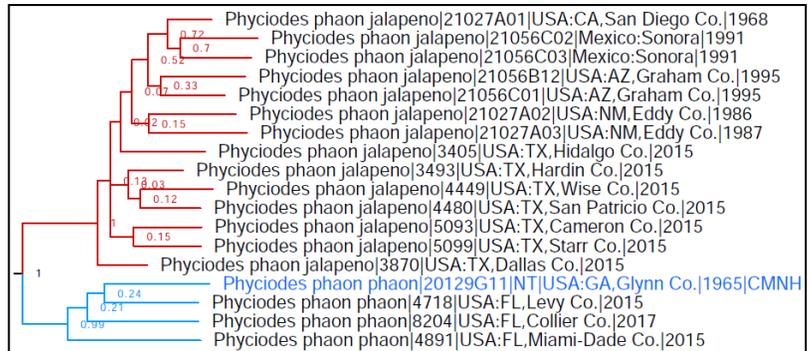
***Melitaea sterope* W. H. Edwards, 1870 is a subspecies of *Chlosyne palla* (Boisduval, 1852) and is not conspecific with *Chlosyne acastus* (W. H. Edwards, 1874)**

The genomic tree constructed from specimens of *Chlosyne* Butler, 1870 (type species *Papilio janais* Drury, 1782) reveals that *Melitaea sterope* W. H. Edwards, 1870 (type locality in USA: Oregon, Wasco Co.) (Fig. 24 magenta) currently considered conspecific with *Chlosyne acastus* (W. H. Edwards, 1874) (type locality in USA: Utah, probably Utah Co.) (Fig. 24 red) is not monophyletic with it, and instead originates within *Chlosyne palla* (Boisduval, 1852) (type locality in USA: California, Plumas Co.) (Fig. 24 blue). This conclusion is solid, because we sequenced the primary types of all three taxa in question: *M. sterope*, *C. palla*, and *C. acastus* to provide the ultimate reference for these names. Therefore, *Melitaea sterope* W. H. Edwards, 1870 is not conspecific with *Chlosyne acastus* (W. H. Edwards, 1874) and is a subspecies of *Chlosyne palla* (Boisduval, 1852): *Chlosyne palla sterope* (W. H. Edwards, 1870), **comb. rev.**, which may be a welcome development for preserving the name *acastus*.



***Phyciodes jalapeno* J. Scott, 1998 is a species distinct from *Phyciodes phaon* (W. H. Edwards, 1864)**

Originally proposed and kept since as a subspecies, *Phyciodes phaon jalapeno* J. Scott, 1998 (type locality USA: Arizona, Maricopa Co., Mesa) is genetically distinct from the nominotypical *P. phaon* (W. H. Edwards, 1864) (type locality USA: Georgia, Glynn Co., San Simon Isl., neotype NVG-20129G11 sequenced) (Fig. 25): F_{st}/G_{min} statistics are 0.37/0.04 and COI barcode difference is 1.8% (12 bp). Therefore, we propose that it is a species-level taxon *Phyciodes jalapeno* J. Scott, 1998, **stat. nov.**



***Phyciodes incognitus* Gatrell, 2004, *Phyciodes orantain* J. Scott, 1998, *Phyciodes anasazi* J. Scott, 1994 (including *P. batesii apsaalooke* J. Scott, 1994 as a subspecies), and *Phyciodes diminutor* J. Scott, 1998 are species-level taxa**

Genomic comparison of the four *Phyciodes* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Papilio cocyta* Cramer, 1777) that constitute the *tharos* species group, which are closely related and difficult to identify: *Phyciodes tharos* (Drury, 1773) (type locality USA: New York City), *Phyciodes cocyta* (Cramer, 1777) (type locality in Canada: Nova Scotia), *Phyciodes batesii* (Reakirt, [1866]) (type locality USA: Virginia, Winchester) and *Phyciodes pulchella* (Boisduval, 1852) (type locality USA: San Francisco), reveals more complex speciation scenarios than currently recognized (Fig. 26) (Scott 1994; Scott 1998; Scott 2006; Pelham 2022). While these four taxa are indeed species according to our genomics-based criteria, four other lineages are of the same rank as these four. First, *Phyciodes cocyta incognitus* Gatrell, 2004 (type

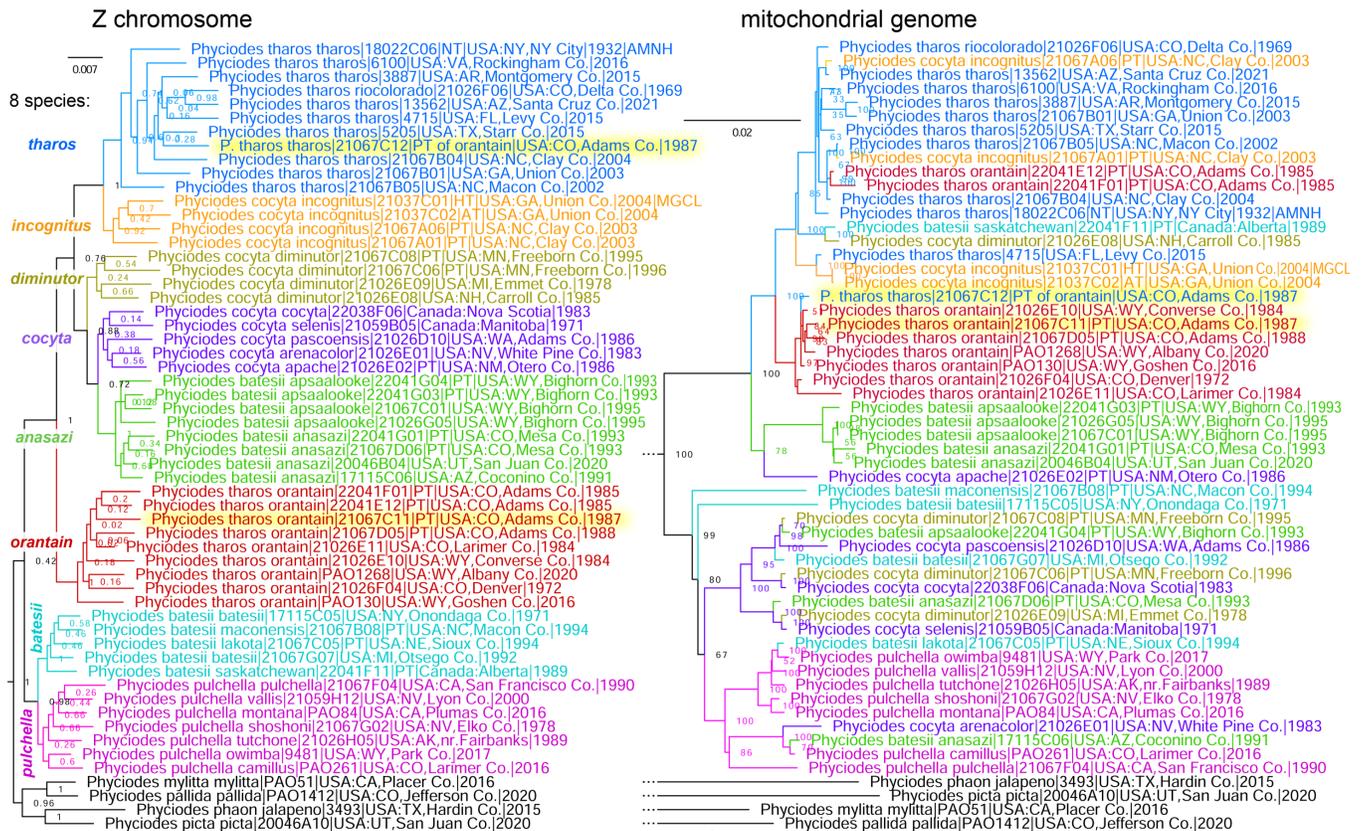


Fig. 26. Trees constructed from protein-coding regions in Z-chromosome (left) and mitogenome (right) of eight *Phyciodes* species in the *tharos* group: *tharos* (blue), *incognitus* (orange), *diminutor* (olive), *cocyta* (purple), *anasazi* (green), *orantain* (red), *batesii* (cyan), and *pulchella* (magenta). Two specimens collected together shown in Fig. 27 are highlighted in yellow.



Fig. 27. Paratypes of *Phyciodes orantain* with their labels: NVG-21067C12, which is *Phyciodes tharos* (top, black nudum); and NVG-21067C11 (bottom, orange nudum). All images are to scale, except insets showing enlarged view of antenna club.

locality in USA: Georgia, Union Co.) (Fig. 26 orange) is not monophyletic with *P. cocyta* (Fig. 26 purple), but instead is sister to *P. tharos* (Fig. 26 blue), and due to sympatry between *P. tharos* and *P. c. incognitus*, we reinstate the latter as a species-level taxon: *Phyciodes incognitus* Gatrelle, 2004, **stat. rest.**

Second, *Phyciodes tharos orantain* J. Scott, 1998 (type locality USA: Colorado, Adams Co., Barr Lake) (Fig. 26 red) is not monophyletic with *P. tharos* (Fig. 26 blue) and is quite distant from all other taxa. A curious observation is that one of the specimens labeled as a paratype of *P. t. orantain* (NVG-

21067C12, Fig. 27 top) collected at its type locality was placed within *P. tharos* in the tree (Fig. 26, highlighted yellow within blue clade). Puzzled about this placement, we inspected photographs of the specimen and found that it had black antenna nudum and not orange as in the namesake *P. t. orantain* (Fig. 26 red). Another *P. t. orantain* paratype with the same locality and date (NVG-21067C11, Fig. 27 bottom), but with orange nudum was placed within all other *P. t. orantain* specimens (Fig. 26 highlighted yellow within red clade). Thus, we demonstrate by genomic sequencing that *P. t. orantain* is sympatric and synchronic with *P. tharos* (unless that specimen was mislabeled, which is not likely because its mitogenome is that of *P. t. orantain*, Fig. 26 right) and here propose that it is a species-level taxon: *Phyciodes orantain* J. Scott, 1998 **stat. nov.** The paratypes illustrated in Fig. 27 are labeled in Gatrell's hand, so it is possible that Scott simply didn't notice the black antenna nudum when giving these specimens to Gatrell as "paratypes," thus missing the opportunity to exclude this *P. tharos* specimen from the type series of *P. orantain*, or some other mishap occurred, like specimen mislabeling.

Third, sisters *Phyciodes batesii apsaalooke* J. Scott, 1994 (type locality in USA: Wyoming, Bighorn Co.) and *Phyciodes batesii anasazi* J. Scott, 1994 (type locality in USA: Colorado, Mesa Co.) (Fig. 26 green) are not monophyletic with *P. batesii* (Fig. 26 cyan), but instead form a clade sister to *P. cocyta* (Fig. 26 purple). Due to the genetic and morphological distinction of *P. b. apsaalooke* with *P. b. anasazi* from *P. cocyta*, we propose to treat them as a distinct species *Phyciodes anasazi* J. Scott, 1994 **stat. nov.**, with *Phyciodes batesii apsaalooke* J. Scott, 1994, **comb. nov.** as its subspecies. Here, acting as the first reviser, we gave priority to the name *anasazi* over *apsaalooke*, because the name is shorter, and the taxon has a wider distribution. The decision to elevate *P. anasazi* to the species level is largely prompted by its apparent phenotypic similarity with *P. batesii*, rather than with a closer relative *P. cocyta*. Genetic distinction of the former two similar species suggests hybrid origin of at least some species.

Fourth, *Phyciodes cocyta diminutor* J. Scott, 1998 (type locality in USA: Minnesota, Freeborn Co.) (Fig. 26 olive) is sister to the clade consisting of *P. cocyta* and *P. anasazi*, and, therefore, we confirm it as a species-level taxon: *Phyciodes diminutor* J. Scott, 1998. An alternative treatment may be to consider *P. cocyta*, *P. anasazi*, and *P. diminutor* conspecific because they are closest to each other genetically. However, each of the three species forms a distinct clade in the tree, and future studies will address the complexities of their evolution and speciation.

We observe that Z chromosome proteins are quite similar between *P. batesii* and *P. pulchella* (Fig. 26 cyan and magenta), and the two species are sisters in the Z chromosome tree. Autosomal proteins (not shown) separate these two species better, placing *P. pulchella* as sister to all other *Phyciodes* of the *tharos* group, which seems more in agreement with their phenotypes. Thus, the evolutionary history of the *tharos* group is riddled with irregularities such as hybridization and introgression.

Finally, the mitochondrial genome tree (Fig. 26 right) has an appearance of a partly scrambled version of the nuclear Z chromosome tree (Fig. 26 left), but to the extent that on the current sample of specimens it is nearly impossible to assign ancestral haplotypes to all species, although major clades of *P. tharos*, *P. orantain*, *P. anasazi*, and *P. pulchella* probably correspond to such. While it reflects to some extent the relationships observed in the nuclear genome, mitogenome cannot be used with confidence in taxonomic work and specimen identification due to extensive introgression. Apparently, the *tharos* group species are incipient, and they hybridize with a certain frequency, despite being mostly distinct.

Type locality of *Junonia pacoma* Grishin, 2020 is in Sinaloa, not Sonora

The type locality of *Junonia pacoma* Grishin, 2020 was incorrectly given in the text of the original description as "Mexico: Sonora, Isla de la Piedra" (Cong et al. 2020), which is here corrected to "Mexico: Sinaloa, Isla de la Piedra". Furthermore, all references to "Sonora" in the description and illustrations of *J. pacoma* in that work (Cong et al. 2020) are corrected to "Sinaloa". We are grateful to Andrew D. Warren for kindly informing us about this mistake. These localities were listed correctly in the Supporting Information Table S1 (Cong et al. 2020). *Junonia pacoma* has also been recorded and genetically confirmed from Sonora, e.g., a pair in UCDC collected by R. E. Wells south of San Carlos on beach dunes: NVG-19065E05 ♀ 26-Mar-2003 and NVG-19065E06 ♂ 5-Feb-2005.

***Cercyonis incognita* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 2012 is a subspecies of *Cercyonis silvestris* (W. H. Edwards, 1861), reinstated status**

We find that the lectotype of *Cercyonis sthenele silvestris* (W. H. Edwards, 1861) (type locality USA: California, suggested to be in Butte Co.) (Figs. 28 magenta, 29) is not conspecific with *Cercyonis sthenele* (Boisduval, 1852) (type locality USA: California, San Francisco, paralectotype sequenced) (Fig. 28 green), but is in the same clade with *Cercyonis oetus* (Boisduval, 1869) (type locality in USA: California, Placer Co.) and *Cercyonis incognita* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 2012 (type locality in USA: California, Mendocino Co.) (Fig. 28 blue and red). Even the Z chromosome-based tree (Fig. 28) did not reveal prominent genetic differentiation between *C. incognita* and *C. oetus*, suggesting recent divergence of these species and posing questions about their reproductive isolation to be addressed in future work. We refrain from treating these taxa as conspecific due to the difficulty in rearing adults from crosses between them (Emmel et al. 2012). The phylogenetic analysis we performed differentiates species diverged farther back in time than *C. oetus* and *C. incognita* and may not be able to handle recently diverged species. Regardless of the status of *C. oetus* and *C. incognita*, the lectotype of *C. s. silvestris* (Fig. 28 magenta), together with a more recently collected specimen identified by facies as a possible *C. s. silvestris* (NVG-21095D08 USA: CA, El Dorado Co.), are placed in the tree with *C. incognita* (Fig. 28 red), and therefore could be conspecific with it. Because of wing pattern differences between *C. s. silvestris* (darker) and *C. incognita* (paler), we consider the latter to be a subspecies of the former, rather than its synonym: *Cercyonis silvestris incognita* J. Emmel, T. Emmel & Mattoon, 2012, **stat. nov.** implying that *Cercyonis silvestris* (W. H. Edwards, 1861), **stat. rest.** is reinstated here as a species. Finally, we note that *C. oetus* is not monophyletic in the Z chromosome tree (Fig. 28), and its nominotypical specimens are in the same clade with *C. silvestris*. Therefore, if *C. silvestris* is a species distinct from *C. oetus*, it is conceivable that *C. oetus* consists of several species.

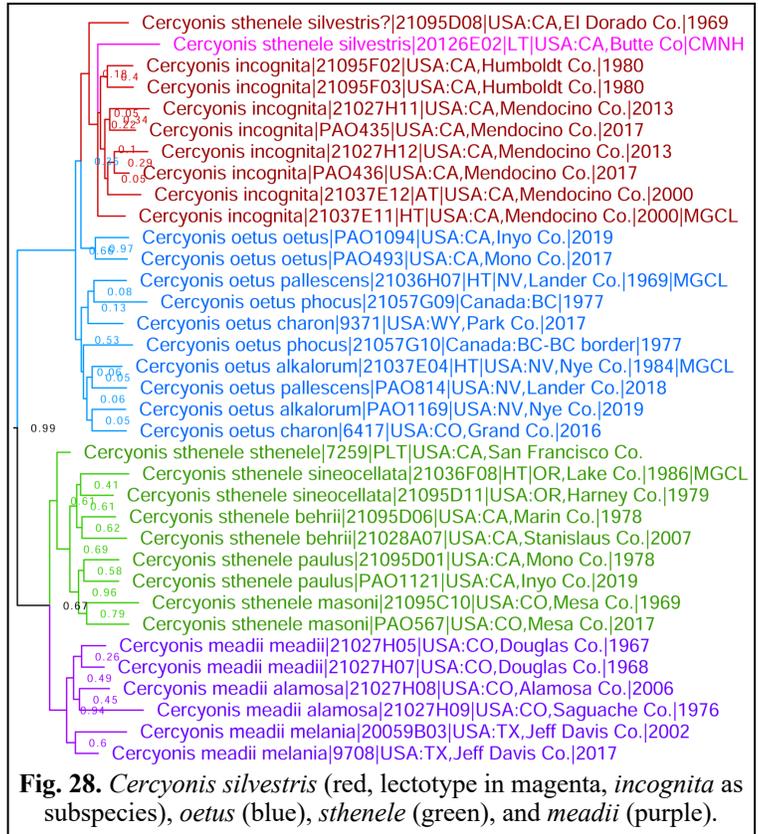


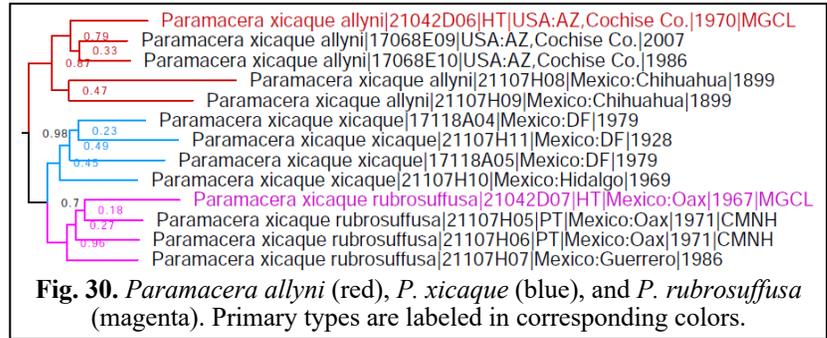
Fig. 28. *Cercyonis silvestris* (red, lectotype in magenta, *incognita* as subspecies), *oetus* (blue), *sthenele* (green), and *meadii* (purple).



Fig. 29. Lectotype of *Satyrus silvestris* W. H. Edwards, 1861, NVG-20126E02, dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, and its labels. Labels are reduced relatively to the specimen: larger and smaller scale bars refer to specimen and labels, respectively.

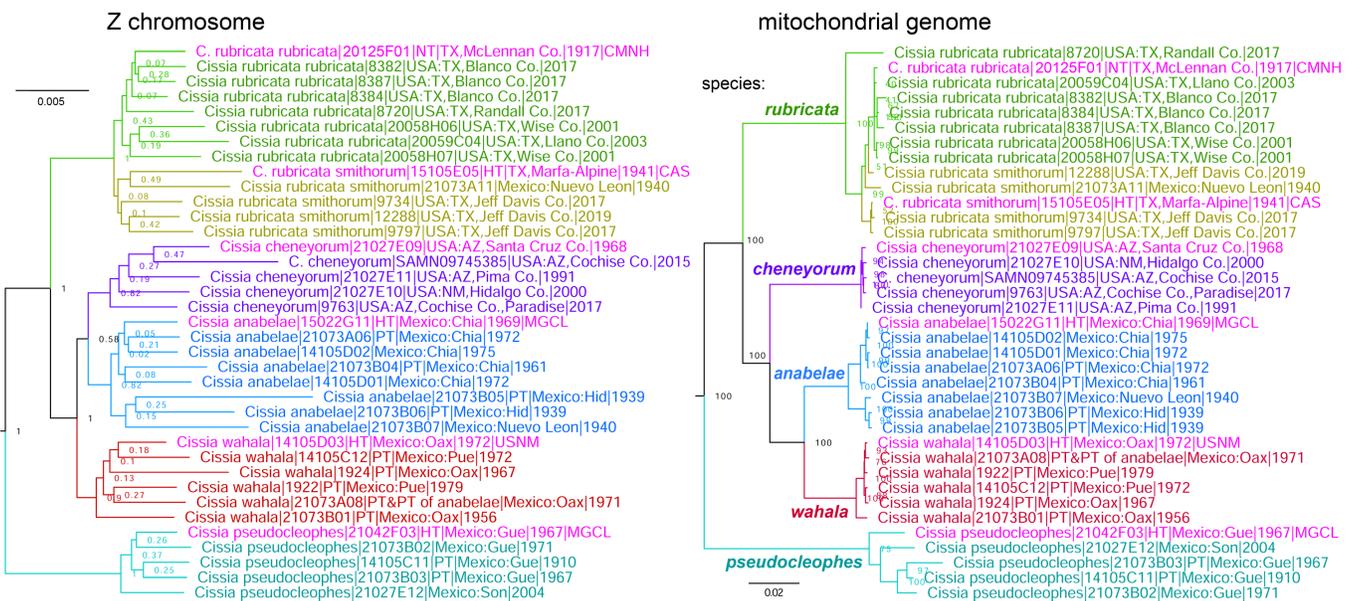
***Paramacera allyni* L. Miller, 1972 and *Paramacera rubrosuffusa* L. Miller, 1972 are species distinct from *Paramacera xicaque* (Reakirt, [1867])**

Nuclear genomic tree partitions sequenced *Paramacera* A. Butler, 1868 (type species *Neonympha xicaque* Reakirt, [1867]) specimens into three distinct clades corresponding to three named taxa (Fig. 30). Here, we argue for species-level status of the three taxa: not only of *Paramacera allyni* L. Miller, 1972, **stat. rest.** (type locality USA: Arizona, Cochise Co., Barfoot Park), but also of *Paramacera rubrosuffusa* L. Miller, 1972, **stat. nov.** (type locality in Mexico: Oaxaca) initially proposed as a subspecies. COI barcodes of *P. allyni* and *P. rubrosuffusa* differ from *Paramacera xicaque* (Reakirt, [1867]) (type locality in Mexico: Veracruz) by 3.2% (21 bp) and 3.8% (25 bp), respectively. This level of barcode divergence (>3%), in the presence of phenotypic differences (which are apparent in *Paramacera*), has been suggested as sufficient to substantiate even allopatric taxa as distinct species (Lukhtanov et al. 2016). Therefore, we propose to treat the three *Paramacera* taxa as species.



Five *Cissia rubricata* group species, not subspecies, including a new one

Sequencing a sample of specimens representing all five available names currently referring to subspecies of *Cissia rubricata* (W. H. Edwards, 1871) (type locality USA: TX, McLennan Co., nr. Waco) that includes the primary types of all five names reveals prominent genetic differentiation among four of these taxa (Fig. 31), which in addition to the nominotypical are: *Euptychia rubricata cheneyorum* R. Chermock, 1949 (type locality USA: AZ: Pima Co., Madera Canyon), *Megisto rubricata pseudocleophes* L. Miller, 1976 (type locality in Mexico: Guerrero), and *Megisto rubricata anabelae* L. Miller, 1976 (type locality in Mexico: Chiapas). The COI barcode difference exceeds 6% for the closest pair of these taxa. Provided phenotypic distinction, this barcode difference supported by consistent clustering in the nuclear genome tree (Fig. 31 left) argue for the species, rather than subspecies, level of these taxa. Conversely, COI difference between the holotype of *C. rubricata smithorum* (Wind, 1946) (type locality in USA: Texas, Marfa-Alpine, NVG-15105E05) and the neotype of *C. rubricata rubricata* (NVG-20125F01) is 0.8% (5



bp), which, given large barcode divergence among species in the *rubricata* group, is comparatively small. Therefore, we keep these two taxa as subspecies, but elevate others to species: *Cissia cheneyorum* (R. Chermock, 1949), **stat. nov.**, *Cissia pseudocleophes* (L. Miller, 1976), **stat. nov.**, and *Cissia anabelae* (L. Miller, 1976), **stat. nov.** Moreover, we find the fifth species-level clade in the tree that was not associated with any name (Fig. 31, red) and is therefore new. It is described below as a species.

Cissia wahala Grishin, new species

<http://zoobank.org/83981016-4965-4097-A3F5-4D8C37824DFF>

(Figs. 31 part, 32, 33)

Definition and diagnosis. Considered by Miller (1976) within his concept of *C. anabelae*, but genetically distinct from it and other *rubricata* group taxa at the species level. COI barcode sequence of the holotype (NVG-14105D03) differs by 5.8% (38 bp), 6.2% (41 bp), 8.5% (56 bp), 5.9% (39 bp), and 6.7% (44 bp) from the holotype of *C. anabelae*, topotype of *C. cheneyorum* (NVG-21027E09), the holotypes of *C. pseudocleophes* (NVG-21042F03) and *C. rubricata smithorum* (NVG-15105E05), and the neotype of *C. rubricata rubricata* (NVG-21096C03), respectively. Distinguished from its relatives by a combination of the following characters: red patches on dorsal side of wings larger than in other species with developed

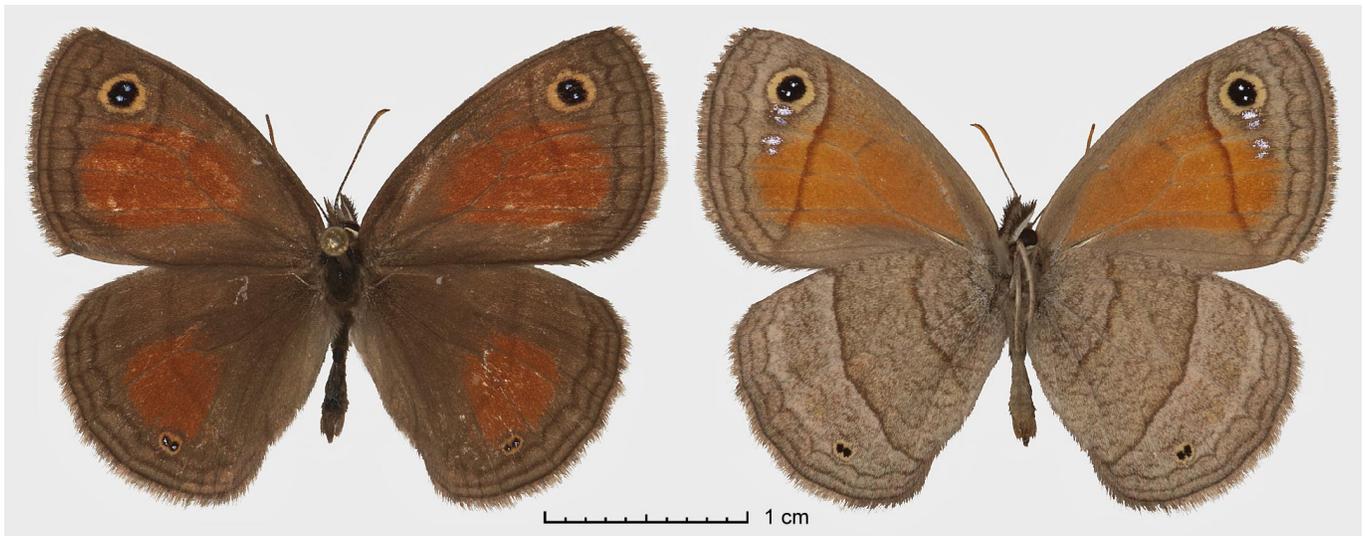


Fig. 32. Holotype of *Cissia wahala* sp. n. dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, NVG-14105D03, data in text.

mottling on ventral hindwing: e.g., forewing patch occupies more than distal posterior quarter of the forewing discal cell and extends into cells distad of it, at least partly; small or absent eyespots on hindwing below, mostly without silver pupils; mottled ventral hindwing as in *C. anabelae*; and colder, redder and paler ventral surface compared to warmer, yellower and darker one in *C. anabelae*. In COI barcode, diagnosed by a combination of the following base pairs: A49T, C268T, A382G, T484C, T581C, and A622C.

Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-14105D03, GenBank OP231466, 658 base pairs:

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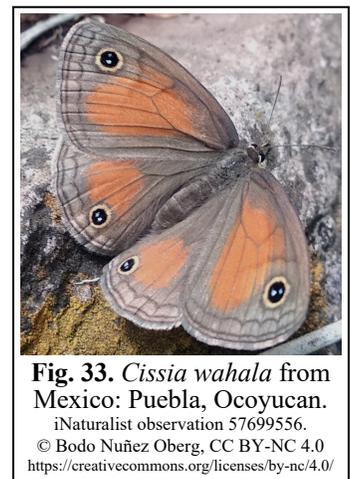


Fig. 33. *Cissia wahala* from Mexico: Puebla, Ocoyucan. iNaturalist observation 57699556. © Bodo Nuñez Ober, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Type material. Holotype: ♂ deposited in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA (USNM), bears two white rectangular labels [MEXICO: Oax., 6miN | Huajuapán de León | 6 September 1972 | G.F. & S. Hevel] and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-14105D03 | c/o

Nick V. Grishin] and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Cissia wahala* | Grishin]. **Paratypes:** 5♀♀ from Mexico, 3 from Oaxaca, around Huajuapán de León (NVG-21073A08, 5-Sep-1971, also a paratype of *C. anabelae*; NVG-1924, elev. 5900', 10-Aug-1967, J. E. Hafernik) and 5 mi S of Matatlan on MX190 (NVG-21073B01, 24-Aug-1956, M. G. Douglas), and 2 from Puebla (NVG-14105C12, ca. 24 mi SE of Acatlan, nr. Chila, 14-Aug-1972, C F. & S. Hevel; and NVG-1922, 6.4 mi E of Azumbilla, 15-Apr-1979, T. P. Friedlander & J. C. Schaffner). Only sequenced specimens are included as paratypes.

Type locality. Mexico: Oaxaca, 6 mi north of Huajuapán de León.

Etymology. The name is a phonetic fusion of Oaxaca with Puebla: *waha* (i.e., Oaxa)[ca+Pueb]la, and it also stands for the difficulty of discovering this species and troubles in separating it from *C. anabelae*. The name is a feminine noun in apposition.

Distribution. Currently known only from the states of Puebla and Oaxaca in Mexico.

Family Hesperidae Latreille, 1809

Tarsoctenus gaudialis (Hewitson, 1876) is a species distinct from *Tarsoctenus corytus* (Cramer, 1777)

Genomic analysis of *Erycides gaudialis* Hewitson, 1876 (type locality Panama: Chiriqui), currently a subspecies of *Tarsoctenus corytus* (Cramer, 1777) (type locality in Suriname) reveals a deep split between them (Fig. 34, the Z chromosome tree) with F_{st}/G_{min} statistics of 0.55/0.006 and COI barcode difference between a syntype of *Erycides gaudialis* in MFNB (NVG-15029C08) and a specimen of nominotypical *T. corytus* from French Guiana (NVG-18086G01) of 4.6% (30 bp). Therefore, we reinstate *Tarsoctenus gaudialis* (Hewitson, 1876), **stat. rest.** as a species-level taxon.

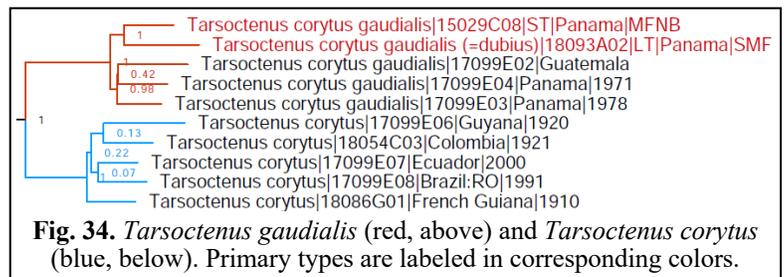


Fig. 34. *Tarsoctenus gaudialis* (red, above) and *Tarsoctenus corytus* (blue, below). Primary types are labeled in corresponding colors.

Genetic uniformity of *Spicauda simplicius* (Stoll, 1790) across its range

Inspection of genomic trees frequently reveals prominent genetic splits (especially in the Z chromosome) between geographically separated populations, particularly along major suture zones. We interpret these splits as speciation events and consider genetically differentiated groups of populations with limited gene exchange as species-level taxa. Examples can be found throughout this work, such as the section just above about *Tarsoctenus gaudialis* versus *T. corytus*. Here, we show an example where we were not able to find any splits or breaks in genetic differentiation across the entire range of a species. Figure 35 shows the Z chromosome tree of 28 specimens of *Spicauda simplicius* (Stoll, 1790) (type locality in Suriname) from USA: Texas through North, Central, and South America to Bolivia and South Brazil, including a

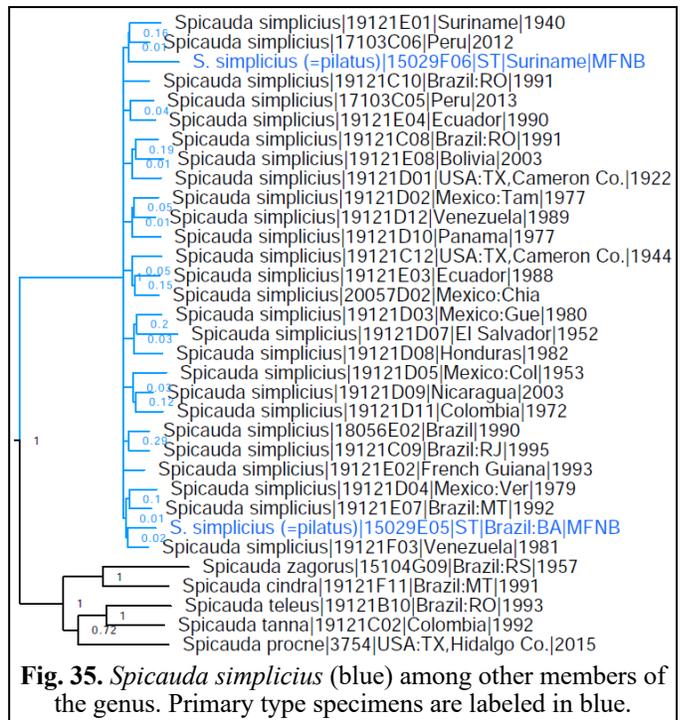


Fig. 35. *Spicauda simplicius* (blue) among other members of the genus. Primary type specimens are labeled in blue.

specimen from the type locality (NVG-19121E01), that, in the absence of primary type specimens which are likely lost, is used here as a reference for this name. This vast distribution crosses several major suture zones known to separate many Hesperiid species. However, the *S. simplicius* tree has an appearance of a comb and does not reveal any meaningful bifurcations, indicating the lack of genetic differentiation into discrete groups of populations that may be treated as several distinct species. Therefore, for the lack of evidence to the contrary, all these populations identified as *S. simplicius* represent a single species distributed from South Texas (as a stray) to Brazil. Furthermore, sequencing of two syntypes of *Goniurus pilatus* Plötz, 1881 (no. 5068 and 5069, type locality in Bahia, [Brazil] and Suriname) (Fig. 35) confirms that this name is a junior subjective synonym of *S. simplicius*. Thus, not every morphospecies would be dividable into several species after genomic analysis using our criteria of genetic differentiation and gene exchange.

***Epargyreus* in northwestern North America**

As we previously found (Zhang et al. 2020), resident *Epargyreus* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Papilio tityrus* Fabricius, 1775, a junior homonym, valid name for this species is *Papilio clarus* Cramer, 1775) is represented in the USA by two species: *Epargyreus clarus* (Cramer, 1775) (type locality "Suriname", later corrected to USA: Virginia, Rockingham Co.) and *Epargyreus huachuca* Dixon, 1955 (type locality in USA: Arizona, Cochise Co.). Here, we clarify the status of *Epargyreus* populations in northwestern North America. We observed (Zhang et al. 2020) that genetic differentiation within *Epargyreus clarus californicus* MacNeill, 1975 (type locality USA: CA, El Dorado Co., China Flat) was substantially lower than that of the nominotypical *Epargyreus clarus*, suggesting a recent bottleneck and possible

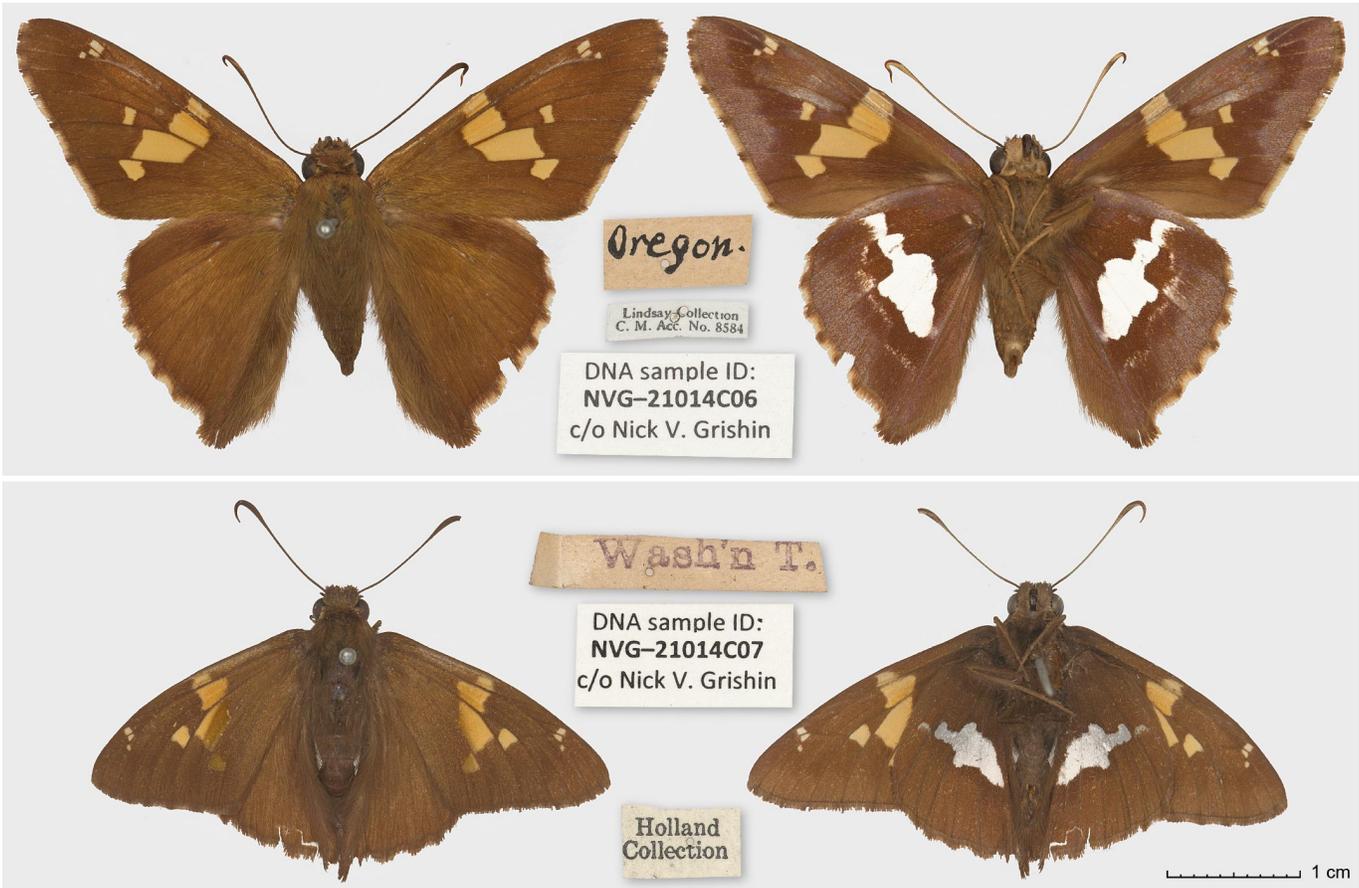
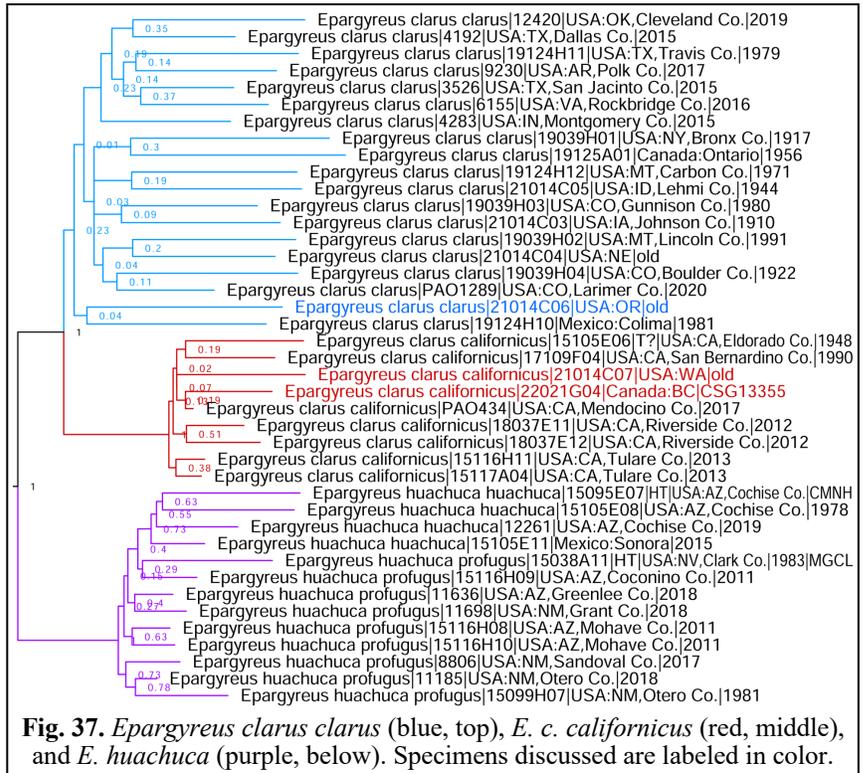


Fig. 36. *Epargyreus* specimens from the northwestern US (dorsal: left, ventral: right) collected approximately one century ago and their labels: *Epargyreus clarus clarus* from USA: Oregon (above the line) and *Epargyreus clarus californicus* from USA: Washington (below the line). All images are to scale, including labels.

recolonization of the vast range of *E. c. californicus* (Fig. 37, red vs. blue, Z chromosome tree). To probe older distribution of these taxa in the northwestern USA, we sequenced two specimens (in CMNH) collected more than a century ago in the states of Oregon and Washington (Fig. 36). Consistent with their phenotypes discussed by Warren (2005), one was *E. clarus clarus* (Fig. 37 blue, NVG-21014C06) and the other was *E. clarus californicus* (Fig. 37 red, NVG-21014C07), supporting the hypothesis that eastern *E. c. clarus* reaches Oregon, and Californian *E. c. californicus* reaches Washington, and they did so a century ago. We also sequenced a piece of exuviae (no specimen) from pupation (on 29 July 2018) of a larva reared from an egg found on giant vetch (*Vicia nigricans*



var. *gigantea* (Hook.) Broich) by Christian Gronau in Canada: British Columbia, Cortes Island, Manson's Landing, and it was *E. clarus californicus* (Fig. 37, red, NVG-22021G04). The Cortes Island population (Fig. 38) extends the range of sub-species *californicus*, which ranges from southern California (Riverside Co., Fig. 37) to British Columbia.

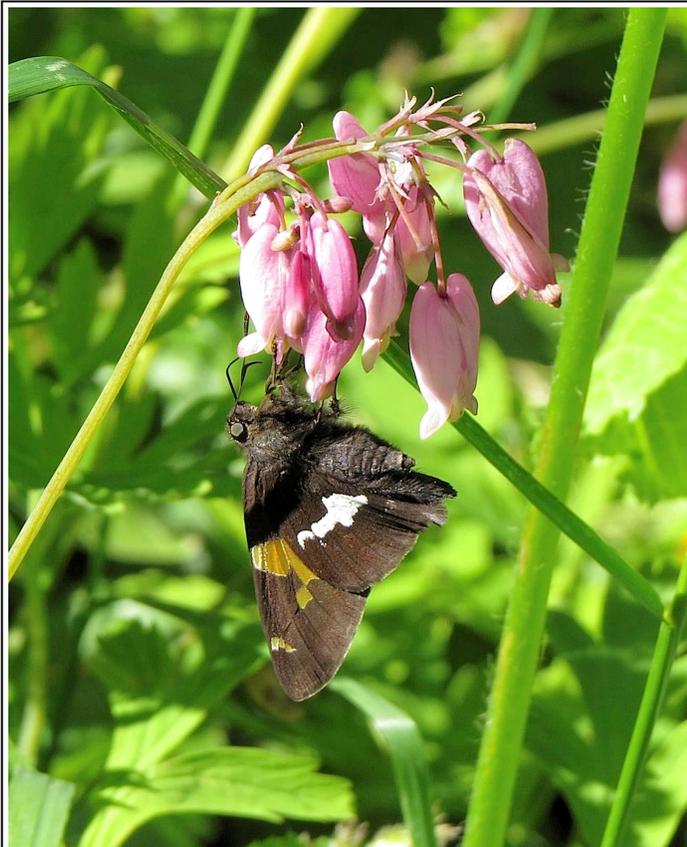


Fig. 38. *Epargyreus clarus californicus* nectaring on giant vetch in Canada: British Columbia, Cortes Island, 50.0239N 124.9817W, 1-Jun-2019 © Christian Gronau (with permission).

The first record of *E. clarus* on Cortes Island was a photograph of an adult taken in June 2014 by C. Gronau, and he and Barry Saxifrage have thoroughly documented the use of giant vetch as the larval foodplant (first record of it as a foodplant for *E. clarus*), through oviposition observations, finding many eggs and larvae, and rearing larvae from eggs. Black locust occurs on Cortes Island, but Gronau and Saxifrage have not found any evidence it is used as a foodplant. Cortes Island is about 320 km north of the Seattle area, Washington where the nearest *E. clarus* presently occur, and about 520 km from the nearest extant *E. clarus clarus* populations in southeastern British Columbia. Most Seattle area records are *E. clarus clarus*, with some known to be temporary introductions from larvae brought in on nursery stock of black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia* L.) from eastern North America; however, some records are of *E. clarus californicus* that may be either migrants from the south or may reproduce locally on an unknown

foodplant (Jonathan P. Pelham, pers. comm.). Giant vetch is widespread in the Seattle area; hence, it (or other vetch species) is a potential foodplant for resident populations of *E. clarus californicus*.

Monoca Grishin, new subgenus

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Type species. *Tagiades monophthalma* Plötz, 1884.

Definition. A distant member of the genus *Ocella* Evans, 1953 (type species *Cyclosemia albata* Mabille, 1888) (Fig. 39), therefore is defined as a subgenus. Keys to E.26.3 in Evans (1953). Differs from other *Ocella* species by its

single (not double) forewing eyespot (i.e., eyespot only at the end of discal cell and no eyespot in cell CuA₁-CuA₂), more produced hindwing tornus, straighter (not convex) outer margin of both wings (Fig. 40), and uncus strongly downturned in lateral view.

Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, given for the single eyespot of the type species: *Mono*+*[O]c[ell]a*.

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Genus *Ocella* Evans, 1953.

Comment. Monophyly of this new subgenus with *Ocella* is weakly supported (Fig. 39, 0.47) and it is possible that it may not hold, in which case *Monoca subgen. n.* would become a genus-level taxon. Conservatively, due to its monotypy and phenotypic similarities with *Ocella*, it is proposed as a subgenus in this work.

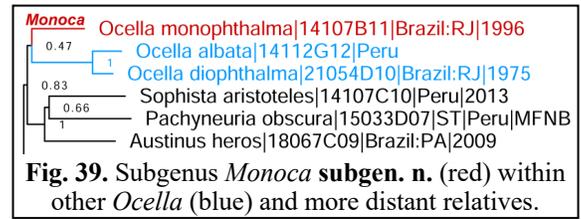
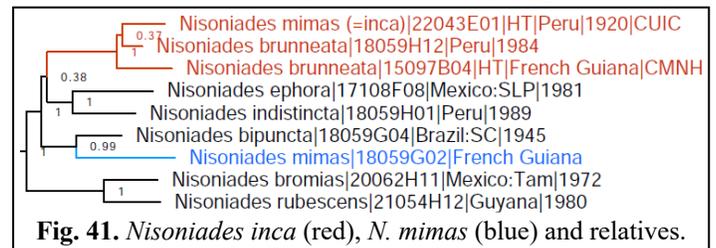


Fig. 40. *Ocella (Monoca) monophthalma* from Brazil: SP, São Bento do Sapucaí. iNaturalist observation 104030146 © rick_costa. CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Pellicia brunneata Williams & Bell, 1939 is a junior subjective synonym of *Nisoniades inca* (Lindsey, 1925), reinstated status

Sequencing of the holotypes of *Pellicia inca* Lindsey, 1925 (type locality Peru: Puerto Bermúdez, NVG-22043E01), currently a junior subjective synonym of *Nisoniades mimas* (Cramer, 1775) (type locality in Suriname) and of *Pellicia brunneata* Williams & Bell, 1939 (type locality in French Guiana, NVG-15097B04), currently a valid species of *Nisoniades* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Papilio bromius* Stoll, 1787, a junior subjective synonym of *Papilio mimas* Cramer, 1775), reveals that they are most likely conspecific, e.g., their COI barcodes are 100% identical, but differ from their closest relatives, including *N. mimas* (Fig. 41). Therefore, we reinstate *Nisoniades inca* (Lindsey, 1925), **stat. rest.** as a species and place *Pellicia brunneata* Williams & Bell, 1939, **syn. nov.** as its junior subjective synonym.



Abdomen is excluded from the holotype of *Staphylus ascalon* (Staudinger, 1876)

Genomic sequencing of a leg from the holotype of *Helias ascalon* Staudinger, 1876 (type locality Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Nova Friburgo), male, currently in the genus *Staphylus* Godman and Salvin, 1896 (type species *Helias ascalaphus* Staudinger, 1876) and a syntype of *Staphylus anginus* Schaus, 1902 (type locality Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Nova Friburgo) confirms their synonymy suggested by Mielke (1975). Their COI barcodes are 100% identical and they are collected at the same locality. As Mielke (1975) noted, he dissected an abdomen of a different species (larger size, asymmetrical genitalia) glued to the

body of the *S. ascalon* holotype. To preserve the current usage of the name *ascalon* and thus to stabilize nomenclature, under ICZN Code Art. 73.1.5, we exclude the abdomen with all its content, including genitalia (dissected by Mielke, in a vial pinned next to the specimen) from the holotype. The COI barcode sequence of the *S. ascalon* holotype, DNA sample NVG-15033G04, GenBank OP231467, is:

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Xenophanes ruatanensis Godman & Salvin, 1895 is a species distinct from *Xenophanes tryxus* (Stoll, 1780)

Genomic sequencing of *Xenophanes tryxus* (Stoll, 1780) (type locality in Suriname) specimens across its range reveal a split into North and South American clades (Fig. 42, tree built from the Z chromosome). The two clades are differentiated genetically with F_{st}/G_{min} of 0.26/0.048 and COI barcode difference between specimens from Costa Rica (NVG-7906) and Guyana (NVG-19088G05) of 1.7% (11 bp) and therefore represent two distinct species. The South American species is *X. tryxus*, and the oldest name available for the North American populations is *Xenophanes ruatanensis* Godman & Salvin, 1895, **stat. rest.** (type locality Honduras: Roatán Island), which we reinstate from synonymy with *X. tryxus* as a species-level taxon. Genomic sequence of the holotype of *Xenophanes perplexus* Bell, 1942 (type locality in Mexico: Guerrero) places it as a junior subjective synonym of *Xenophanes ruatanensis* as expected from its locality, and sequencing of a syntype of *Leucochitonea euphemie* Ehrmann, 1907 (type locality Venezuela: Suapure) supports its synonymy with *X. tryxus* (Fig. 42). By default, we consider *Hesperia salvianus* Fabricius, 1793 (type locality “Indiis”) to be a South American taxon and thus a junior subjective synonym of *X. tryxus*.



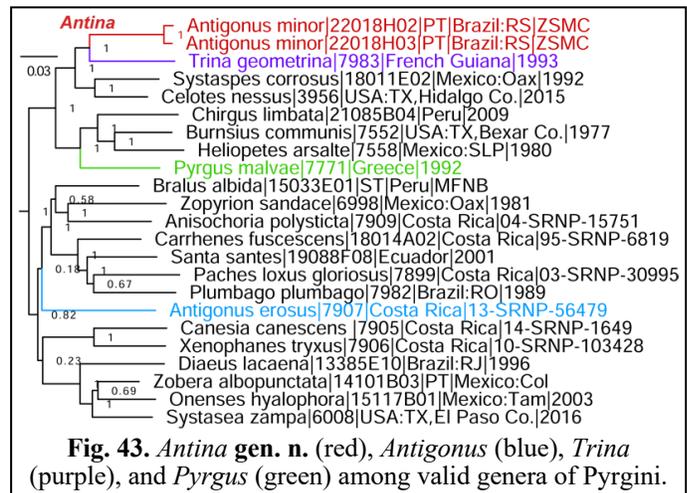
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Antina Grishin, new genus

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Type species. *Antigonus minor* O. Mielke, 1980.

Definition. Genomic sequencing of two paratypes of *Antigonus minor* O. Mielke, 1980 (type locality in Brazil: Rio Grande do Sul) in ZSMC reveals that they are not monophyletic with *Antigonus* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Urbanus erosus* Hübner, [1812]), but instead form a distinct clade that is distant sister to *Trina* Evans, 1953 (type species *Helias geometrina* C. Felder & R. Felder, 1867) (Fig. 43). Due to genetic differences and morphological distinction, we do not place *A. minor* in *Trina*, but erect a new genus for this unique phylogenetic lineage. In wing pattern and shape (Fig. 44) similar to some species formerly in *Antigonus*, but currently in *Systaspes* Weeks, 1901 (type species *Antigonus corrosus* Mabille, 1878), and subgenus *Tiges* Grishin, 2022 (type species *Antigonus liborius* Plötz, 1884) of *Paches* Godman & Salvin,



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1895 (type species *Pythonides loxus* Westwood, 1852). The similarity is in the two concavities at the outer margin near the hindwing apex, brown wings crossed by two or three dark-brown bands, and small hyaline spots in the middle of postdiscal area of the forewing, valva with a long protuberance from the ampulla, which is particularly bulky and large in this new genus, and not thin and elongated, but thick-C-shaped, curved towards the ventral side of the harpe. Also differs in the paler thin band from near the apex through the middle of the hindwing (Fig. 44). In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs in the nuclear genome is diagnostic: aly2850.4.9:C216T, aly536.218.1:A99T, aly88.17.3:A156G, aly1432.8.2:C101G, and aly4333.3.4:C133T.



Fig. 44. *Antina minor* from Argentina: Misiones, Candelaria. iNaturalist observations 64610972 (left, color-corrected) and 64761384 (right, rotated)
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Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, a fusion of *Ant[igonus]* + *[Tr]ina*. The type species is common in *A[rge]ntina*, where the photographs of live individuals were taken (Fig. 44).

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Tribe Pyrgini Burmeister, 1878.

Nervia niveostriga (Trimen, 1864), new combination

Despite the lack of wing pattern typical for *Nervia* Grishin, 2019 (type species *Hesperia nerva* Fabricius, 1793), brown and rather humbly patterned *Pamphila? niveostriga* Trimen, 1864 (type locality in South Africa) is not monophyletic with *Kedestes* Watson, 1893 (type species *Hesperia lepenula* Wallengren, 1857) and instead originates within *Nervia* being sister to phenotypically similar *Nervia wallengrenii* (Trimen, 1883) (type locality in South Africa) (Fig. 45). Therefore, we propose *Nervia niveostriga* (Trimen, 1864) **comb. nov.**

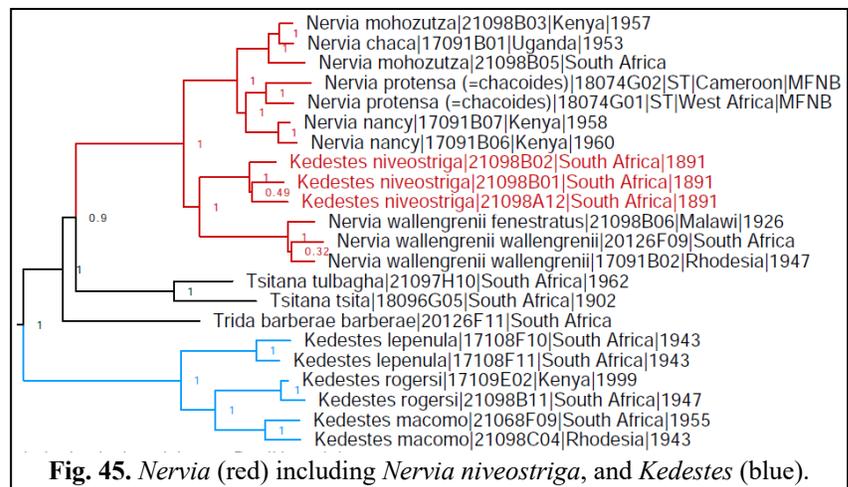


Fig. 45. *Nervia* (red) including *Nervia niveostriga*, and *Kedestes* (blue).

Leona lota Evans, 1937, reinstated combination and *Leona pruna* (Evans, 1937) with *Leona reali* (Berger, 1962), new combinations

Genomic sequencing of *Lennia lota* (Evans, 1937) (type locality in Cameroon) reveals that it is not monophyletic with the genus *Lennia* Grishin, 2022 (type species *Leona lena* Evans, 1937) where it was placed without DNA sequence data (Zhang et al. 2022b), but instead belongs to *Leona* Evans, 1937 (type species *Hesperia leonora* Plötz, 1879) as originally proposed, implying *Leona lota* Evans, 1937, **comb. rest.** (Fig. 46). Furthermore, sequencing of the holotype of *Caenides na* Lindsey & Miller, 1965 (type locality in Liberia), currently treated as a junior subjective synonym of *Pteroteinon reali* Berger, 1962 (type locality in Ivory Coast), reveals that it

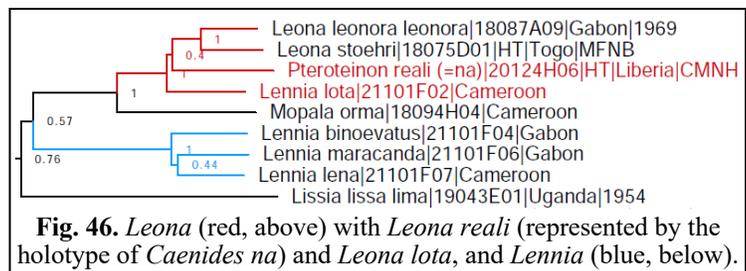


Fig. 46. *Leona* (red, above) with *Leona reali* (represented by the holotype of *Caenides na*) and *Leona lota*, and *Lennia* (blue, below).

belongs to the genus *Leona* (Fig. 46). Therefore, and due to phenotypic similarities with *Pteroteinon pruna* Evans, 1937 (type locality Cameroon), we propose *Leona pruna* (Evans, 1937), **comb. nov.** and *Leona reali* (Berger, 1962), **comb. nov.**

***Lotongus calathus* (Hewitson, 1876) complex consists of five species-level taxa**

Out of a total of 6 (including the nominal), 5 valid subspecies of *Eudamus calathus* Hewitson, 1876 (type locality in Sumatra), the type species of and currently in the genus *Lotongus* Distant, 1886, are differentiated from each other genetically at the level typical for distinct species (Fig. 47). Phenotypic differences between them have been given in detail (Evans 1949) (Fig. 48). Therefore, we propose that they are species-level taxa distinct from the nominotypical *L. calathus*: *Lotongus shigeoi* Treadaway & Nuyda, 1994, **stat. nov.** (type locality in Philippines), *Lotongus balta* Evans, 1949, **stat. nov.** (type locality Myanmar: Kanbauk), *Lotongus zalates* (Mabille, 1893), **stat. rest.** (type locality in Java), and *Lotongus taprobanus* (Plötz, 1885), **stat. rest.** (type locality in Sulawesi). However, *Hesperia parthenope* Plötz, 1886 (type locality in Nias), is more closely related to the nominotypical *L. calathus* (Fig. 47): e.g., COI barcode difference between them is 0.8% (5 bp) compared to 3.3% (22 bp) and 3.8% (25 bp) difference between the nominotypical and the two closest to it species *L. balta* and *L. zalates*, respectively (Fig. 47 mitogenome tree). Therefore, we keep *Lotongus calathus parthenope* (Plötz, 1886), confirmed status, as a subspecies pending further investigations.

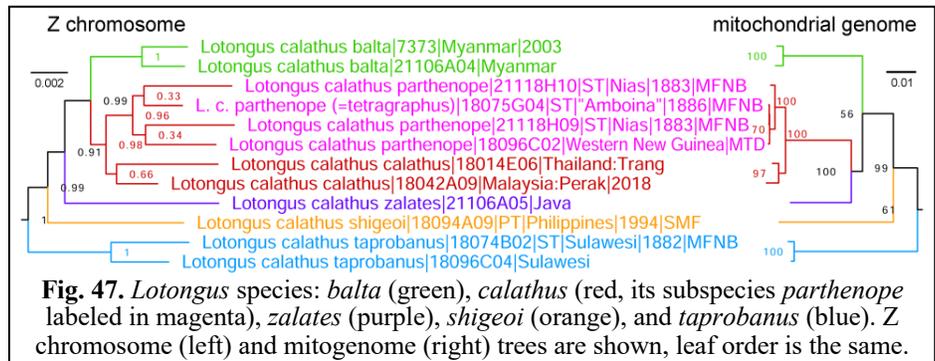


Fig. 47. *Lotongus* species: *balta* (green), *calathus* (red, its subspecies *parthenope* labeled in magenta), *zalates* (purple), *shigeoi* (orange), and *taprobanus* (blue). Z chromosome (left) and mitogenome (right) trees are shown, leaf order is the same.

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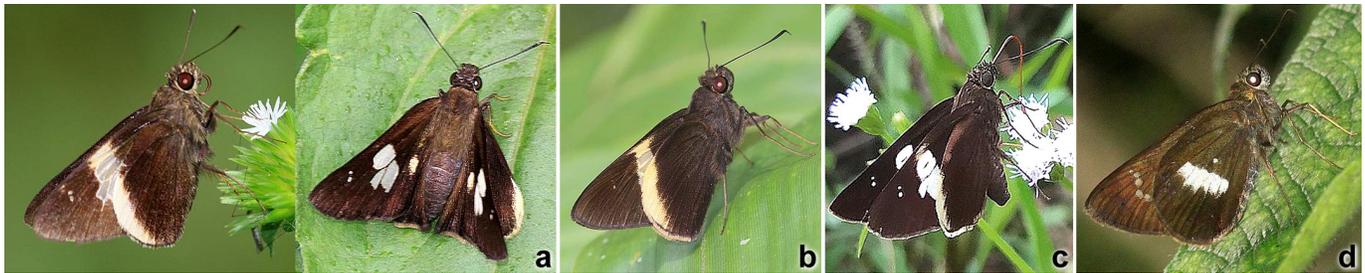


Fig. 48. *Lotongus* species: **a.** *balta*, **b.** *calathus*, and **d.** *taprobanus*. iNaturalist observations: **a.** 24122671 Thailand: Phetchabun, Khao; **b.** 23269969 Thailand: Ranong, Kra Buri; **c.** 63226055 Indonesia, Bangka Isl.; and **d.** 39632233 Indonesia: Sulawesi, Bolaang Mongondow. © Yunita Lestari, others © Les Day. Several images are color-corrected, rotated, and/or flipped. CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

***Carystus tetragraphus* Mabille, 1891 is confirmed as a junior subjective synonym of *Lotongus calathus parthenope* (Plötz, 1886)**

Sequencing its syntype, we tentatively placed *Carystus tetragraphus* Mabille, 1891 (type locality “Amboine”) as a junior subjective synonym of *Lotongus calathus parthenope* (Plötz, 1886) (type locality Nias) without genomic data about the latter taxon (Zhang et al. 2022b). Here, we report sequencing of two *Hesperia parthenope* syntypes confirming this hypothesis (Fig. 47). In the genomic tree, the syntypes of the two taxa group closely together and with a female labeled from “Dutch New Guinea” (i.e., Indonesia: Western New Guinea), and their COI barcodes are 100% identical. The two *L. parthenope* syntypes, both females, we found in MFNB and sequenced are currently not labeled as types. However, they are from the Weymer collection, labeled in Weymer’s handwriting, collected on Nias in 1883 (prior to the original description in 1886), and one of them (NVG-21118H09), which matches the original description in every detail, bears a label [*parthenope* Wm. i 1 | Plötz StettZeit 1886.], the last line referring to the published work (Plötz 1886). Therefore, we determine that these specimens are syntypes of *L. parthenope*.

***Parnara bipunctata* Elwes & J. Edwards, 1897 is a junior subjective synonym of *Borbo impar ceramica* (Plötz, 1886), new status and new combination**

Genomic analysis (Fig. 49) of a syntype of *Hesperia ceramica* Plötz, 1886 (type locality in Indonesia: Seram Island) (Fig. 50a) that was illustrated by Ribbe (1889) in his Fig. 6 on Taf. V, reveals that it is not monophyletic with *Pelopidas agna larika* (Pagenstecher, 1884) (type locality in Indonesia: Ambon Island) where it was placed by Evans (1949) as a junior subjective synonym, but instead is sister to the holotype of *Parnara bipunctata* Elwes & J. Edwards, 1897 (type locality in Indonesia: Bacan Island) (Fig. 50b), currently a subspecies of *Borbo impar* (Mabille, 1883) (type locality in Australia or Oceania) (Zhang et al. 2022b). Being phenotypically similar, originating from nearby localities, and having COI barcodes only 0.5% (3 bp) different, the two type specimens likely represent the same taxon that belongs to the genus *Borbo* Evans, 1949 (type species *Hesperia borbonica* Boisduval, 1833). Therefore, by the priority of names, we treat *Borbo impar ceramica* (Plötz, 1886), **stat. nov., comb. nov.** as a valid subspecies, and propose that *Parnara bipunctata* Elwes & J. Edwards, 1897 is its junior subjective synonym.



Plötz (1886) referred to Ribbe in his original description of *H. ceramica*, and Ribbe (1889) later wrote that he had collected only one specimen. Hence, this specimen (Fig. 50a) is the best name bearer of the taxon and may be the only syntype. It is not the holotype, because the original description did not state or imply that only one specimen was involved (ICZN Code Art. 73.1.2. and Recommendation 73F). To enhance the stability of nomenclature, N.V.G. hereby designates the sequenced syntype NVG-22016H12 (Fig. 50a) in the Zoologische Staatssammlung München, Germany, bearing the following five rectangular labels, the third purple and others white, the second label agrees with Plötz's handwriting: [Ceram | Jllo | C.Ribbe 1884], [Hesperia | Ceramica Pl.], [Original], [♀ Parn. ceramica Pl. | typ. (sec Mab=plebeia) | Ceram], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-22016H12 | c/o Nick V. Grishin] as the **lectotype** of *Hesperia ceramica* Plötz, 1886. The specimen of *P. bipunctata* we sequenced (NVG-18074H04 in MFNB, Fig. 50b) is the holotype by monotypy, because the original description explicitly stated that this species was described from one specimen (Elwes and Edwards 1897).

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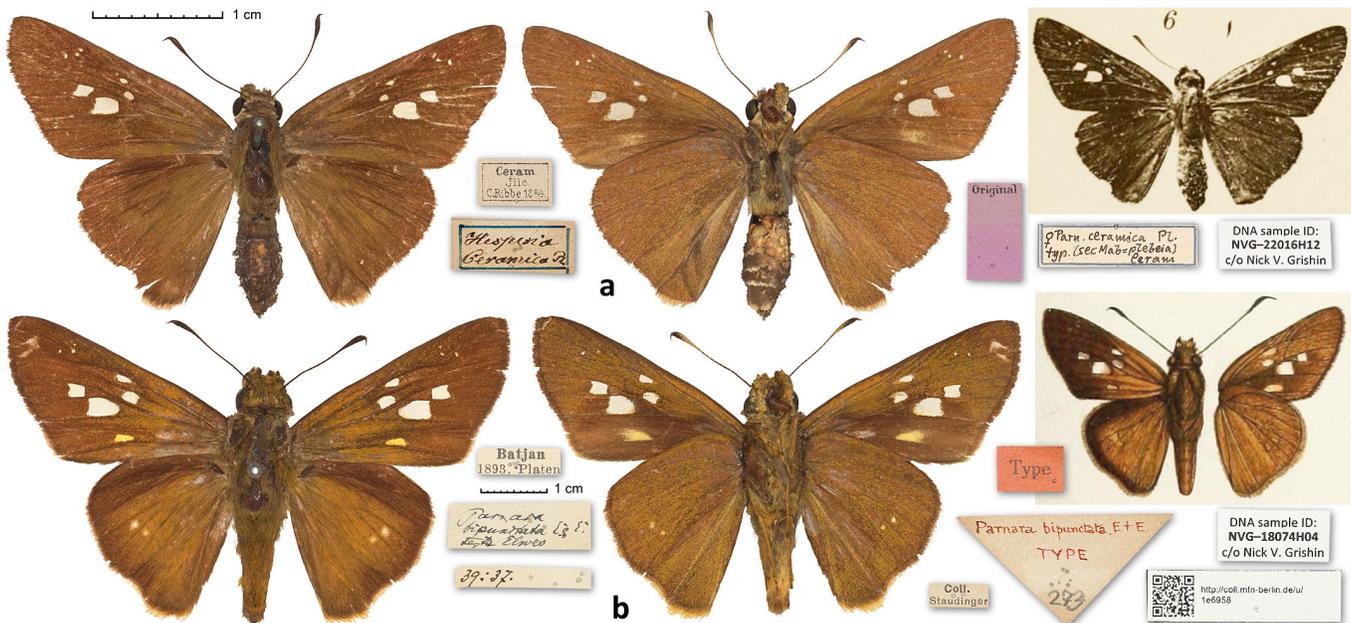


Fig. 50. *Borbo impar ceramica*: **a.** lectotype ♀ of *Hesperia ceramica* (Taf. V Fig. 6 from Ribbe (1889) with this specimen reproduced on the right, reduced) and **b.** holotype ♂ of *Parnara bipunctata* (Pl. XIX fig. 5 from Elwes & Edwards (1897) with this specimen reproduced on the right, reduced) and their labels (larger scale bar for specimens and smaller one for labels).

Oxyntes martius (Mabille, 1889), reinstated status and South America as a likely type locality of *Oxyntes corusca* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869)

Genomic sequencing of a syntype of *Goniloba corusca* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869 (type locality not specified), the type species of its current genus *Oxyntes* Godman, 1900, reveals that the syntype groups with specimens from South America, including the holotype of *Xeniades leucogaster* Röber, 1925 (type locality in Brazil: Rio Grande do Sul), currently considered a junior subjective synonym of *O. corusca* following Evans (1955) (Fig. 51). These South American specimens are well-separated in the tree from North American specimens identified as *O. corusca*, including the holotype of *Proteides martius* Mabille, 1889 (type locality Panama: Chiriqui) that is currently treated as a junior subjective synonym of *O. corusca*. The COI barcode difference between the syntype of *O. corusca* and the holotype of *P. martius* Mabille, 1889 is 3.6% (24 bp) suggesting that they are distinct species. Furthermore, F_{st}/G_{min} statistics between the two clades are 0.36/0.04. First, to ensure nomenclatural stability and unambiguous identification of *O. corusca*, N.V.G. hereby designates its sole syntype in MFNB bearing the following eight rectangular labels, the first one lilac-colored and others white: [Origin.], [corusca HS.], [Coll. H.–Sch.]. [Coll. Staudgr. | Kasten 671], [Coll. | Staudinger], [Corusca | H-Sch.], [{QR code} <http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/3226be>], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-15035C03 | c/o Nick V. Grishin] as the **lectotype** of *Goniloba corusca* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869. The lectotype is lacking the abdomen and both antennae. Second, because the lectotype is in the clade consisting of South American specimens (Figs. 51 blue, 52 right) that is separate from the clade of North American specimens (Figs. 51 red, 52 left), we suggest that the type locality of *O. corusca* is in South America. Third, due to genetic differentiation, we propose species-level status for *Oxyntes martius* (Mabille, 1889), **stat. rest.**

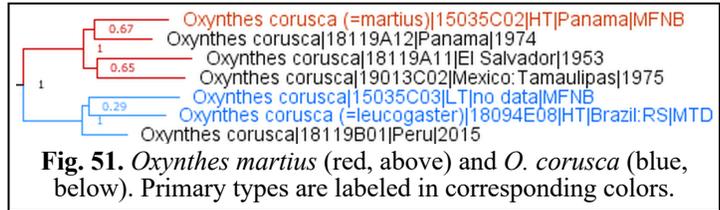
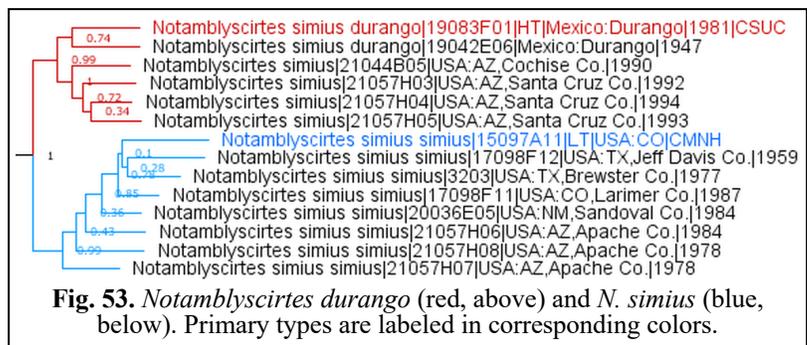


Fig. 52. *Oxyntes martius* (left) and *O. corusca* (right). iNaturalist observations 124556487 Mexico: Oaxaca © John Kemner and 34915995 Brazil: Mato Grosso, Alta Floresta, © belgianbirding, respectively, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

These South American specimens are well-separated in the tree from North American specimens identified as *O. corusca*, including the holotype of *Proteides martius* Mabille, 1889 (type locality Panama: Chiriqui) that is currently treated as a junior subjective synonym of *O. corusca*. The COI barcode difference between the syntype of *O. corusca* and the holotype of *P. martius* Mabille, 1889 is 3.6% (24 bp) suggesting that they are distinct species. Furthermore, F_{st}/G_{min} statistics between the two clades are 0.36/0.04. First, to ensure nomenclatural stability and unambiguous identification of *O. corusca*, N.V.G. hereby designates its sole syntype in MFNB bearing the following eight rectangular labels, the first one lilac-colored and others white: [Origin.], [corusca HS.], [Coll. H.–Sch.]. [Coll. Staudgr. | Kasten 671], [Coll. | Staudinger], [Corusca | H-Sch.], [{QR code} <http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/3226be>], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-15035C03 | c/o Nick V. Grishin] as the **lectotype** of *Goniloba corusca* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869. The lectotype is lacking the abdomen and both antennae. Second, because the lectotype is in the clade consisting of South American specimens (Figs. 51 blue, 52 right) that is separate from the clade of North American specimens (Figs. 51 red, 52 left), we suggest that the type locality of *O. corusca* is in South America. Third, due to genetic differentiation, we propose species-level status for *Oxyntes martius* (Mabille, 1889), **stat. rest.**

Notamblyscirtes durango J. Scott, 2017, new status

Phylogenetic analysis of *Notamblyscirtes* Scott, 2006 (type and the only species *Amblyscirtes simius* W. H. Edwards, 1881) from across the range reveals their partitioning into two well-separated clades (Fig. 53). The first clade (Fig. 53 blue) includes the lectotype of *N. simius* (type locality in USA: Colorado, Pueblo Co.). The second clade (Fig. 53 red) contains the holotype of *Notamblyscirtes simius durango* J. Scott, 2017 (type locality in Mexico: Durango), proposed as a subspecies. Specimens from southeastern Arizona are in this red clade, however, those from eastern Arizona (the White Mountains) are in the blue clade. The two clades likely represent two distinct species, rather than subspecies, due to their genetic differentiation reflected in F_{st}/G_{min} statistics of 0.49/0.009 and in 2% (13 bp) COI barcode difference between the primary type specimens of the two taxa. Differences in their phenotypes, such as the darker appearance and a different pattern of forewing apical spot in *N. simius durango*, agree



with this genetic differentiation. Therefore, we propose species-level status for *Notamblyscirtes durango* J. Scott, 2017, **stat. nov.**

***Rhinthon? zaba* Strand, 1921 is a junior subjective synonym of *Conga chydaea* (A. Butler, 1877), not of *Cynea cynea* (Hewitson, 1876)**

Sequencing of the holotype of *Rhinthon? zaba* Strand, 1921 (type locality Mexico: Veracruz, Orizaba, NVG-20082H04), currently a junior subjective synonym of *Cynea cynea* (Hewitson, 1876) (type locality in Venezuela, subtribe Moncina A. Warren, 2008), reveals that the two taxa are in different subtribes, and the former is placed within specimens of *Conga chydaea* (A. Butler, 1877) (type locality Brazil: Amazonas, Serpa, subtribe Hesperina Latreille, 1809) (Fig. 54). COI barcodes of *R. zaba* and *C. chydaea* (NVG-18119D10) are 100% identical and the specimens are phenotypically similar. Therefore, we propose that *Rhinthon zaba* Strand, 1921 is a junior subjective synonym of *Conga chydaea* (A. Butler, 1877), a new synonym placement. This situation is the same as with *Pamphila binaria* Mabille, 1891 (type locality Venezuela) that we identified previously (Zhang et al. 2022b) as a junior subjective synonym of *C. chydaea* and not of *C. cynea*.



Fig. 54. *Conga chydaea* (red with *Rhinthon zaba* labeled in magenta) and *Cynea cynea* (blue) among their relatives. Primary types are labeled in corresponding colors.

Genomic revision of *Hedone* Scudder, 1872

A phylogenetic tree constructed from protein-coding regions in the Z chromosome of *Hedone* Scudder, 1872 (type species *Hesperia brettus* Boisduval & Le Conte, [1837], which is a junior subjective synonym of *Hedone vibex vibex* (Geyer, 1832)) specimens across the Americas suggests that the genus consists of eight species, judging by the number of strongly supported prominent clades. Each such clade of more than one specimen has an appearance of a comb rather than a well-resolved tree (Fig. 55). Such clade shape is consistent with it representing a species: a set of populations that exchange genes across the range. Out of these eight clades, three have been treated as species distinct from *H. vibex* (type locality “West Indies”, likely in error), namely, *Hedone dictynna* (Godman & Salvin, 1896) (type locality St. Vincent & Grenada),

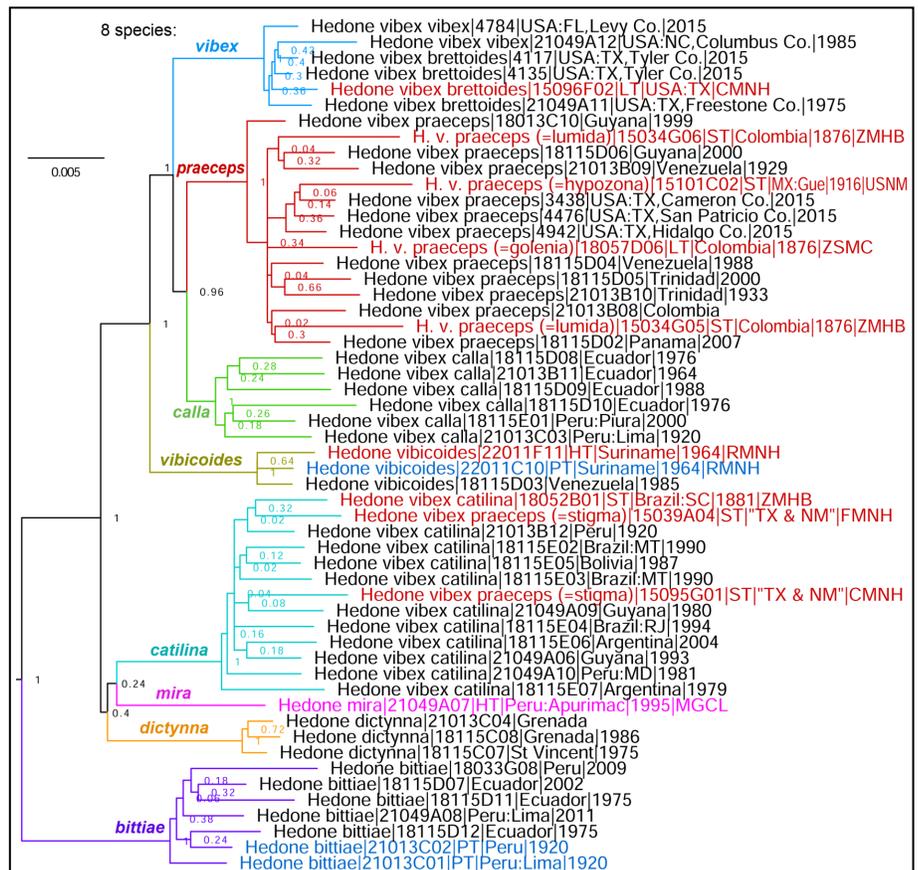


Fig. 55. Clades for 8 species of *Hedone* are shown in different colors and labeled with species names. Primary and secondary types are labeled in red and blue respectively, except that the holotype of *Hedone mira* sp. n. is in magenta.

Hedone bittiae (Lindsey, 1925) (type locality Peru: Matucana), and *Hedone vibicoides* (de Jong, 1983) (type locality Suriname: Zanderij). Out of the remaining four clades, one corresponds to a new species described below, and three correspond to taxa currently considered subspecies of *H. vibex*. Out of these, *Hesperia catilina* Plötz, 1886 (type locality Brazil: Santa Catarina, Blumenau; syntype NVG-18052B01 sequenced) is the most distinct genetically and may not be monophyletic with *H. vibex*. Support for the species-level distinction between *H. vibex* and *Hedone praeceps* Scudder, 1872 (type locality Mexico: Oaxaca, Tehuantepec) (Fig. 56) is given in Cong et al. (2019a): F_{st}/G_{min} statistics are 0.84/0.001 (Cong et al. 2019a) and COI barcodes differ by 3.2% (21 bp). Finally, *Polites vibex calla* Evans, 1955 (type locality Peru: Callao) is sister to *H. praeceps* and differs from it by 2.7% (18 bp) in the COI barcode. Therefore, we reinstate two taxa as species: *Hedone praeceps* Scudder, 1872, **stat. rest.** and *Hedone catilina* (Plötz, 1886), **stat. rest.**, and propose to treat *Hedone calla* (Evans, 1955), **stat. nov.** as a species-level taxon. We note that *Hesperia catilina* Plötz, 1886 is a junior primary homonym of *Hesperia catilina* Fabricius, 1793, currently regarded as a valid subspecies of *Leptotes cassius* (Cramer, 1775). However, because both names have not been considered congeneric after 1899, under Art. 23.9.5 of the ICZN Code (1999), the case should be referred to the ICZN for a ruling under the plenary power. Therefore, in the interest of the stability of nomenclature, we use *Hedone catilina* instead of proposing a new name.

The genomic tree reveals a curious genetic homogeneity of specimens within each species, even over the vast ranges (Fig. 55). E.g., specimens of *H. praeceps* from Texas (Fig. 56c, d) and Guyana reveal limited genetic differentiation, while Guyanese specimens of *H. praeceps* and *H. catilina* differ very significantly from each other. Finally, as a surprise, we find that two syntypes of *Pamphila stigma* Skinner, 1896 (type locality: USA: southern New Mexico and southwest Texas), one from FMNH and the other from CMNH, are not monophyletic with *H. praeceps*, a synonym of which *P. stigma* currently is, but belong to *H. catilina*, a South American taxon. Wing patterns agree with this placement. Provided that *P. stigma* syntypes in two different collections are *H. catilina*, we place *P. stigma* as a junior subjective synonym of *H. catilina* and deduce that these syntypes were mislabeled. The type locality of *P. stigma* becomes “South America” and figuring it out more precisely by genomics will require additional sequencing and analysis. This example illustrates that care needs to be taken when assigning synonymies by reported type localities and not by the type specimens themselves, even if reported localities seem believable. However, in this case, the locality does cause suspicions, because currently no *Hedone* species is known from around “southern border of New Mexico and S.-W. Texas”.



Fig. 56. Females of the two USA *Hedone* species: **a, b.** *vibex*, and **c, d.** *praeceps*. iNaturalist observations: **a.** 133774978 GA, Liberty Co. © Tom Austin; **b.** 109723959 FL, Charlotte Co. © Jay Horn; and TX: Hidalgo Co.: **c.** 109408293 McAllen © ronhill and **d.** 103375027 Mission © James Bailey. Several images are color-corrected, rotated, and/or flipped. CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

***Hedone mira* Grishin and Lamas, new species**

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(Figs. 55 part, 57)

Definition and diagnosis. Genomic sequencing of *Hedone* Scudder, 1872 (type species *Hesperia brettus* Boisduval & Le Conte, [1837], which is a junior subjective synonym of *Hedone vibex vibex* (Geyer, 1832)) specimens revealed one that didn't group with any known taxa (Fig. 55 magenta) and therefore



Fig. 57. Holotype of *Hedone mira* sp. n. dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, NVG-21049A07, data in text.

was probably a new species. Inspection of the phenotype of this specimen (Fig. 57) did not suggest a possible match to species currently placed in other genera. This new species confidently belongs to *Hedone* and has a unique appearance making its identification straightforward. It differs from all other HesperIIDae species by a combination of the following characters: antenna about half of costa length, with thick club; stigma broad, typical of *Hedone*, encircled by extensive patches of dark scales; ventral forewing mostly orange-yellow, nearly not darkened in the middle, with brown band along outer margin, two brown elongated spots near the apex, brown base and inner margin; ventral hindwing mostly rusty-brown with broad orange-yellow ray along 1A+2A vein, cream-colored spot at the end of discal cell, cream-orange spot in the middle of cell Sc+R1-RS, and a cream-orange postdiscal band of five spots (separated by darker veins) between veins M₁ and 1A+2A. In summary, it looks very much like *Hedone bittiae* (Lindsey, 1925) (type locality in Peru) on dorsal side, but ventrally the wing pattern is quite different: the hindwing is mostly brown with orange spots rather than yellow with brown spots.

Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-21049A07, GenBank OP231472, 658 base pairs:

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Type material. Holotype: ♂ deposited in the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Gainesville, FL, USA (MGCL), bears four rectangular printed labels: three white [SÜDPERU, Apurímac | Jarjatera, 30 km von | Abancay, 2800m | 5.XI.-22.XII.1995 | RAINER MARX leg. | EMEM, 8.X.1995], [W. McGuire colln. | MGCL Accession | # 2008-43], [DNA sample ID: | NVG-21049A07 | c/o Nick V. Grishin], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Hedone mira* | Grishin and Lamas]. **Paratypes:** 9 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀, all from Peru in MUSM, [Huancavelica department]: 1 ♂, road [Nueva Esperanza de] Chonta [12° 37' S, 74° 29' W] - Churcampa [12° 44' S, 74° 23' W], 3000 m, 3-Dec-2000, leg. V. Doroshkin; Apurímac department: 1 ♂, 7 km NWW Chalhuanca, 14° 13' S, 73° 19' W, 2770 m, 16-Mar-1987, leg. O. Karsholt; 1 ♀, Quebrada Pacpapata, 13° 40' S, 72° 55' W, 1830 m, 2-Oct-2004, leg. J. Grados; Cuzco department: 2 ♂♂, Calca, [13° 19' S, 71° 57' W], 2950 m, 5-Aug-1983, leg. J. L. Venero; 1 ♂, same data, but 8-Aug-1983; 2 ♂♂, cerca [= near] Pisac [13° 25' S, 71° 51' W, 3100m], 22-Sep-1989, leg. N. Jara; 1 ♀, Chocco [13° 33' S, 71° 59' W, 3450m], 25-Nov-1988, leg. G. Valencia; 1 ♂, Quebrada Uraca, SW of Limatambo, 13° 30' S, 72° 28' W, 2800 m, 21-Jun-2003, leg. G. Lamas; 1 ♂, same data, but leg. C. Peña.

Type locality. Peru: Apurímac department, Carcatera area, 30 (road) km NW from Abancay, el. 2800 m.

Etymology. The name is given for the unexpected for the genus appearance of the ventral wing pattern of this species: *mira*[culous], a Latin word for astonishing, extraordinary, wonderful. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular.

Distribution. Recorded from Huancavelica, Apurímac, and Cuzco departments in southern Peru.

***Hesperia peckius* W. Kirby, 1837 is a junior subjective synonym
of *Polites (Polites) coras* (Cramer, 1775)**

Here, we argue that information we assembled about *Papilio coras* Cramer, 1775 (type locality Suriname) is sufficient to unambiguously associate this name with a known species. The illustrations and the description of *P. coras* refer to female(s) of a North American species currently known as *Polites (Polites) peckius* (W. Kirby, 1837), and we arrived at this conclusion with the following arguments.

Cramer volumes (1775–1780), where the original description of *P. coras* was published, contain Dutch text in the left column and French text in the right column. The two texts are similar and differ only in small details. The Dutch description of *P. coras* is: "Dit Dikkopje (*Papilio Urbicola*) is wederzyds van dezelfde bruine kleur, met geelagtige vlakken. De sprieten der Kapellen, welken men gewoon is Dikkoppen te noemen, eindigen aan den knop met een haakagtig puntje. Deze en de twee voorgaande berusten in de verzameling van den Heer E. de Marre. Het is uit Surinamen." We translate it literally as "This small thickhead [=skipper] (*Papilio Urbicola*) is on both sides of the same brown color, with yellowish patches. The antennae of the butterflies, which one is accustomed to call thickheads, end in the knob with a hook-like point. This and the previous two [species] are in the collection of Mr. E. de Marre. It is from Suriname." The French text and its literal translation: "Le dessous de ce Plebejen noble ou têtù (Pap. Pleb. Urbicolae) est de la même couleur brune, à taches jaunâtres, que le dessus. Les antennes des Papillons qu'on a coutume de nommer têtus, finissent à la masse en pointe crochue. Celui-ci & les deux precedents se trouvent dans la Collection de Mr. E. de Marre. Il est de Suriname." "The underside of this commoner [=Plebeian] urban [=noble] [i.e., Plebejus Urbicola] or stronghead [=skipper] (Pap. Pleb. Urbicolae) is the same brown color, with yellowish spots, as the upper surface. The antennae of the butterflies, which we usually call strongheads [=skippers], end in a hooked point on the club. This one & the two preceding ones are in the collection of Mr. E. de Marre. It is from Suriname."

Importantly, both descriptions state that the ventral side of wings is brown color (as dorsal) and with yellow patches/spots. This information complements the illustrations of the dorsal side, both the published engraving (Fig. 58b right) and the original drawing by G. W. Lambertz (Fig. 58b left). The most unusual (for HesperIIDae) feature of the dorsal illustration is the doublet of long, perfectly aligned dash-like spots in hindwing cells M_1 - M_2 and M_2 - M_3 . These spots are longer than the neighboring spots of the postdiscal row and protrude farther from them towards the outer margin than towards the base. First, we looked for HesperIIDae species that would be expected from Suriname and match both the illustrations and the

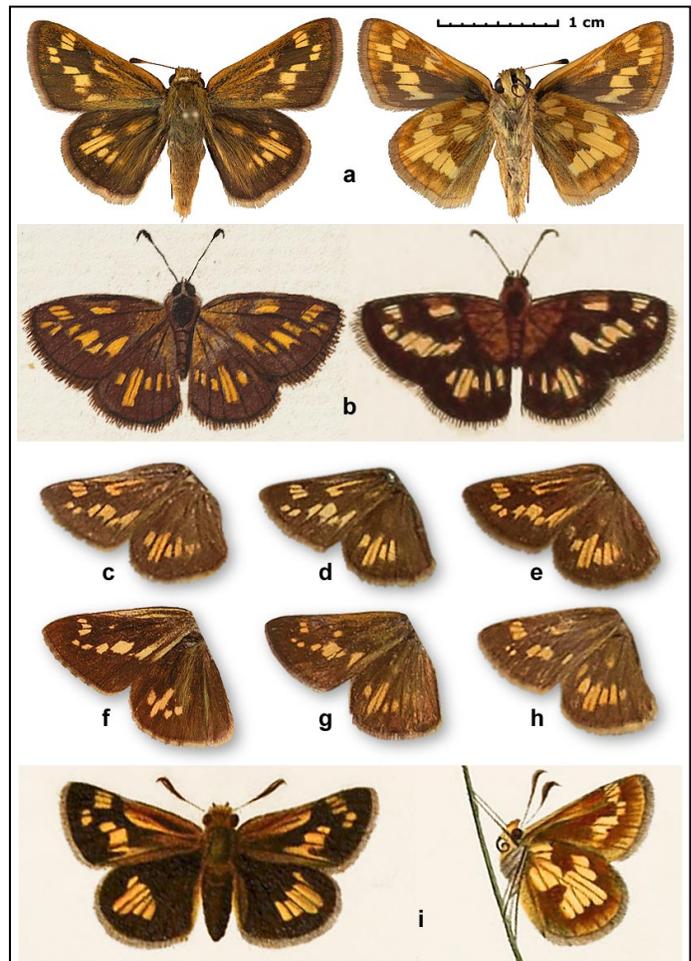


Fig. 58. Specimens and original illustrations: **a–e, h, i.** *Polites coras*: **a.** *P. c. coras* neotype, dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views; **b.** original drawing by Lambertz (left) and published engraving (right); **c–e, h.** variation in specimens that are similar to the original illustrations; **i.** *P. coras peckius* original illustration, dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views. **f.** *Cantha zara* holotype. **g.** *Vernia dares* from Mexico: Oaxaca. All specimens are females, except **f**. Photographs **a** are by Riley J. Gott, **b** (left), **c–f** and **h** are © The Trustees of the Natural History Museum London and are made available under Creative Commons License 4.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>), and **f** is by Bernard Hermier.

description of *P. coras*. We critically inspected every known Hesperinae species for *P. coras* characters. Some *Hylephila* Billberg, 1820 (type species *Papilio phyleus* Drury, 1773) possess the doublet of hindwing spots, but they also have an orange-yellow ray along hindwing vein 1A+2A, which is absent in *P. coras*, and their ventral side is yellow-orange with brown spots rather than brown with yellow spots. *Cantha zara* (E. Bell, 1941) (type locality in Bolivia) has the doublet of spots and its wings ventrally are orange-brown with yellow spots, but the two spots in the hindwing doublet are not aligned with each other, and the spot in M₂-M₃ is offset basad (Fig. 58f). Finally, some females of *Vernia dares* (Plötz, 1883) (type locality not specified) match *P. coras* illustration very well, except that their forewing spots are rounder and smaller (Fig. 58g), but they are ventrally yellow with brown spots, not brown with yellow spots. Consistently with our studies, Olaf H. H. Mielke (2005: 1209), the foremost expert in American Hesperidae, is of an opinion that *P. coras* does not match any neotropical species.

Therefore, we suspected that the locality “Suriname” was erroneous. This is not without a precedent: Rothschild and Jordan (1903) wrote “it is quite clear that ... the localities in E. de Marre’s collection were not reliable.” For example, for the two species described by Cramer previous to *P. coras*, also from the de Marre’s collection, the “Suriname” locality is apparently incorrect. One of these species is currently regarded as Indomalayan *Jamides celeno* (Cramer, 1775), and the other is a *nomen dubium*, *Papilio arius* Cramer, 1775 (could be either Lycaenidae or Riodinidae), which does not match any known species. Thus, we analyzed all Old World Hesperinae, in particular from the tribe Taractrocerini Voss, 1952, many of which are small brown, orange-spotted species in the genera *Taractrocera* Butler, 1870 (type species *Hesperia maevius* Fabricius, 1793), *Potanthus* Scudder, 1872 (type species *Hesperia omaha* W. H. Edwards, 1863), and *Telicota* Moore, [1881] (type species *Papilio colon* Fabricius, 1775), among others. Among them, we were not able to find a match to *P. coras*.

Out of the entire known worldwide Hesperinae fauna, only some specimens identified as *Polites* (*Polites*) *peckius* (W. Kirby, 1837) (type locality unclear, probably northeastern North America) fit what is known about *P. coras* except its locality (Fig. 58a, c–e, h, i). To test our suspicion about the *P. coras* identity, we searched for its primary type specimens. We inspected collections that house possible Cramer types: BMNH and RMNH, and failed to find candidate specimens. Assuming that they are lost, we proceeded with the neotype designation. We believe that there is an exceptional need to designate the neotype, because the identity of this taxon has been questionable for years since its description, essentially resulting in a dual nomenclature, and its type locality is erroneous. Hereby, N.V.G. designates the specimen, a female, shown in Fig. 58a as the **neotype** of *Papilio coras* Cramer, 1775.

Our neotype of *P. coras* satisfies all requirements set forth by the ICZN Article 75.3, namely: 75.3.1. It is designated to clarify the taxonomic identity of *Papilio coras* Cramer, 1775, which has been questioned since its original description, and to define its type locality; 75.3.2. The characters for the taxon have been quoted from the original description above and include the atypical (for Hesperinae) doublet of long orange dashes in the middle of the dorsal hindwing and the brown, yellow-spotted ventral wing surface; 75.3.3. The neotype bears three rectangular labels: [exegge ♀ | August 10 1987 | Flourtown | Montgomery Co. Pa. | Coll. RW Boscoe // “grasses” | emerged | November 4 1987], [FSCA | Florida State Collection | of Arthropods], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-22051H08 | c/o Nick V. Grishin]; 75.3.4. Our search for syntypes is described above, was unsuccessful, therefore we believe that they were lost; 75.3.5. The neotype is consistent with the original drawing, published engraving, and the original description. It only differs from the illustrations by the presence of a yellow-orange spot in the hindwing discal cell. However, this spot is variable, and is missing in some specimens (Fig. 58c, d); 75.3.6. The neotype is from USA: Pennsylvania, Montgomery Co., Flourtown, which becomes the type locality of *P. coras*. The type locality was given as Suriname in the original description, likely by mistake, and the original types could have been collected in the general New York City area, as for some other species described by Cramer, e.g., *Heraclides cresphontes* (Cramer, 1777); 75.3.7. The neotype is in the collection of the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Gainesville, FL, USA (MGCL).

As a result of this neotype designation, *P. coras* belongs to the genus *Polites* Scudder, 1872 (type species *Hesperia peckius* W. Kirby, 1837) and is likely conspecific with *P. peckius*. We note that the

original illustration of *Polites peckius* syntype(s) reproduced here as Fig. 58i shows differences in wing patterns from both the illustration and the neotype of *Polites coras*. In *P. peckius*, the orange spots are larger, and the hindwing pattern differs. Instead of separate narrow spots, there is a yellow-orange blotch narrowly cut through by dark veins. The two long dashes in cells M_1 - M_2 and M_2 - M_3 are wider and do not sharply stand out from other spots, especially at the basal side of the discal band, which is more even than in *P. coras*. Although particularly widespread in the upstate New York area (Fig. 59), this phenotype occurs in all northeastern populations and may not be a reflection of geographic variation. Therefore, we propose that *Hesperia peckius* W. Kirby, 1837, **syn. rev.** is a junior subjective synonym of *Polites (Polites) coras* (Cramer, 1775). We keep the subspecies *Polites coras surllano* J. Scott, 2006 **comb. nov.** as valid but use the name in a new species-subspecies combination. More detailed analysis of specimens across the range of *P. coras*, including their phenotypes and genetics, will shed light on its variation, population structure, and rigorous definition of subspecies.

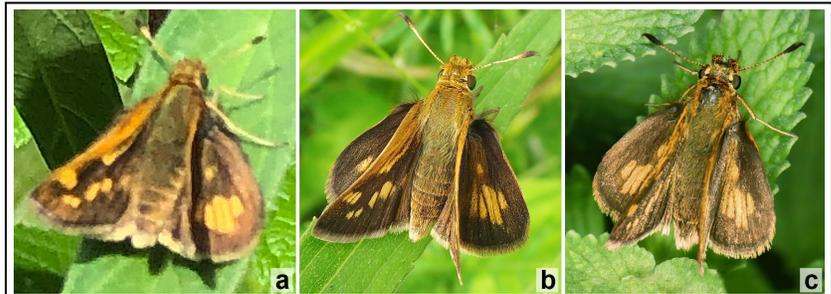


Fig. 59. *Polites coras* (*peckius*-like) from USA: upstate New York. iNaturalist observations: a. 54682030, Saratoga Co. © Steven Auletta; b. 13028519, NY: Monroe Co. © Chris Alice Kratzer; c. 56710259, NY: Tompkins Co. © Brad Walker, edited to fill out the frame and color-corrected from the original. CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

The priority of *P. coras* over *P. peckius* may not be welcomed by some lepidopterists, but we think that the evidence presented here is sufficiently strong to support it and to unambiguously identify the Lambertz's illustration augmented with the ventral side description by Cramer. If the resulting reinstatement of the name *coras* used prior to 1981 (Draudt 1921–1924; Evans 1955), and used as valid in the recent comprehensive catalogue of the Neotropical HesperIIDae (Mielke 2004; Mielke 2005), is not desirable, ICZN could be requested to intervene.

Pompe Grishin and Lamas, new genus

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Type species. *Lerema postpuncta* Draudt, 1923.

Definition. In the same clade with *Serdis* Mabille, 1904 (type species *Serdis flagrans* Mabille, 1904, a subspecies of *Pamphila stadius* Ménétriés, 1857) and *Cyclosma* Draudt, 1923 (type species *Cyclosma abandonides* Draudt, 1923), but far removed from *Pompeius* Evans, 1955 (type species *Hesperia pompeius* Latreille, [1824]) where it was placed previously (Fig. 60). Keys to M.15.3. in Evans (1955). Distinguished from its relatives by a combination of the following characters: stigma narrow, flanked with gleaming scales (Fig. 61); uncus divided, arms diverging, not widely separated; gnathos arms converging, as long as uncus; harpe of valva dorsally expanded into a lobe, distal margin concave, ventrally with a short spike directed posterodorsad; aedeagus terminally enlarged. In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs in nuclear genome is diagnostic:

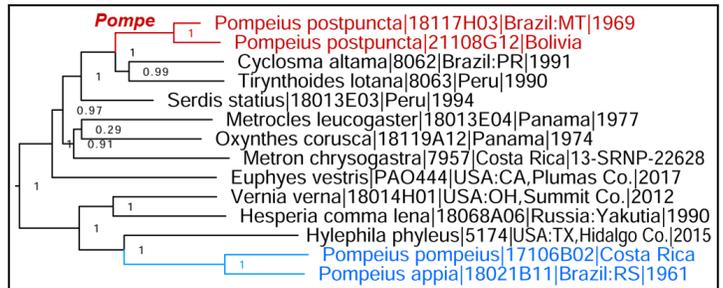


Fig. 60. *Pompe* gen. n. (red, above) and *Pompeius* (blue, below).

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Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, derived from *Pompeius*, the former genus name of the type species.

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Subtribe Hesperina Latreille, 1809.

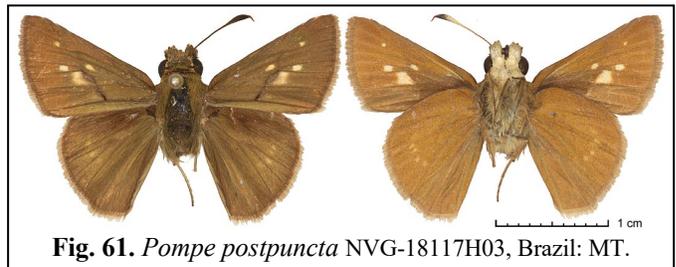
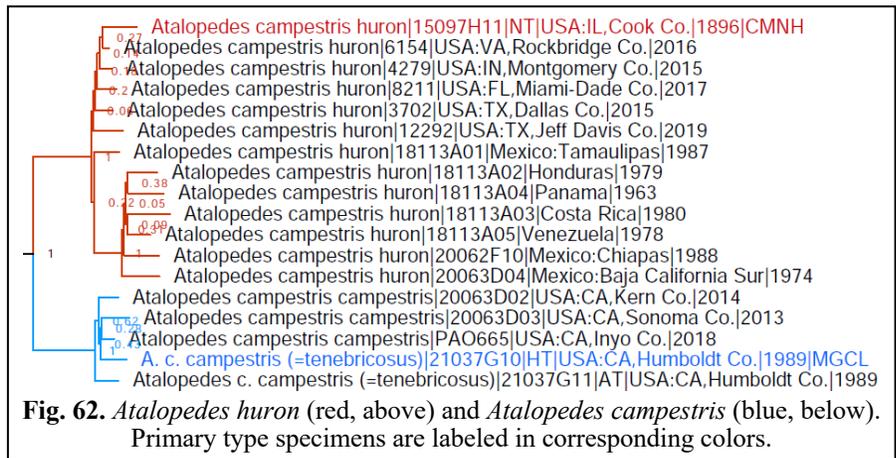


Fig. 61. *Pompe postpuncta* NVG-18117H03, Brazil: MT.

***Atalopedes huron* (W. H. Edwards, 1863) is a species distinct from *Atalopedes campestris* (Boisduval, 1852)**

A phylogenetic tree constructed from protein-coding genes in the Z chromosome reveals partitioning of *Atalopedes campestris* (Boisduval, 1852) (type locality in USA: California, Sacramento Co.) into two prominent clades (Fig. 62) that correspond to distinct species according to F_{st}/G_{min} of 0.61/0.02 and COI barcode difference of 1.4% (9 bp). Moreover, genetic differentiation between Californian specimens of nominotypical *A. campestris* and all others is comparatively much larger than the differentiation between eastern USA specimens and those from Venezuela. The oldest available name for the non-Californian clade (Fig. 62 red) is *Hesperia huron* W. H. Edwards, 1863 (type locality USA: Illinois, Cook Co., Evanston, neotype NVG-15097H11 sequenced). Due to genetic differentiation, we reinstate *Atalopedes huron* (W. H. Edwards, 1863), **stat. rest.** as a species-level taxon.

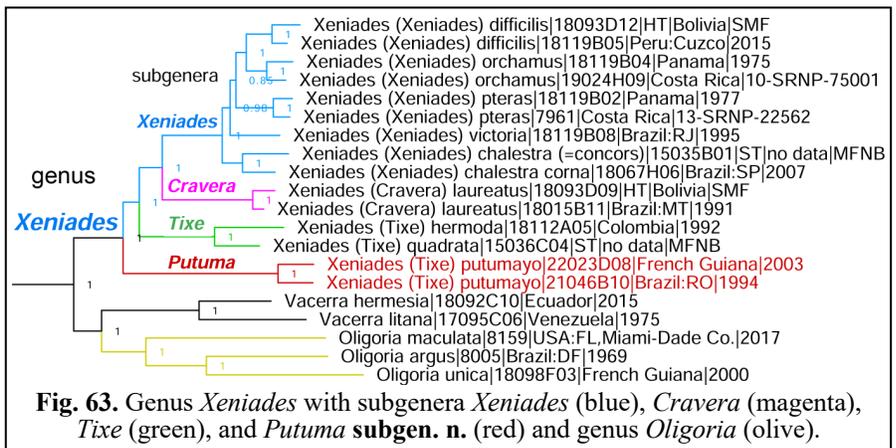


***Putuma* Grishin, new subgenus**

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Type species. *Tisias putumayo* Constantino and Salazar, 2013.

Definition. Tentatively placed in the subgenus *Tixe* Grishin, 2022 (type species *Cobalus quadrata* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869) without genomic data, *Tisias putumayo* Constantino and Salazar, 2013 is not monophyletic with it and is instead sister to all other *Xeniades* Godman, 1900 (type species *Papilio orchamus* Cramer, 1777), including subgenera *Cravera* de Jong, 1983 (type species *Cravera rara* de Jong, 1983) and *Tixe* (Fig. 63). Therefore, it is a subgenus of its own. Distinguished from its relatives by ventral hindwing with a single transverse postdiscal white band from apex to about the middle of cell $CuA_2-1A+2A$, two framed with black bluish spots basad of the band (Fig. 64), and the two hyaline spots in forewing discal cell (in males) being farther from each other than in all other congeners. In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs in nuclear genome is diagnostic: aly420.34.2:C721A, aly1772.2.2:G63A, aly420.34.2:G258A, aly420.34.2:A300C, and aly1931.9.21:G121A.



Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, formed from the type species name by removing the last two letters.

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Genus *Xeniades* Godman, 1900.



Fig. 64. *Xeniades putumayo* from Ecuador: Napo, Rio Pingullo.
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Lectotype designation for *Pamphila trebius* Mabille, 1891

To ensure identification of this name, and to stabilize nomenclature, N.V.G. hereby designates a specimen in MFNB shown in Fig. 65 with the following eight rectangular labels, first purple, others white: [Origin.], [Bogota | Nolcken], [*P. trebius* Mb.], [Pamph. | Trebius | Mab.], [Coll. | Staudinger], [Trebius | Mab.], [{QR code} <http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/44a090>], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-15034E04 | c/o Nick V. Grishin] as the **lectotype** of *Pamphila trebius* Mabille, 1891 (type locality Colombia: Bogota). The lectotype is a syntype (possibly the only one in existence, but we are avoiding an assumption of the holotype), because it agrees with the original description (see below), was described in a publication that mentions in the introduction that some of the specimens used were from the Staudinger collection (the syntype is from this collection), one of its identification labels (“*P. trebius* Mb.”) matches Mabille’s handwriting, and the syntype is curated as a type specimen (“Origin.”).

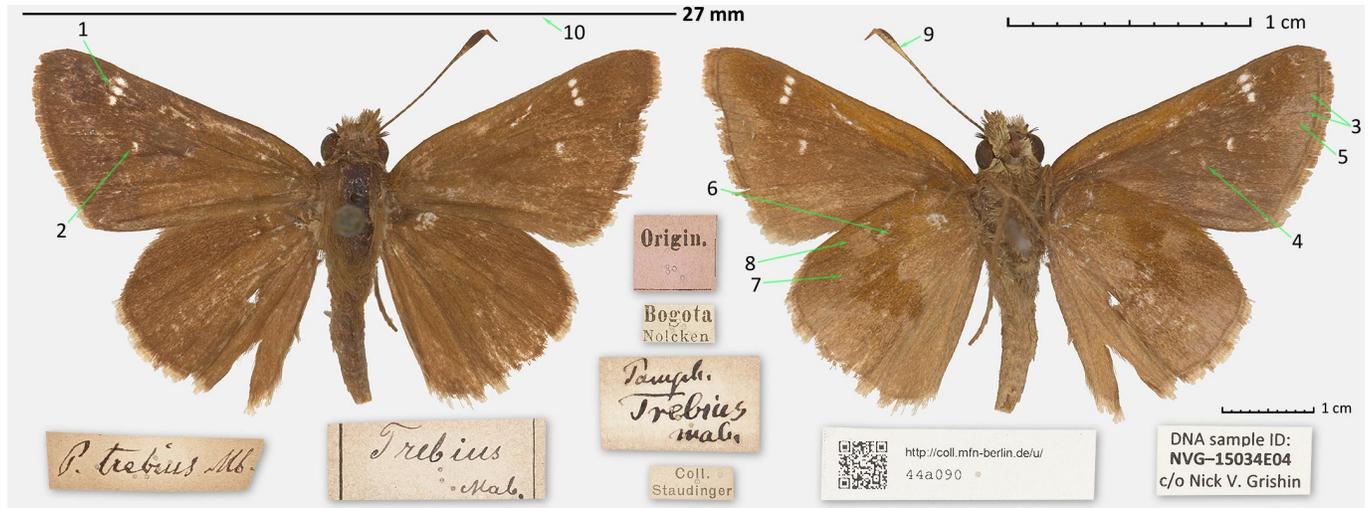


Fig. 65. Lectotype of *Pamphila trebius* Mabille, 1891 dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, NVG-15034E04, details in text. Wingspan is 27 mm per original description. Larger 1 cm scale bar is for the specimen and smaller one is for labels.

The original description of *P. trebius* can be (literally) translated as follows (numbers in curly brackets are for the arrows pointing to these characters in Fig. 65): “Pale brown; three small apical dots {1} and another [dot] in the 4th interval {2} white. Hindwings with yellowish hairs. Underside of the forewings brown; veins tinted red {3}, the dots of the upperside a little larger: a small dot additionally in the 3rd interval {4}. Outer margin tinted with lilac gray {5}. Hindwings dusky with anterior portion darker {6}, letting stand out two paler and indistinct square spots in intervals 7 {7} and 8 {8}. Body dusky with red hairs. Palpi dark gray. Antennae with club yellowish below {9}. 27 mm {10} – ♂ – Bogota” (Mabille 1891: CLXXIV). We note that Mabille used a different notation of wing cell numbers, presumably $i + 1$ for $i > 1$ compared to i in Evans (1953), thus numbering Evans’ forewing cells 1A and 1B as 1 and 2. The apparent wingspan of the lectotype measures 26 mm, however, it is not mounted flat but with wings angled downwards, thus decreasing the actual wingspan. The lectotype designation stabilizes the current treatment of *P. trebius* as a junior subjective synonym of *Cymaenes lumina* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869) (type locality not specified, likely southern parts of South America) (Zhang et al. 2022b). The type locality of *P. trebius* is questionable because this phenotype is not known from Colombia. As demonstrated by Zhang et al. (2022b), *Cymaenes lumina* (that includes *P. trebius* as a synonym) is a South American species, not recorded from North America. A species formerly known as “*Cymaenes trebius*” that enters the US in South Texas, is *Cymaenes isus* (Godman, 1900) (type locality Mexico: Guerrero) (Fig. 66). The



Fig. 66. *Cymaenes isus* (left) and *C. lumina* (right). iNaturalist observations 71267802, USA: TX, Hidalgo Co. © Rich Kostecke and 73322525 Argentina: Buenos Aires © Facundo Chieffo, respectively, color-corrected and rotated, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

two species can be distinguished from each other by wing patterns. In *C. isus* (and *Cymaenes edata* (Plötz, 1882)), ventral hindwing typically has a pale postdiscal band of spots (separated by darker veins) on brown background, the discal brown area is comparatively narrower, straighter, and the discal spot in cell Sc+R₁-RS is usually connected with the basal pale area (Fig. 66 left). In *C. lumina*, ventral hindwing is overall paler in appearance, with a broader, contrasting discal L-shaped brown patch, and the discal spot in cell Sc+R₁-RS is separated from the basal pale area by this brown patch (Figs. 65, 66 right).

Methionopsis Godman, 1901 is a subgenus of *Mnasinous* Godman, 1900

Correcting a mistake made in Zhang et al. (2022b), we state that *Methionopsis* Godman, 1901 is a subgenus of *Mnasinous* Godman, 1900. These two names were swapped in Zhang et al. (2022b), and this error is corrected here to follow the priority of the two names (1901 vs. 1900). The arguments for their synonymy are the same as presented previously (Zhang et al. 2022b), e.g., COI barcodes of *Mnasinous* (*Methionopsis*) *modestus* (Godman, 1901) and *Mnasinous* (*Mnasinous*) *patage* Godman, 1900 differ by 9.1% (60 bp), while those of *Methion melas* Godman, 1900 (sister genus, monotypic) differ from them by 12.2–12.3% (80–81 bp).

Mnasinous (*Methionopsis*) *phaeomelas* (Hübner, [1829]), new combination

Genomic sequencing of the holotype of *Celaenorhinus* [sic!] *phaeomelas* Hübner, [1829] (type locality in Brazil) in MFNB reveals that it is sister to *Mnasinous* (*Methionopsis*) *modestus* (Godman, 1901) (type locality Mexico (Gue, Ver, Tab), Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and South America to Brazil), the type species of the subgenus *Methionopsis* Godman, 1901, in the subtribe Falgina Grishin, 2019, and therefore does not belong to *Papias* Godman, 1900 (type species *Pamphila integra* Mabille, 1891), in the subtribe Moncina A. Warren, 2008, where it is currently placed (Fig. 67 magenta). The specimen we sequenced (Fig. 68) is indeed the holotype: it agrees with the original description and is a close match to the original illustrations of *C. phaeomelas*, is from the Herrich-Schäffer collection that included a number of Hübner types (now in MFNB), is labeled as “Hb. Origin.”, and, curiously, *Oligoria lucifer* (Hübner, [1829]) that is illustrated by Hübner ([1827]–[1829]) on the same plate with *C. phaeomelas*, also has a syntype extant in MFNB, originally from the Herrich-Schäffer collection. Because of the phylogenetic position of its holotype in the clade sister to the type species of the subgenus *Methionopsis*, we propose *Mnasinous* (*Methionopsis*) *phaeomelas*

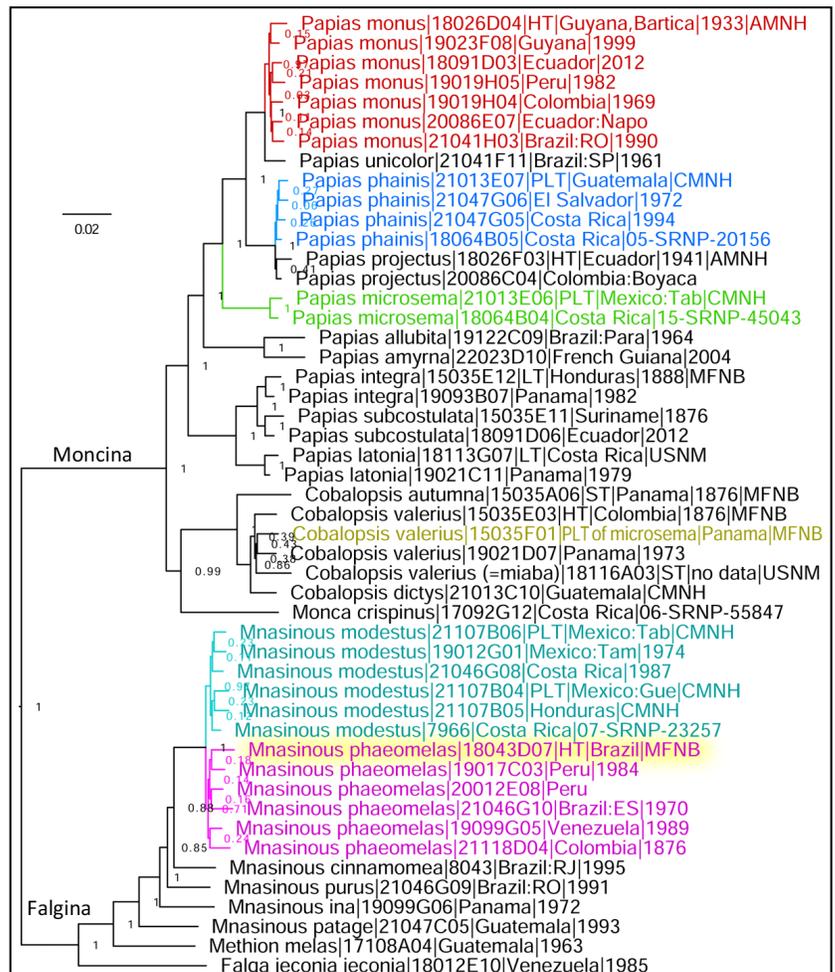


Fig. 67. *Papias monus* (red), *P. phainis* (blue), *P. microsema* (green), *Mnasinous modestus* (cyan), and *M. phaeomelas* (magenta). The figured syntype of *P. microsema* (olive, polytypic type series) from Panama is *Cobalopsis valerius*. The holotype of *Celaenorhinus* [sic!] *phaeomelas* is highlighted in yellow. Names shown are those proposed in this work.

(Hübner, [1829]), **comb. nov.**

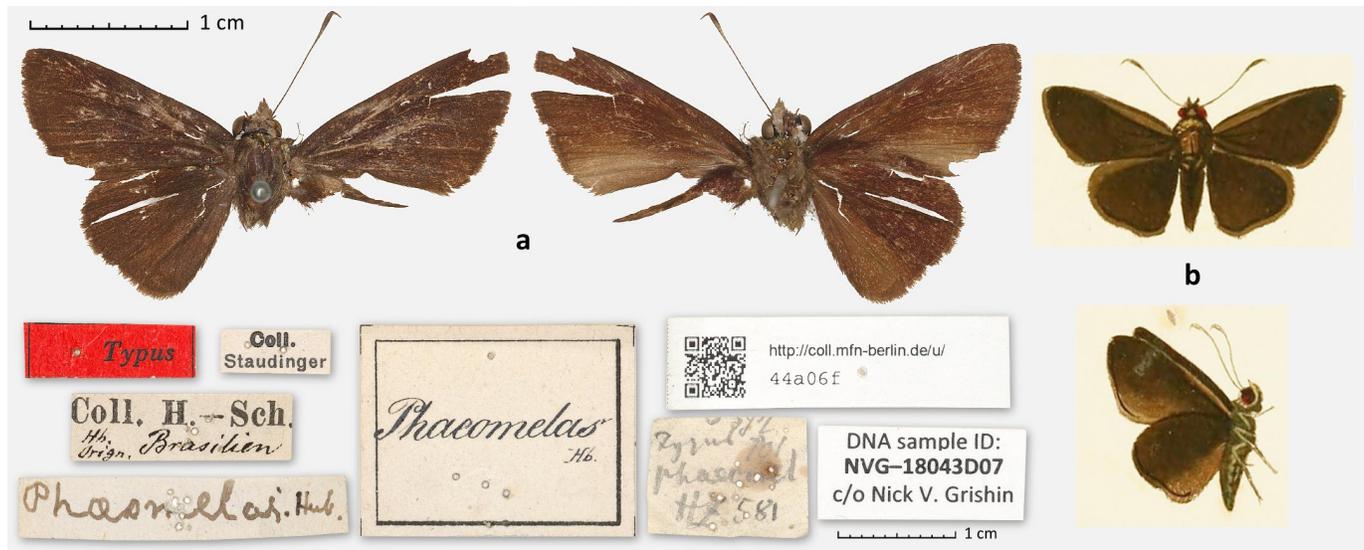


Fig. 68. Holotype of *Mnasinous (Methionopsis) phaeomelas* (Hübner, [1829]): **a.** dorsal (left), ventral (right), and labels (below), larger scale bar refers to specimens, smaller one is for labels; and **b.** its original illustrations (Hübner [1827]–[1829]) from the plate [100], figs. 581 (top) and 582 (bottom) rearranged and rotated, not to scale.

The type series of *M. modestus* included specimens from South America (Godman 1901) that are probably *M. phaeomelas*. However, Godman (1901: 599) writes: “we figure a male insect from Teapa” (Mexico: Tabasco), and, to define the identity of this name as suggested by the Recommendation 74B of the ICZN Code, N.V.G. hereby designates the specimen illustrated in Godman (1901), in the BMNH collection, that bears the following seven white labels, the first two round with a red circle, others rectangular: (Type), (Type | H. T.) [Teapa, | Tabasco. | March. H.H.S.], [♂], [Sp. figured.], [Godman-Salvin | Coll. 1913.—2.], [B.C.A.Lep.Rhop. | Methionopsis | modestus, | Butl.] as the **lectotype** of *Methionopsis modestus* Godman, 1901. This lectotype has left forewing with a tear at costa and genitalia expanded for inspection. Its abdomen was at some point detached to open genitalia and glued back. Finally, we note that *M. phaeomelas* (South American species) and *M. modestus* (North American species) are very close to each other genetically, e.g., their COI barcodes are basically identical (1 bp difference between the type specimens). However, the nuclear genome tree confidently partitions specimens into two clades (Fig. 67 magenta and cyan) and we keep *M. phaeomelas* and *M. modestus* as two distinct species pending further studies.

***Papias microsema* Godman, 1900, reinstated status**

Currently treated as a junior subjective synonym of *Celaenorhinus* [sic!] *phaeomelas* Hübner, [1829] (type locality in Brazil), which in the section above we transferred from *Papias* Godman, 1900 (type species *Pamphila integra* Mabille, 1891) to the subgenus *Methionopsis* Godman, 1901 (type species *Methionopsis modestus* Godman, 1901), *Papias microsema* Godman, 1900 (type locality Mexico, (Tab), Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil (MT)) does not belong to *Mnasinous* (type species *Mnasinous patage* Godman, 1900) (Fig. 67) and therefore cannot be synonymous with *Mnasinous (Methionopsis) phaeomelas*. We demonstrate that the type series of *P. microsema* is polytypic. A syntype from Mexico: Tabasco, Teapa (NVG-21013E06 in CMNH) is indeed a distinct species of *Papias* (Fig. 67 green), and a syntype from Panama: Chiriqui (NVG-15035F01 in MFNB) whose ventral side is illustrated by Godman (1900) is *Cobalopsis valerius* (Möschler, 1879) (Fig. 67 olive). Although figured in the original illustration, this specimen was among the two that Godman commented about in the original description of *P. microsema*: “the spots ... are quite distinct in ... specimens ... from Chiriqui, which we are unable ... to dissect.” (Godman 1900). This phrase suggests that Godman considered these *C. valerius* specimens to be variations of his *P. microsema* rather than typical representatives. Godman defined his concept of *P.*

microsema by genitalia: “*P. microsema* is exceedingly like *P. phainis*, but has differently formed genitalia.” Godman figured genitalia of a male from Mexico: Tabasco, Teapa, and this specimen belongs to *Papias*.

To define the identity of this name in a manner most consistent with the perceived intent of the original author, N.V.G. hereby designates the specimen with genitalia illustrated in Godman (1900), in the BMNH collection, that bears the following seven white labels, the first round with a red circle, others rectangular: (Type), [Teapa, | Tabasco. | Feb. H.H.S.], [♂], [Sp. figured.], [822], [Godman-Salvin | Coll. 1914.—5.], [B.C.A.Lep.Rhop. | Papias | microsema, | Godm.] and a microslide with genitalia no. 822 pinned to the specimen with its labels, as the **lectotype** of *Papias microsema* Godman, 1900, **stat. rest.**, which we reinstate as a species-level taxon. The lectotype has the anterior third of its left hindwing broken off and glued back. At this point, we are not able to determine the identity of *Cobalus atramentarius* Mabilles, 1883 (type locality French Guiana: Cayenne), and for the lack of a better option, keep this name as a junior subjective synonym of *M. phaeomelas* while conducting research on this issue.

***Papias unicolor* (Hayward, 1938) and *Papias monus* Bell, 1942, reinstated status**

Genomic sequencing of the holotype of *Papias monus* Bell, 1942 (type locality Guyana: Bartica) (Fig. 67 red) and a paralectotype of *Papias phainis* Godman, 1900 (type locality Mexico: Veracruz, Misantla) from Guatemala together with other specimens of this species from Central America (Fig. 67 blue), currently considered synonyms, reveals prominent genetic differentiation between them. E.g., their COI barcodes differ by 6.3% (42 bp), which is a distance typical of species from different subgenera. Moreover, a specimen from Brazil: São Paulo, NVG-21041F11, that we identified as *Lerodea unicolor* Hayward, 1938 (type locality in Paraguay) that is currently treated as another junior subjective synonym of *P. phainis*, is closely related, and yet separated in the genomic tree from compactly clustered *Papias monus* specimens collected across the species range (Fig. 67). Therefore, we propose to reinstate these taxa as species: *Papias unicolor* (Hayward, 1938), **stat. rest.** and *Papias monus* Bell, 1942, **stat. rest.** The two species are very close to each other genetically (only 0.3%, 2 bp COI barcode difference) and may be conspecific, but due to the genetic uniformity of *P. monus* across its wide range and the need to analyze more specimens of *P. unicolor*, including the holotype, we resort to the two-species treatment.

We also note that South American *Papias projectus* Bell, 1942 (type locality in Ecuador) is equally close to *P. phainis*: the same 0.3% (2 bp) COI barcode difference (Fig. 67). Likewise, additional work is needed to better understand the relationship between these two taxa, and they are kept as species pending further studies. Generally, we observe a marked genetic uniformity within species of *Papias* over large geographic distances (Fig. 67) and therefore even small, but consistent genetic differentiation may indicate speciation in this group of Hesperidae.

***Mnasilus guianae* Lindsey, 1925 is confirmed as a junior subjective synonym of *Papias amyrna* (Mabilles, 1891)**

Placing a recently obtained genomic sequence of the holotype of *Mnasilus guianae* Lindsey, 1925 (type locality Guyana: Georgetown) (Fig. 69 magenta) in a phylogenetic context of specimens of *Papias allubita* (Butler, 1877) (type locality in Brazil: Para) and *Papias amyrna* (Mabilles, 1891) (type locality Venezuela: Porto Cabello) that include a syntype of *Pamphila amyrna* Mabilles, 1891 (NVG-15036F04) confirms our previous identification of specimens from Guyana and French Guiana as *M. guianae* and offers further support for *Mnasilus guianae* Lindsey, 1925 being treated as a junior subjective synonym of *Papias amyrna* (Mabilles, 1891).



Fig. 69. *Papias amyrna* (red, above, *Mnasilus guianae* holotype is labeled in magenta) and *Papias allubita* (blue, below).

Vidius pompeoides Grishin, new species

<http://zoobank.org/5FA4FEDD-CCAD-4B2C-831A-46800F36442B>

(Figs. 70, 71 part)

Definition and diagnosis. Inspection of a syntype of *Cobalus catocala* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869 (type locality not given) in MFNB reveals that it is not the species Evans identified as such. The syntype has pale postdiscal spots in cells RS-M₁ and Sc+R₁-RS on ventral hindwing aligned with each other, but in the specimens Evans identified as “*Cobalopsis catocala*” the spot in cell RS-M₁ is closer aligned with the spot in cell M₁-M₂ and away from the spot in cell Sc+R₁-RS (Evans 1955). We did not find an available name for Evans’ misidentification of *C. catocala* and therefore it is a new species that is described here. It keys to J.37.11 in Evans (1955) and is identified by the placement of spots on ventral hindwing as detailed above; hindwing brown, most spots are joined into two pale bands: subbasal and postdiscal, but the spot in cell Sc+R₁-RS is offset to the base from the postdiscal band while remaining closer to it than to the subbasal band, and is separated from the subbasal band by a wide brown area; brown submarginal area frosted with pale scales, more extensive around the cells M₁-M₂ and M₂-M₃. Diagnosed by male genitalia with elongated nearly triangular harpe distally narrowing to a point; tegumen with uncus broad in dorsal view, approximately the same in width and length, uncus arms wide apart, hook-like. Differs from *Pompeius pompeius* (Latreille, [1824]) by the costal cell with a pale spot only at the base and no spot next to the postdiscal spot in cell Sc+R₁-RS, and the pale spots defined sharper, with some darker overscaling inside the spots (Fig. 71); and from *Vidius fraus* (Godman, 1900) in having well-developed forewing hyaline spots and narrower ventral hindwing bands. This new species is assigned to *Vidius* Evans, 1955 (type species *Narga vidius* Mabille, 1891) due to wing pattern and genitalic similarities with *V. fraus* (Evans 1955), transferred from *Cybaenes* Scudder, 1872 to *Vidius* recently (Zhang et al. 2022b).



Fig. 70. Holotype of *Vidius pompeoides* sp. n. dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, data in text. Photographs by Bernard Hermier, © The Trustees of the Natural History Museum London and are made available under Creative Commons License 4.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).

Type material. Holotype: ♂ deposited in the Natural History Museum, London, UK (BMNH), illustrated in Fig. 70, bears five labels: a round yellow (515), others rectangular, three white [Sto. Paulo | Amazonas | M de Mathan | 8^{bre}.9^{bre}.1879], [PHOTO | AA], [R. Oberthür Coll. | Brit. Mus. 1931-136], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Vidius pompeoides* | Grishin], and a small card pinned as a label with genitalia glued to it. **Paratypes:** 2♂♂ Brazil: Pará: Juruti (label data “Juhuty, Amazons”), April-1905, leg. M. de Mathan, in BMNH.

Type locality. Brazil: Amazonas, São Paulo de Olivença.



Fig. 71. *Vidius pompeoides* sp. n., (left) and *Pompeius pompeius* (right). iNaturalist observations 38437160, Suriname: Commewijne © Teri and 87229810, Brazil: DF, Brasília © Carlos A S Correia, respectively, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Etymology. By adding the suffix –oides, the adjectival name reflects superficial similarity of this species in its contrasting ventral wing pattern to frequently encountered and widely distributed *Pompeius pompeius* (Fig. 71 right) that has been confused with it (despite not being a close relative). For instance, the individual shown in Fig. 71 left was identified as *P. pompeius* on the iNaturalist website (2022) at the time of this writing.

Distribution. Known from the Amazonian region: Brazil (Amazonas and Pará) and Suriname.

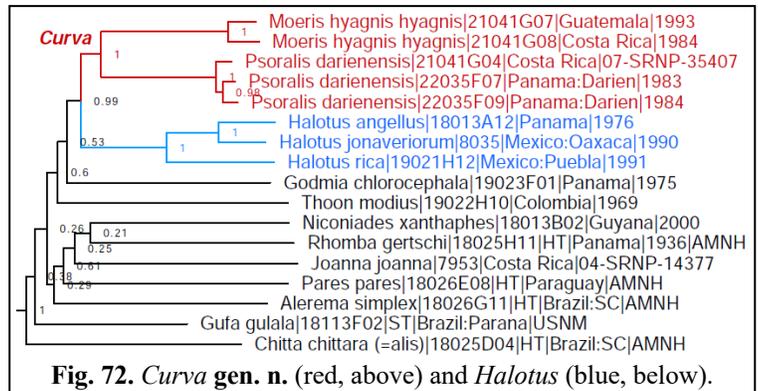
Curva Grishin, new genus

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Type species. *Moeris hyagnis* Godman, 1900.

Definition. Sister to *Halotus* Godman, 1900 (type species *Halotus saxula* Godman, 1900, which is a

junior subjective synonym of *Hesperia angellus* Plötz, 1886) and is similar to it in the general shape of uncus and gnathos, but quite different in appearance and the shape of valva to be readily associated with *Halotus* (Fig. 72). Therefore, proposed here as a genus. Distinguished from its relatives by a unique shape of the valva with harpe concave at the distal margin and its dorsal margin smoothly folded over towards the aedeagus, as illustrated in the original descriptions of



species we place in this genus (Godman 1900; Gaviria et al. 2018). In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs in nuclear genome is diagnostic: aly281.8.7:C389T, aly525.63.1:T1176C, aly2532.10.1:A2013G, aly2258.4.17:T108C, and aly276558.21.5:A255G.

Etymology. The name is treated as a feminine noun in the nominative singular, given for the shape of the valva: Latin for curved, crooked, bent, or a fusion of *Cur*[ved] + [val]va, and, maybe an unintended Russian meaning for the difficulty of figuring these skippers out.

Species included. The type species (Fig. 73) and *Psoralis darienensis* Gaviria, Siewert, Mielke & Casagrande, 2018 (Fig. 74).

Parent taxon. Subtribe Moncina A. Warren, 2008.

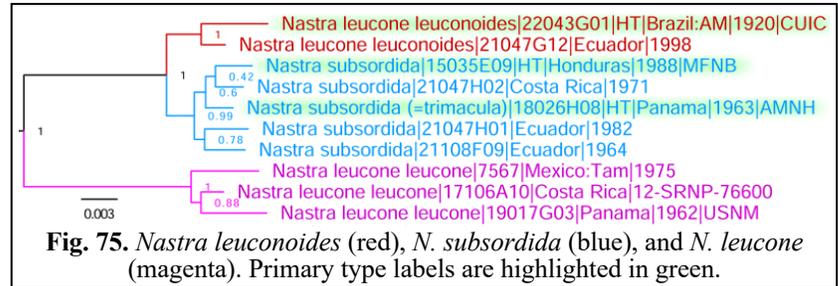
Comment. An alternative treatment could be to place this new genus as a subgenus of its sister *Halotus*, to which it is related phylogenetically (Fig. 72), but seems rather distinct from in genitalia, especially in the diagnostic shape of valva. Therefore, we treat the two as separate genera.



Fig. 74. *Curva darienensis* comb. nov. from Panama: Darien, Cana, 1550 m, leg. G. B. Small [USNM]. **a.** ♂ NVG-22035F08, 10-Apr-1983; **b.** ♀ NVG-22035F07, 11-Apr-1983. Dorsal and ventral views are shown to the left and right from each letter.

Nastra leuconoides (Lindsey, 1925), reinstated status

Genomic sequencing of its holotype reveals that *Megistias leuconoides* Lindsey, 1925 (type locality Brazil: Amazonas, Porto America) is not conspecific with *Nastra leucone* (Godman, 1900) (type locality in Guatemala) and instead is a close sister to *Nastra subsordida* (Mabille, 1891) (type locality in Honduras) (Fig. 75, Z chromosome tree). The COI barcodes of the two holotypes (*M. leuconoides* and *N. subsordida*) differ by 2% (13 bp). Therefore, we reinstate it as a species-level taxon *Nastra leuconoides* (Lindsey, 1925), **stat. rest.**

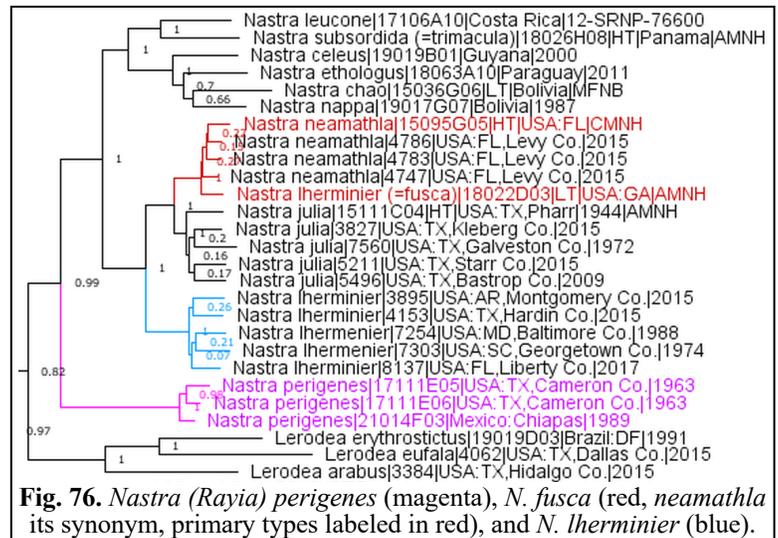


Rayia Grishin, new subgenus

<http://zoobank.org/7EA724D4-4F7B-4809-A49E-DBD1DBCCECA5>

Type species. *Mastor perigenes* Godman, 1900.

Definition. Currently included in the genus *Nastra* Evans, 1955 (type species *Hesperia lherminier* Latreille, [1824]), and is sister to and more distant from other species in the genus (Fig. 76). Due to its close relationship with *Nastra* and monotypic composition, it is proposed as a subgenus. Keys to J.24.6 in Evans (1955). Distinguished from its relatives by the following combination of characters: in addition to pale veins on the ventral hindwing, a pale ray from the wing base to near the outer margin along the anterior discal cell and vein M_1 (Fig. 77); uncus with gnathos massive, nearly as broad as wide and tall; and valva nearly rectangular, harpe upturned, only slightly constricted in the middle, ending with a dorsally serrated narrow margin, distal margin convex, without prominent indentation. In DNA, a combination of the following base pairs is diagnostic in nuclear genome: aly276558.30.2:T42C, aly322.14.2:T418C, aly2379.9.2:A57G, aly1341.12.28:A8953C, and aly822.48.1:T354G; and in COI barcode: T85C, A241T, T457C, T499A, and A628T.



Etymology. The name is a feminine noun in the nominative singular, given for the pale ray on the ventral hindwing of the type species.

Species included. Only the type species.

Parent taxon. Genus *Nastra* Evans, 1955.



Fig. 77. *Nastra (Rayia) perigenes* from USA: Texas, Cameron Co. iNaturalist observation 8949490, brightened and cropped, © jamesgiroux, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

Lerodea neamathla Skinner & R. Williams, 1923 is a junior subjective synonym of *Nastra fusca* (Grote & Robinson, 1867), reinstated status

Sequencing and comparative phylogenetic analysis of a syntype of *Hesperia fusca* Grote & Robinson, 1867 (type locality in USA: GA & FL), female in AMNH, currently a junior subjective synonym of

Nastra lherminier (Latreille, [1824]) (type locality in USA: Carolina) places it in the clade with the holotype of *Nastra neamathla* (Skinner & R. Williams, 1923) (type locality in USA: Florida) (Fig. 76), and we conclude that the two type specimens are conspecific. Being a nearly completely brown female, this syntype is a challenge to identify as *N. neamathla* without genetic comparison. Nevertheless, closer inspection reveals traces of at least 2 pale small spots on each forewing in places characteristic of *N. neamathla* (Fig. 78) and almost never defined in females of *N. lherminier*. Because the name *fusca* has priority over *neamathla* leading to an undesirable name change, we looked for male syntypes (only one female syntype existed), hoping that, if found, at least one (out of three in existence) may be conspecific with *N. lherminier* as traditionally assumed. Nevertheless, it is also possible that all three male syntypes were conspecific with *N. neamathla*, because paler ventral hindwing veins characteristic of *N. lherminier* were not mentioned in the original description. Inspection of every *Nastra* specimen from Georgia and Florida in AMNH did not reveal any candidate syntypes, because all the specimens were either collected more recently, or, if the date was not given, there was nothing on their labels to associate them with the original description of *H. fusca*. We found a series of specimens in MFNB labeled as *fusca*, and although most of them were indeed *N. lherminier*, males from Georgia were collected by Morrison (and not Ridings or Linden as per description) and therefore are not syntypes. Hence, we assumed that the male syntypes were lost or are unrecognizable. First, to ensure nomenclatural stability and unambiguous identification of *N. fusca*, N.V.G. hereby designates its sole extant syntype, female in AMNH (Fig. 79), bearing the following five rectangular labels, the fourth one red and others white: [Ga.], [No. 23113 | Grote & Robin], [Pamphila | fusca | type. G&R], [TYPE | No. | A. M. N. H.], and [Overlooked by | Beut. in his | various lists] (Beut. is for William Beutenmüller) as the **lectotype** of *Hesperia fusca* Grote & Robinson, 1867. Second, this lectotype designation implies that *Lerodea neamathla* Skinner & R. Williams, 1923, **syn. nov.** is a junior subjective synonym of *Nastra fusca* (Grote & Robinson, 1867), **stat. rest.** On the one hand, the name change is not desirable, and the broader community of lepidopterists should decide whether to request ICZN to set the lectotype of *N. fusca* aside and designate a neotype conspecific with *N. lherminier*. On the other hand, the name *fusca* may be simpler than *neamathla* to remember.



Fig. 78. *Nastra fusca*, **stat. rest.**, formerly *N. neamathla*, USA: Florida, Alachua Co. iNaturalist observation 127295990 © Brian Ahern, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

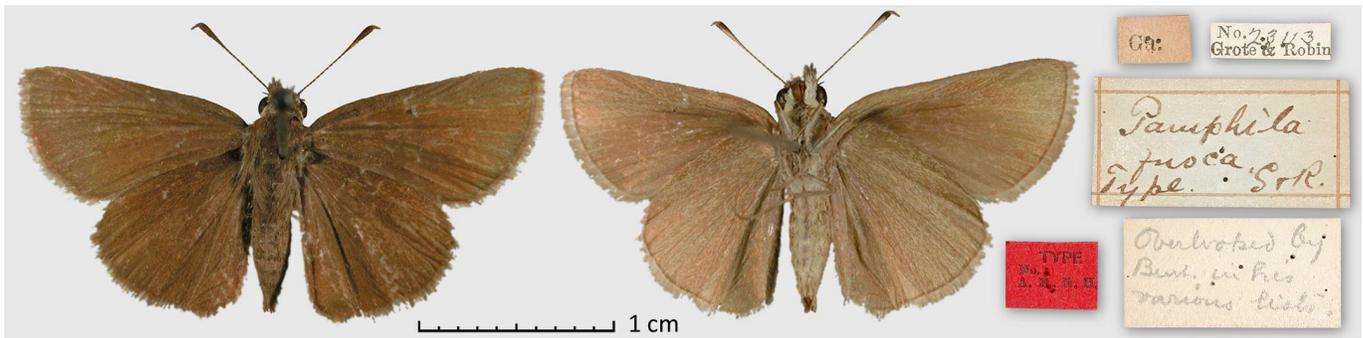


Fig. 79. Lectotype of *Nastra fusca* (Grote & Robinson, 1867), **stat. rest.** with labels (not to scale), photos by Bernard Hermier.

Saturnus jaguar (Steinhauser, 2008), new combination

Parphorus jaguar Steinhauser, 2008 (type locality in Guyana, holotype NVG-15041A03 sequenced) (Fig. 80 olive) is not monophyletic with *Parphorus* Godman, 1900 (type species *Phlebodes storax* Mabille, 1891) (Fig. 80 red) and instead is very closely related to *Saturnus metonidia* (Schaus, 1902) (type locality in Brazil: Rio de Janeiro) within *Saturnus* Evans, 1955 (type species *Papilio saturnus* Fabricius, 1787) (Fig. 80 blue). Therefore, we propose *Saturnus jaguar* (Steinhauser, 2008), **comb. nov.** Despite close relationship between *S. metonidia* and *S. jaguar* as suggested by their 1.8% (12 bp) different COI barcodes, they are likely distinct species inhabiting different biogeographic zones.

Parphorus harpe (Steinhauser, 2008), new combination

Saturnus harpe Steinhauser, 2008 (type locality in Peru: Madre de Dios, holotype NVG-15038D04 sequenced) (Fig. 80 green) is not monophyletic with *Saturnus* Evans, 1955 (type species *Papilio saturnus* Fabricius, 1787) (Fig. 80 blue) and instead is sister to *Parphorus* Godman, 1900 (type species *Phlebodes storax* Mabille, 1891) (Fig. 80 red). Not willing to erect a monotypic genus for *S. harpe* due to genetic similarities: COI barcodes of its holotype and *P. storax* are 8.2% (54 bp) different, we propose to include it in *Parphorus* to form *Parphorus harpe* (Steinhauser, 2008), **comb. nov.** The tree reveals that *Parphorus* and *Saturnus* are closely related to each other, without long internal branches separating them, and *P. harpe* is a species that contributes to this lack of separation, originating early in evolution of the genus.

Parphorus hermieri Grishin, new species

<http://zoobank.org/E5AD0DFC-354C-442F-8A56-C6F989C38C0D>

(Fig. 80 part)

Definition and diagnosis. A species (Fig. 80 top and magenta in the tree) with unique for *Parphorus* Godman, 1900 (type species *Phlebodes storax* Mabille, 1891) (Fig. 80 red) predominantly yellow-orange wings, both dorsally and ventrally, reminiscent of *Lento* Evans, 1955 (type species *Pamphila lento* Mabille, 1878) (Fig. 80 orange) in color and pattern, but not closely related to *Lento*, originating within *Parphorus* close to its type species. Most similar to *Lento kadeni* Evans, 1955 (type locality not specified) in general appearance and wing patterns and therefore keys to I.3.4. in Evans (1955) but differs in being yellower rather than orange and in having brown-scaled areas narrower, e.g., ventral forewing with well-separated dark-brown spots near tornus instead of a continuous brown patch in *L. kadeni*; dorsal hindwing with yellow-orange ray along vein 1A+2A (only some orange scales, mostly hair-like, around this vein in *L. kadeni* but not a ray). Androconial patch triangular, filling the base of cell CuA₁-CuA₂, plus a small dash just below it and vein CuA₂ (Fig. 80 top, inset).

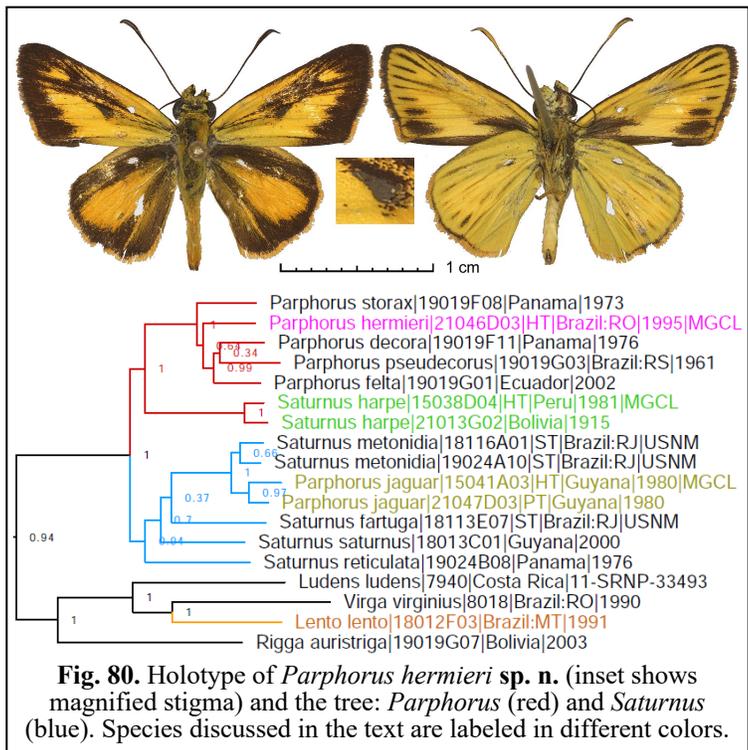


Fig. 80. Holotype of *Parphorus hermieri* sp. n. (inset shows magnified stigma) and the tree: *Parphorus* (red) and *Saturnus* (blue). Species discussed in the text are labeled in different colors.

Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-21046D03, GenBank OP231469, 658 base pairs:

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Type material. Holotype: ♂ at the time of publication deposited in the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Gainesville, FL, USA (MGCL), bears four rectangular printed labels: three white [BRASIL: Rondonia | 3 km W of Candeias | on BR 364, 1 km S | on dirt road to Rio | Preto | 6 November 1995 | leg. G. T. Austin], [G.T. Austin colln. | MGCL Accession | # 2004-5], [DNA sample ID: | NVG-21046D03 | c/o Nick V. Grishin], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Parphorus* | *hermieri* Grishin].

Paratype: ♂ Peru: Loreto, Castaña, -0.8037, -75.24, 150 m, 20-Oct-1993, leg. R. K. Robbins [MUSM].

Type locality. Brazil: Rondônia, 3 km west of Candeias do Jamari on interstate BR-364, then 1 km south on dirt road.

Etymology. The name honors Bernard Hermier (French Guiana), an expert on Neotropical Hesperidae

generously sharing his vast knowledge and time discussing challenging aspects of nomenclature and taxonomy, who encouraged to describe this species. Bernard's kindness and generosity are unsurpassed and much valued by naturalists across the world. The name is a masculine noun in the genitive case.

Distribution. Known only from two specimens from Brazil: Rondônia and Peru: Loreto.

Comment. Due to superficial similarities of this new *Parphorus* species with *Lento kadeni*, we tentatively suggest *Parphorus kadeni* (Evans, 1955), **comb. nov.**, reasoning (without solid evidence) that it fits better in *Parphorus* than in *Lento*. Sequencing of the *P. kadeni* holotype will test this taxonomic hypothesis.

Metiscus goth Grishin, 2022 confirmed as a species-level taxon by DNA

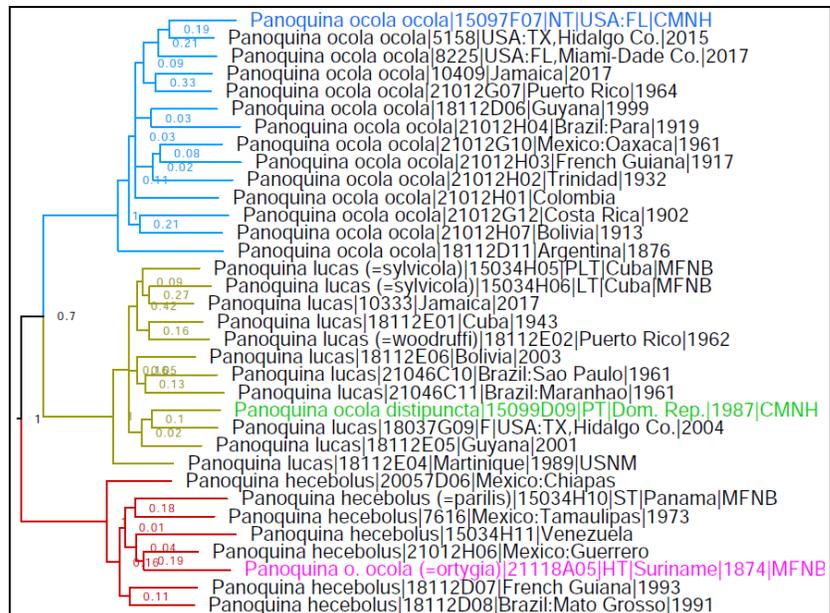
Proposed without DNA sequence data as a name for Evans' concept of *Enosis angularis infuscata* (Plötz, 1882) (misidentification, *Hesperia infuscata* Plötz, 1882 is instead a junior subjective synonym of *Mnaseas derasa derasa* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1870) (Zhang et al. 2022b)), *Metiscus goth* Grishin, 2022 (type locality Costa Rica) is closely related to *Metiscus angularis* (Möschler, 1877) (type locality Suriname). Genomic sequencing of three *M. goth* paratypes and an additional specimen, and their comparison with *M. angularis*, including primary type specimens, reveals prominent genetic differentiation (Fig. 81) with F_{st}/G_{min} statistics of 0.42/0.02, and their COI barcodes differ by 2.4% (16 bp). Therefore, we confirm *M. goth* as a species-level taxon and provide the COI barcode sequence of *M. goth*, identical in all four specimens (GenBank OP323110–OP323113):



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Panoquina ocola distipuncta Johnson & Matusik, 1988 is a subspecies of *Panoquina lucas* (Fabricius, 1793)

Genomic sequencing of a paratype of *Panoquina ocola distipuncta* Johnson & Matusik, 1988 (type locality in Dominican Republic) (Fig. 82 green) reveals that it does not belong to the clade with the neotype of *Panoquina ocola ocola* (W. H. Edwards, 1863) (type locality in USA: Florida) (Fig. 82 blue), but instead is in the clade with *Panoquina lucas* (Fabricius, 1793) (type locality “South American Islands”, meaning the West Indies) (Fig. 82 olive). This placement of *P. ocola distipuncta* within *P. lucas* is consistent with the wing patterns: both taxa possess a forewing discal cell hyaline spot typically lacking in *P. ocola*. Hence, *P. ocola distipuncta* is *P. lucas*, and we propose a new species-subspecies combination *Panoquina lucas distipuncta* Johnson & Matusik, 1988, **comb. nov.** As a result, *P. ocola* becomes monotypic.



Pamphila ortygia Möschler, 1883 is a junior subjective synonym of *Panoquina hecebolus* (Scudder, 1872)

Genomic sequencing of the holotype of *Pamphila ortygia* Möschler, 1883 (type locality in Suriname) currently treated as a junior subjective synonym of *Panoquina ocola ocola* (W. H. Edwards, 1863) (type locality in USA: Florida, neotype NVG-15097F07 sequenced) placed in the phylogenetic context of the three *Panoquina* Hemming, 1934 (type species *Hesperia panoquin* Scudder, 1863) species from the *ocola* group reveals that it is not associated with *P. ocola* (Fig. 82 blue) and instead belongs to *Panoquina hecebolus* (Scudder, 1872) (type locality Mexico: Oaxaca, Tehuantepec) (Fig. 82 red). Specimens of *P. hecebolus* do not show notable genetic differentiation across their range and we propose that *Pamphila ortygia* Möschler, 1883 is a junior subjective synonym of *Panoquina hecebolus* (Scudder, 1872), new synonym placement.

Zenis hemizona (Dyar, 1918) and *Zenis janka* Evans, 1955 are species distinct from *Zenis jebus* (Plötz, 1882)

The Z chromosome tree shows strong genetic differentiation between taxa of *Zenis* Godman, 1900 (type species *Hesperia minus* Latreille, [1824]) (Fig. 83) that have been treated as subspecies or synonyms of *Hesperia jebus* Plötz, 1882 (type locality in Brazil): *Prenes hemizona* Dyar, 1918 (type locality in Mexico) and *Zenis jebus janka* Evans, 1955 (type locality Panama: Bugaba). First, we agree with Evans' (1955)

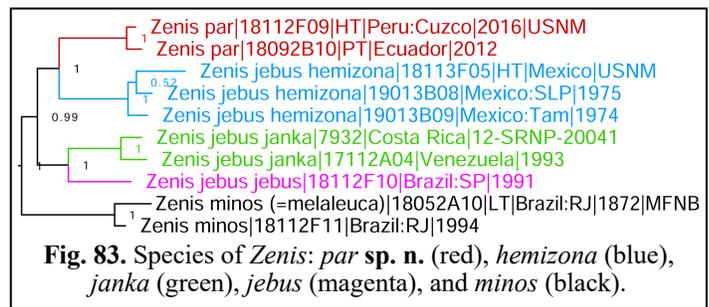


Fig. 83. Species of *Zenis*: *par* sp. n. (red), *hemizona* (blue), *janka* (green), *jebus* (magenta), and *minus* (black).

identification of the nominotypical *Zenis jebus*, which is the only taxon that has four semi-equal short apical dashes on forewing, exactly as per original description. Second, compared to such a specimen from Brazil (NVG-18112F10), COI barcodes of *Z. jebus hemizona* holotype (NVG-18113F05) and *Z. jebus janka* from Costa Rica (NVG-7932) differ by 6.4% (42 bp) and 6.2% (41 bp), respectively. Therefore, we propose to reinstate *Zenis hemizona* (Dyar, 1918), **stat. rest.** and treat *Zenis janka* Evans, 1955, **stat. nov.** as species. Comparison of wing patterns of these species confirms that they typically can be distinguished by the number, relative size, and placement of forewing subapical hyaline spots. Furthermore, the tree reveals a new species-level taxon (Fig. 83 red) that is described below.

Zenis par Grishin, new species

<http://zoobank.org/319B5691-012A-42D5-8325-DF7D384333D9>

(Figs. 83 part, 84, 85)

Definition and diagnosis. Sister to *Zenis hemizona* (Dyar, 1918) differing from it by 4.3% (28 bp) in the COI barcode, which, in the presence of wing pattern differences described below and likely stemming from notable nuclear genomic differentiation (Fig. 83) support species-level status of this taxon. This is the species that Evans (1955) identified (incorrectly) as *Zenis jebus melaleuca*. However, not all specimens misidentified by Evans as *Z. j. melaleuca* are this species: the female from “Espírito Santo” is *Zenis jebus beckeri* O. Mielke & Casagrande, 2002 (type locality in Brazil: Espírito Santo) that differs in the forewing apical spot pattern and has a white streak along ventral hindwing vein 1A+2A. This new species keys to O.3.2.(b). in Evans (1955). Distinguished from other *Zenis* species by nearly equal in length, strongly elongated apical hyaline spots in forewing cells R₅-M₁ (shorter spot) and M₂-M₃ (longer spot), dash-like well-developed hyaline spots in cells R₂-R₃, R₃-R₄, and R₄-R₅ adjoined to each other and separated by dark veins, the lack of a white streak along vein 1A+2A on hindwing ventral (Figs. 84, 85), and a combination of the following characters in the COI barcode: T38C, C235T, T478C, and T490C.

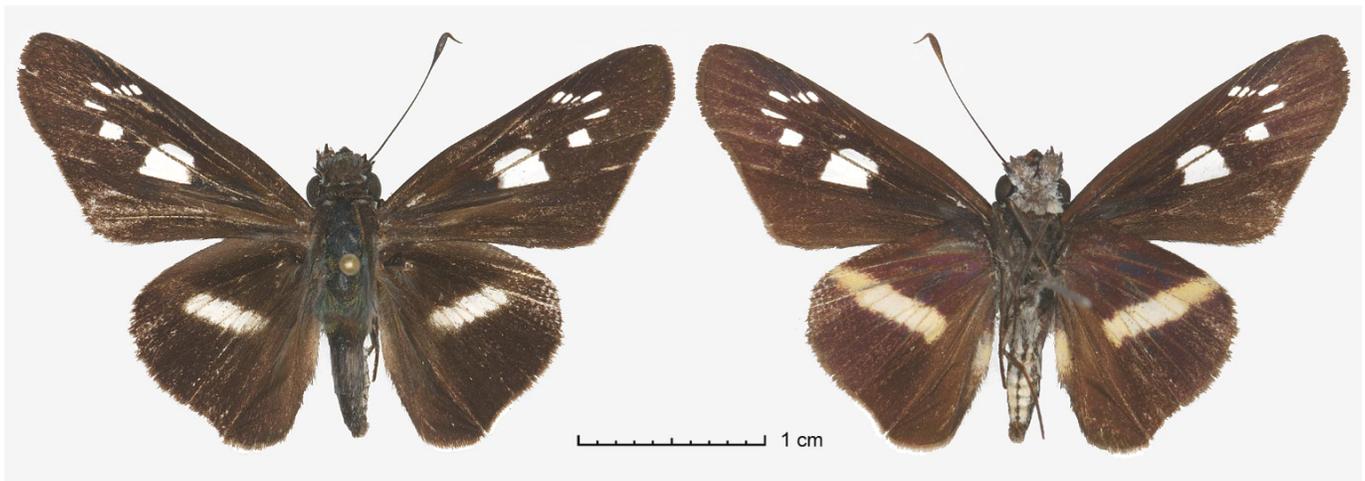


Fig. 84. Holotype of *Zenis par* sp. n. dorsal (left) and ventral (right) views, NVG-18112F09, data in text.

Barcode sequence of the holotype: Sample NVG-18112F09, GenBank OP231468, 658 base pairs:

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CTTTTTTGATCCTGCTGGAGGAGGATCCTATTTTATACCAACATTTATTT
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Type material. Holotype: ♂ in the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, USA, to be deposited in the Museo de Historia Natural, Lima, Peru (MUSM), bears four rectangular printed labels: three white [PERU: Cuzco 1194 m. | Quebrada Santa Isabel | Cosñipata Valley 5048 | 24-X-2016 Kinyon], [DNA sample ID: | NVG-18112F09 | c/o Nick V. Grishin], [USNM | {QR code} | 01531411], and one red [HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Zenis par* | Grishin]. **Paratypes:** 9♂♂, NVG-18092B10 from Ecuador: Morona-Santiago, Méndez, GPS -2.42, -78.20, 800 m, leg. J.-C. Petit, 16-Nov-2012, others (one specimen per date, all in MUSM) from Peru: Amazonas: Quebrada Chingaza, -5.367, -78.45, 500 m, 22-Sep-1999, leg. D. H. Ahrenholz; same data, but 24-Sep-1999, leg. G. Lamas; Cuzco: Cosñipata Valley: Quebrada Quitacalzón, -13.017, -71.50, 1050 m, 2-Apr-2015 & 1-Nov-2016, leg. S. Kinyon, and Quebrada Santa Isabel, -13.033, -71.517, 1200 m, 26-Jan-2020, leg. G. Lamas; Madre de Dios: Puerto Maldonado, Lago Sandoval, [-12.583, -69.183], 200 m, 24-Oct-1990, leg. J. R. Macdonald; Tambopata Reserve, -12.833, -69.283, 300 m, 29-Oct-1991, leg. O. Mielke; Alto Río Madre de Dios, Albergue Amazonia, -12.867, -71.383, 500 m, 1-May-2015, leg. G. Lamas.

Type locality. Peru: Cuzco, Cosñipata Valley, Quebrada Santa Isabel, elevation 1194 m.

Etymology. The name, which is a Latin adjective for equal, stands for the two nearly equal in length dashes in forewing cells R_5-M_1 and M_2-M_3 that remind of an equal sign =.

Distribution. Currently confirmed by DNA from Ecuador and Peru, but likely present in Colombia and Amazonian region in Brazil.



Fig. 85. *Zenis par* sp. n., Ecuador: Napo, Archidona. iNaturalist observation 36717646. © Tom Horton, CC BY-NC 4.0 <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

***Calpodus chocoensis* (Salazar & Constantino, 2013), new combination**

Placing genomic sequences of two specimens of *Megaleas chocoensis* Salazar & Constantino, 2013 (type locality Colombia: Valle del Cauca) (Fig. 86) in the context of HesperIIDae revealed a surprise. Instead of being close to *Megaleas syrna* (Godman & Salvin, 1879), the type species of *Megaleas* Godman, 1901, they were positioned deep within *Calpodus* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Papilio ethlius* Stoll, 1782)



Fig. 86. Sequenced specimens of *Calpododes chocoensis* from Colombia: Valle del Cauca, ~20 mi NW of Cali. **a.** ♂ NVG-21109C02, **b.** ♀ NVG-21109C03. Dorsal and ventral views are shown to the left and right from the letter. © Pierre Boyer.

being a strongly supported sister to *Calpododes severus* (Mabille, 1895) (Fig. 87). Convergence with *Megaleas* in large yellow or orange forewing spots and divergence from the smaller, hyaline pale-yellow spots in *Calpododes* is the reason for this classification error. Genitalic morphology and the shape of forewing apical spots, however, support the relationship of *M. chocoensis* with *Calpododes*, and we propose to place it in this genus as *Calpododes chocoensis* (Salazar & Constantino, 2013), **comb. nov.** The COI barcode sequences of the two *C. chocoensis* specimens (Fig. 86) are identical (GenBank OP231470 & OP231471) and within 3% difference from some other *Calpododes* species, unambiguously indicating congeneric relationship:

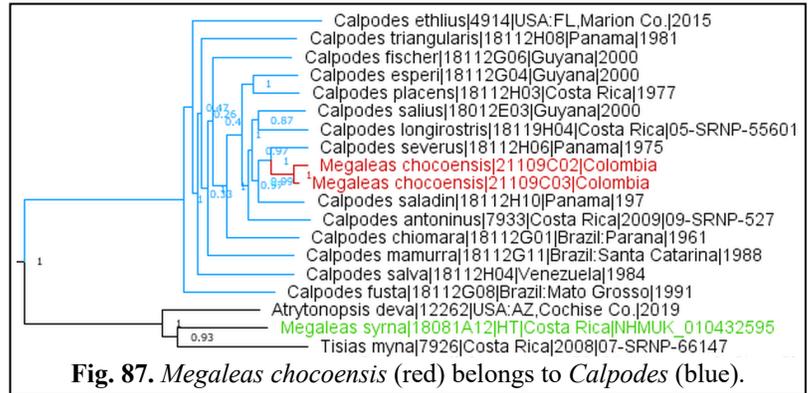


Fig. 87. *Megaleas chocoensis* (red) belongs to *Calpododes* (blue).

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Carystus (Argon) argus Möschler, 1879, reinstated status, and Argentina as a likely type locality of *Hesperia lota* Hewitson, 1877

Genomic sequencing of the lectotype of *Hesperia lota* Hewitson, 1877 (type locality not specified), currently in the genus *Carystus* Hübner, [1819] (type species *Papilio jolus* Stoll, 1782), and the holotype of *Carystus argus* Möschler, 1879 (type locality in Colombia), currently a junior subjective synonym of the former, together with specimens from other localities reveals strong genetic differentiation between them (Fig. 88, Z chromosome tree). *Carystus (Argon) lota* is closely grouped with a specimen from Argentina, suggesting that the type locality of *C. lota* is in southeastern South America, possibly in Argentina. Due to this locality, we leave *Pamphila cerymicoides* Burmeister, 1878 (type locality Argentina: Misiones) as a junior subjective synonym of *C. lota*. All other specimens we sequenced (from Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, and Dominican Republic) are in a different clade. COI barcodes of the two taxa differ by 2% (13 bp between their primary type specimens) and their F_{st}/G_{min} statistics are 0.52/0.008. Therefore, we reinstate *Carystus (Argon) argus* Möschler, 1879, **stat. rest.** as a species. This resurrection from synonymy brings back the *argus* in the subtribe Carystina Mabille, 1878, and care should be taken not to confuse it with *Oligoria (Cobaloides) argus* Hayward, 1939 (type locality in Paraguay), a species from the subtribe Hesperina that looks superficially similar to *C. (A.) argus* in wing shape, coloration, and the black-dotted pattern of ventral hindwing. A

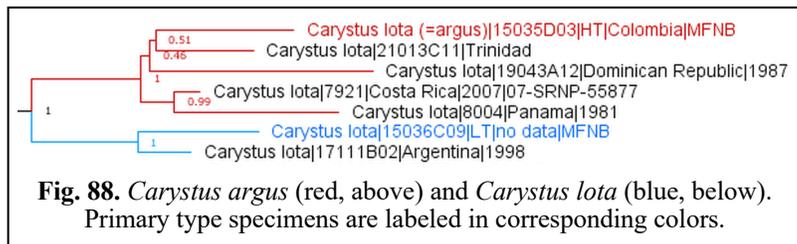


Fig. 88. *Carystus argus* (red, above) and *Carystus lota* (blue, below). Primary type specimens are labeled in corresponding colors.

mnemonic to remember which *argus* is which may be that ‘O’ in *Oligoria* stands for a more rounded, arc-like arrangement of black hindwing dots: ‘O for round’; and ‘C’ in *Carystus* stands for a cluster of dots, i.e., several dots in the middle of the wing that do not form a long and smooth arc: ‘C for cluster’.

***Lycas devanes* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869), reinstated status, with the type locality in South America**

Genomic sequencing of a syntype of *Goniloba devanes* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869 (type locality not specified), currently a junior subjective synonym of *Lycas argentea* (Hewitson, 1866) (type locality in Guatemala) (1955) places it in the clade of exclusively South American specimens that is separate from the clade with North American specimens including one from Guatemala (Fig. 89). The two clades show strong genetic differentiation with F_{st} of 0.66 and undetectable gene exchange between them. COI barcodes differ by 3.8% (25 bp) between the specimens from Guatemala (NVG-1811A12) and Argentina (NVG-17109H07) and by 3.6% (24 bp) between NVG-1811A12 and a specimen from Trinidad (NVG-1811B03). Therefore, the North American (i.e., *L. argentea*) and South American clades represent two distinct species. First, to ensure nomenclatural stability and unambiguous identification of *G. devanes*, N.V.G. hereby designates its sole syntype in MFNB bearing the following five rectangular labels, the first one red and others white: [Typus], [gonil. devanes | m], [Coll. | Staudinger], [{QR code} <http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/449f7e>], and [DNA sample ID: | NVG-15036C11 | c/o Nick V. Grishin] as the **lectotype** of *Goniloba devanes* Herrich-Schäffer, 1869. The lectotype is missing the right antenna and scales are partly rubbed off the right forewing apex. It is likely that the second label is in Herrich-Schäffer’s handwriting and ‘m’ stands for ‘mihi’, which is Latin for ‘of me’, placed after a species name as an attribution of the new species to the writer. This notation was frequently used more than a century ago: ‘m’ or ‘mihi’ instead of the author’s name directly, as done nowadays. This ‘m’ further suggests that the label was written by Herrich-Schäffer and offers additional evidence of authenticity of this specimen as a syntype. Second, because the lectotype designated herein is in the clade consisting of South American specimens, we suggest that the type locality of *G. devanes* is in South America. Third, the two clades represent two distinct species, and therefore we propose species-level status for *Lycas devanes* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1869), **stat. rest.**

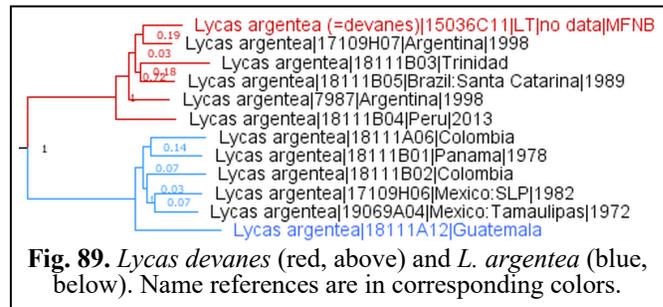


Fig. 89. *Lycas devanes* (red, above) and *L. argentea* (blue, below). Name references are in corresponding colors.

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