

Additions and corrections to the check list of the Noctuoidea (Insecta, Lepidoptera) of North America north of Mexico

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Abstract

A total of 64 additions and corrections are listed and discussed for the check list of the Noctuoidea of North America north of Mexico published in 2010. One family-group name is inserted, four are changed in rank, one is deleted, one is changed in name, and three are changed in authorship. Taxonomic changes to species are six new or revised synonymies, one new combination, and one revision in status from species to subspecies.

Keywords

Canada, United States, Erebiidae, Noctuidae, Nolidae, Boletobiinae, Eligminae, Diphtherinae, Eulepidotinae, Omopterinae, Toxocampinae, Boletobiini, Aventiini, Eublemini, Phytometrini

Introduction

Continuing work on the taxonomy and systematics of New World Noctuoidea has resulted in an additional 64 changes to the check list North American Noctuoidea (Lafontaine and Schmidt 2010), these in addition to the 96 changes published in 2011 (Lafontaine and Schmidt 2011). Eighteen species are added to the fauna, eight are removed through synonymy, and eight are name changes due to synonymy. The new total for Noctuoidea in North America north of Mexico is 3689.

Materials and methods

Repository abbreviations

Taxonomic changes are based on examination of material, especially type specimens, in the following collections:

- BMNH** The Natural History Museum [statutorially: British Museum (Natural History)], London, UK
CNC Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids, and Nematodes, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
DFC David Fine Collection, Coconut Creek, Florida, USA
JKAC James K. Adams Collection, Calhoun, Georgia, USA
JTTC James T. Troubridge Collection, Selkirk, Ontario, Canada
MNHN Muséum National d' Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
TLSRC Texas Lepidoptera Survey Research Collection, Houston, Texas, USA
TSDC Terhune S. Dickel Collection, Anthony, Florida, USA
USNM National Museum of Natural History [formerly, United States National Museum], Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Results

Corrections, additions, and changes (highlighted in **bold**)

- p. 3 **Tribe Boletobiini** [insert after Subfamily Boletobiinae]
 p. 3 **Subfamily Eligminae Mell, 1943** [insert before subfamily Risobinae]
 p. 3 **Subfamily Diphtherinae** [insert before subfamily Nolinae]
 p. 3 & p. 28 **Tribe Aventiini** [lower subfamily name to tribal name]
 p. 3 & p. 28 **Tribe Eublemini** [lower subfamily name to tribal name]
 p. 3 & p. 29 **Tribe Phytometrini** [lower subfamily name to tribal name]
 p. 3 & p. 30 **Subfamily Toxocampinae** [raise tribal name to subfamily name]

- p. 3 & p. 37 **Tribe Omopterini Boisduval, 1833** [change Tribe Ophiusini Guenée, 1837 to Omopterini]
- p. 3 & p. 39 **Tribe Eulepidotini** and **Tribe Panopodini** [delete tribal names]
- p. 3 & p. 42 Collomeninae **Zahiri, Lafontaine, & Schmidt, 2012** [correct authorship from Kitching and Rawlins, [1998]]
- p. 3 & p. 49 **Subfamily Raphiinae Beck, 1996** [change Subfamily Dilobinae to Subfamily Raphiinae]
- p. 4 & p. 50 Acronictinae **Harris, 1841** [correct authorship from Heinemann, 1859]
- p. 5 & p. 99 Agrotina **Harris, 1841** [correct authorship from Rambur, 1848]
- p. 28 **Tribe Boletobiini** [insert to include species 930673 to 930692]
- p. 41 **Subfamily Diphtherinae and 931410 *Diphthera festiva* (Fabricius, 1775)**
[insert before Subfamily Nolinae and renumber species as **931120.1**]
- p. 42 **Subfamily Eligminae Mell, 1943** [insert before 931147 *Iscaedia aperta* Walker]
- p. 49 **Delete** Subfamily Diphtherinae and 931410 *Diphthera festiva* (Fabricius, 1775)
930356.1 *Xenosoma flaviceps* (Walker, 1865)
930405 *Cycnia oregonensis* (Stretch [1874])
ssp. *C. o. oregonensis* (Stretch [1874])
ssp. *C. o. tristis* Crabo, 2013
- 930447.1 *Aclytia heber* (Cramer, [1780])**
- 930500 *Zanclognatha jacchusalis* (Walker, 1859)
ssp. *Z. j. jacchusalis* (Walker, 1859)
syn. *Z. ochreipennis* (Grote, 1872)
ssp. *Z. j. lotalba* (Smith, 1906)
ssp. *Z. j. bryanti* Barnes, 1928
- 930501 Delete.** Moved to synonymy of 930500
- 930502 *Chytolita morbidalis* (Guenée, 1854)
syn. *C. petrealis* Grote, 1880
syn. *C. punctiformis* (Smith, 1895)
syn. *C. fulicalis* Smith, 1907
- 930503 Delete.** Moved to synonymy of 930502
- 930579 *Hypena lividalis* (Hübner, 1796)
syn. *H. abjuralis* Walker, [1859]
- 930608 *Anomis illita* Guenée, 1852
syn. *A. conducta* Walker, [1858]
syn. *A. hostia* (Harvey, 1876)
- 930609 *Anomis gentilis* Schaus, 1912
syn. *A. exacta* of authors, not Hübner, 1822
- 930611.1 *Dinumma deponens* Walker, 1858**
- 930621.1 *Gonodontodes dispar* Hampson, 1913**
- 930702 Delete.** Moved to synonymy of 930705
- 930705 *Hemeroplanis historialis* (Grote, 1882)
syn. *H. finitima* (Smith, 1893)

syn. *H. secundalis* (Smith, 1907)

930706 Delete. Moved to synonymy of 930705

930755.1 *Hemeroblemma mexicana* (Guenée, 1852)

930884 *Forsebia cinis* (Guenée, 1852)

syn. *F. perlaeta* (H. Edwards, 1882)

930903.1 *Drasteria parallela* Crabo & Mustelin, 2013

930968.1 *Ophisma tropicalis* (Guenée, 1852)

930968.2 *Mimophisma delunaris* (Guenée, 1852)

930968.3 *Achaea ablunaris* (Guenée, 1852)

931057 Delete. Moved to 930968.1

931058 Delete. Moved to 930968.2

931059 Delete. Moved to 930968.3

931109 Delete. Moved to synonymy of 931117

931113.1 *Paectes fuscescens* (Walker, 1855)

931116 Delete. North American concept moved to synonymy of 931117.1

931117 Delete. North American concept moved to synonymy of 931117

931117 *Paectes nana* (Walker, 1865)

syn. *P. arcigera* of authors, not (Guenée, 1852)

syn. *P. burserae* (Dyar, 1901)

931117.1 *Paectes asper* Pogue, 2013

syn. *P. obrotunda* of authors, not (Guenée, 1852)

931167.1 *Enigmogramma antillea* Becker, 2001

931171.1 *Chrysodeixis chalcites* (Esper, 1789)

syn. *C. eriosoma* of Lafontaine & Schmidt (2010), not (Doubleday, 1843)

931253.1 *Amyna amplificans* (Walker, 1858)

931260.1 *Tripudia paraplesia* Pogue, 2009

931931 *Sympistis zetterstedtii* (Staudinger, 1857)

ssp. *S. z. kolthoffi* (Aurivillius, 1890)

931965 *Eudryas brevipennis bonneville* Shepard & Crabo, 2013

931988.1 *Perigea bahamica* Hampson, 1908

932006 *Condica charada* (Schaus, 1906)

932021.1 *Ogdoconta satana* Metzler, Knudson & Poole, 2013

932023 *Ogdoconta rufipenna* Metzler, Knudson & Poole, 2013

syn. *Ogdoconta* sp. not *O. lilacina* (Druce, 1890) (Lafontaine and Schmidt 2010).

932023.1 *Ogdoconta fergusonii* Metzler & Lafontaine, 2013

932061 *Protoschinia nuchalis* (Grote, 1878)

932368.1 *Resapamea diluvius* Crabo, 2013

932368.2 *Resapamea angelika* Crabo, 2013

932368.3 *Resapamea mammothus* Crabo, 2013

932454 Delete. Moved to synonymy of 932455

932455 *Hydraecia medialis* Smith, 1892

syn. *H. pallescens* Smith, 1899

932456 *Hydraecia obliqua* (Harvey), 1876

syn. *H. ximena* (Barnes & Benjamin, 1924)

syn. *H. columbia* (Barnes & Benjamin, 1924)

932462 **Delete.** Moved to synonymy of 932456

932463 **Delete.** Moved to synonymy of 932456

932631 *Aseptis fanatica* Mustelin, 2006

932693.1 *Fishia nigrescens* Hammond & Crabo, 2013

932711.1 *Ufeus felsensteini* Lafontaine & Walsh, 2013

933606 *Xestia perquiritata orca* Crabo & Hammond, 2013

Notes

- p. 3 & p. 28–29 subfamily Boletobiinae** – The phylogenetic studies of the Erebiidae by Zahiri et al. (2012a) showed that the subfamilies Aventiinae, Eubleminae, and Phytometrinae should be included within the subfamily Boletobiinae as tribes.
- p. 3 & p. 30 Subfamily Toxocampinae** – phylogenetic studies of the Erebiidae by Zahiri et al. (2012a) showed that the Toxocampini should be treated as a subfamily of the Erebiidae, rather than as a tribe of the Erebiinae.
- p. 3 & p. 37 Tribe Omopterini** – phylogenetic studies of the Erebiidae by Zahiri et al. (2012a) showed that the tribe Ophiusini Guenée is confined to the Old World, so the tribal name for most of the New World representatives related to *Zale* Hübner should be changed to tribe Omopterini. Three genera (*Ophisma* Guenée, *Mimophisma* Hampson, *Achaea* Hübner) should be transferred to the Poaphilini.
- p. 3 & p. 39 Subfamily Eulepidotinae** – The nuclear DNA results in Zahiri et al. (2012a) showed that genera *Eulepidotis* and *Panopoda* are closely related, so the tribes Eulepidotini and Panopodini are unnecessary. The date of the Eulepidotinae was corrected from 1985 to 1895 by Lafontaine and Schmidt (2011).
- p. 3 & p. 41 Subfamily Diphtherinae** – The molecular results of Zahiri et al. (2012b) show that the subfamily Diphtherinae is the basal lineage of the Nolidae and so it is moved to a position as the first subfamily of the Nolidae. These results show very strong support for the monophyly of the subfamilies of the Nolidae but virtually no support for phylogenetic associations among the subfamilies, other than Diphtherinae being sister to the other subfamilies. So, we suggest no change in subfamily sequence at this time.
- p. 3 & p. 42 Subfamily Eligminae** – The molecular results of Zahiri et al. (2012b) showed that the genus *Iscadia* Walker, and related Neotropical genera (e.g., *Elaeognatha* Hampson) belong to the Eligminae and not to the Chloephorinae: Sarrothropini as previously supposed. Previous to these results the Eligminae were thought to be restricted to Asia and Australia.
- p. 3 & p. 49 Subfamily Raphiinae** – Change subfamily name from Dilobinae (see Lafontaine and Schmidt 2013).
- p. 4 & p. 50 Acronictinae** – Change in authorship from Schmidt and Lafontaine 2013.
- p. 5 & p. 99 Agrotina** – Change in authorship from Schmidt and Lafontaine 2013.

p. 42 Subfamily Collomeninae – The subfamily name was first used in a North American check list (Franclemont and Todd 1983), but without a description. This was discussed in more detail by Kitching and Rawlins [1998], but mostly from a distributional perspective and still no diagnostic characters were given that would validate the subfamily name by the rules of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. A formal description was given by Zahiri, Lafontaine and Schmidt (2012c).

p. 49 Subfamily Diphtherinae – Moved to Nolidae.

930356.1 *Xenosoma flaviceps* – This species occurs in northern Mexico (State of San Luis Potosi), and in southern Mexico from at least Chiapas to Guatemala and Costa Rica. A single specimen was collected at Alamo, Texas on 5 December 2012. Contributed by E. Knudson and C. Bordelon. Voucher in TLSRC, photograph examined.

930405 *Cynia oregonensis tristis* – New subspecies (see Crabo et al. 2013).

930447.1 *Achlytia heber* – A single specimen was collected at Alamo, Texas in November of 2012. Contributed by E. Knudson and C. Bordelon. Voucher in TLSRC, photograph examined.

930500 *Zanclognatha jaccusalis* – The species is widely distributed in eastern United States and occurs as far west as Arizona. It is characterized by the burnt-orange forewing ground color that is heavily speckled with black scales. It is replaced in Canada by a form that has paler buffy-brown or gray-brown forewings with little black speckling. This northern form is currently treated as *Zanclognatha lotalba* (Smith), occurring from Nova Scotia to Alberta, and as *Zanclognatha lotalba* ssp. *bryanti* Barnes in British Columbia and Washington. However, there is a broad area in southern Ontario and Quebec, northern New York, and New England, where most specimens are intermediate between typical *Zanclognatha jaccusalis* and *Z. lotalba* and occasionally *Z. lotalba*-like forms are found as far south as the Appalachians of North Carolina. There are no external structural or genital characters to distinguish the two taxa and barcodes do not separate them either, so we synonymize *Z. lotalba*, **syn. n.**, but retain the name as a northern subspecies as *Z. jaccusalis* ssp. *lotalba*, **stat. n.**, and move subspecies *bryanti* to *Z. jaccusalis* ssp. *bryanti*, **stat. rev.**

930502 *Chytolita morbidalis* – New and revised synonymy from Crabo et al. 2013.

930579 *Hypena lividalis* – The species, which occurs in Africa and southern Europe, is now believed to be a Pan-tropical species with *Hypena abjurialis* (Walker, [1859]), **syn. rev.**, as a synonym. The external characters, genitalia, and barcodes are the same from each region. It is possible that the spread of the species to the New World was aided by man.

930608 *Anomis illita* – Examination of type material and barcodes shows that *Anomis conducta* Walker, [1858], **syn. n.**, and *Aletia hostia* Harvey, 1876, **syn. n.**, are synonyms of *Anomis illita*, and not synonyms of *Anomis exacta* Hübner, 1822. The barcodes also show that *Anomis illita* is widely distributed from Florida and Texas southward through the Caribbean and Central and South America to Brazil, the latter being the type locality.

930608 *Anomis gentilis* – Examination of the type material associated with the name *Anomis exacta* and *A. gentilis* Schaus, shows that the species that occurs in Texas is

A. gentilis. The type material of *Anomis exacta* is lost, but the illustration in Hübner (1822), and material associated with it in the Natural History Museum, London (BMNH), do not match the taxon occurring in Texas, or any North American species of *Anomis*. Further, the two names currently associated with the *Anomis exacta* as synonyms, one of which (*A. hostia* (Harvey)) was described from Texas, are synonyms of *Anomis illita* and are transferred to its synonymy above.

- 930611.1 *Dinumma deponens*** – A fresh female specimen of *Dinumma deponens* Walker, 1858 was taken at gas station lights in Morganton, Fannin Co., in north Georgia on June 15, 2012 by Paul Dennehy and James Adams. This location is quite rural, along a state highway about 100 miles north of Atlanta. The species' home range is "from India across E China to Japan, Korea and to Thailand" (Alberto Zilli, pers. comm.), though not Borneo. The larval food plants of *Dinumma* Walker, and the species *D. deponens*, are members of the genus *Albizia* Durazz. (Mimosa). Mimosa is extensively planted and naturalized throughout north Georgia. As such, it is certainly plausible that this single specimen represents a member of an established population of the moth in the U.S. It is tentatively included in the Anomini following Holloway (2005). The specimen is in the JKAC. Contributed by James Adams.
- 930621.1 *Gonodontodes dispar*** – A male of this species was collected at Mile Marker 36, US A1A, Key Largo, Monroe Co., Florida, 2 May 2009 by David Fine. The specimen is in DFC. Contributed by Leroy Koehn.
- 930705 *Hemeroplanis historialis*** – Examination of genitalia and barcodes shows that the names *H. finitima*, **syn. n.**, and *H. secundalis*, **syn. n.**, are color forms of *H. historialis*. The species is mainly distinguished from *H. incusalis*, which occurs with it in parts of Arizona and California, by the more parallel transverse lines on the forewing with black wedge-shaped spots on the costa in *H. historialis*, and usually the reniform spot is black.
- 930755.1 *Hemeroblemma mexicana*** – A female of this species was collected 6 June 2012 at Falcon Heights, Starr Co., Texas by Barry Nall. The specimen is in the TLSRC.
- 930884 *Forsebia cinis*** – The male lectotype of *Bolina cinis* Guenée, 1852, in the MNHN, Paris, is a senior synonym of *Forsebia perlaeta* (H. Edwards, 1882), **syn. n.**, and not a synonym of *Melipotis jucunda* Hübner, 1818, as previously supposed. *Forsebia cinis* is a **new combination**. Contributed by Robert Poole.
- 930903.1 *Drasteria parallela*** – Addition (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 930961.1 *Ophisma tropicalis*** – The molecular results in Zahiri et al. (2012a) show that *Ophisma*, and the two genera below (*Mimophisma* Hampson and *Achaea* Hübner), should be in the Poaphilini, so the species is moved here from 931057.
- 930961.2 *Mimophisma delunaris*** – moved from 931058.
- 930961.3 *Achaea ablunaris*** – moved from 931059.
- 931113.1 *Paectes fuscescens*** – A single specimen from Florida was found in unidentified material in the USNM by Mike Pogue while sorting specimens for a revision of the *Paectes arcigera* group. The specimen was reared but the data do not include host plant information. Terhune Dickel and Jim Troubridge have

both collected this species in southern Florida (Homestead and Key Largo). Some specimens have previously been identified as *Paectes burserae*. Vouchers in CNC, JTTC, TSDC, and USNM.

- 931117** *Paectes nana* – This taxon, formerly considered to be a synonym of *Paectes arcigera*, is widely distributed in Florida, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and northern South America. The taxonomic status and distribution are based on Pogue (2013). *Paectes arcigera* is found in the Lesser Antilles and Puerto Rico and would not be expected to occur in Florida. *Paectes burserae* (931109 in Lafontaine & Schmidt 2010) is placed in synonymy with *P. nana* by Pogue 2013.
- 931117.1** *Paectes asper* – Addition (see Pogue 2013). This is the species formerly identified as *Paectes obrotunda* (Guenée, 1852) in Florida. It is widely distributed in southern Florida and the Caribbean, whereas *P. obrotunda* is confined to Brazil (Pogue 2013).
- 931167.1** *Enigmogramma antillea* – This species was described by Becker (2001). A specimen was collected in Collier County, Florida, in 2012 by Jim Troubridge. Voucher in CNC.
- 931171.1** *Chrysodeixis chalcites* – This species occurs mainly in Africa and western Eurasia with *C. eriosoma* mainly in eastern Asia, but occasionally found in Europe in greenhouses. The two species are very difficult to identify other than by geographic range, DNA, and pheromones. When populations of this complex were discovered in greenhouses in British Columbia in 2006, it was assumed they would have an eastern Eurasian origin, like most recent introductions into the Vancouver area. More recently, barcode results show that these populations, and recently discovered populations in southern Ontario and Michigan, are referable *Chrysodeixis chalcites* and not to *C. eriosoma* (Murillo et al. in press).
- 931253.1** *Amyna amplificans* – A single specimen of this species was collected by Bruce Walsh in the Huachuca Mountains in southeastern Arizona. Voucher in JBWC.
- 931260.1** *Tripudia paraplesia* – A single specimen of this species was collected by Vernon Brou in Louisiana in 1994. Previously, the species was recorded only as far north as northeastern Mexico (Pogue 2009). It is distinguishable from *T. quadrifera* (Zeller) and *T. rectangula* Pogue only by genital characters. Voucher in CNC.
- 931931** *Sympistis zetterstedtii* – Reinstated as a full species, not a subspecies of *Sympistis nigrita* (Boisduval, 1840) from the Alps, following Lafontaine and Schmidt (2013).
- 931965** *Eudryas brevipennis bonneville* – New subspecies (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 931988.1** *Perigea bahamica* – The species was collected in Monroe County, Florida, in 2012 by Jim Troubridge. Voucher in CNC.
- 932006** *Condica charada* – The species name was misspelled as *chardra* in Lafontaine & Schmidt (2011).
- 932021.1** *Ogdoconta satana* – Addition (see Metzler et al. 2013).
- 932023** *Ogdoconta rufipenna* – Addition (see Metzler et al. 2013). This species had been listed in numerous lists and season summaries and was treated in Lafontaine & Schmidt (2010) as *Ogdoconta* sp. not *O. lilacina* (Druce, 1890).
- 932023.1** *Ogdoconta fergusonii* – Addition (see Metzler et al. 2013).

- 932061 *Protoschinia nuchalis* – Change in combination from Lafontaine and Schmidt (2013).
- 932368.1 *Resapamea diluvius* – Addition (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 932368.2 *Resapamea angelika* – Addition (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 932368.3 *Resapamea mammothus* – Addition (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 932455 *Hydraecia medialis* – New synonymy from Crabo et al. 2013.
- 932456 *Hydraecia obliqua* – The author's name, Harvey, should be in parentheses because the original combination was *Gortyna obliqua* Harvey. New synonymy from Crabo et al. 2013.
- 932631 *Aseptis fanatica* – The species name was misspelled as *fannatica* in Lafontaine & Schmidt (2010).
- 932693.1 *Fishia nigrescens* – Addition (see Crabo et al. 2013).
- 932711.1 *Ufeus felsensteini* – Addition (see Lafontaine and Walsh 2013).
- 933606 *Xestia perquiritata orca* – New subspecies (see Crabo et al. 2013).

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