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**FIRST RECORD OF NOCTUID MOTH *Callopietria aethiops* BUTLER, 1878 (LEPIDOPTERA: NOCTUIDAE) FROM SOUTHERN PRIMORYE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EAST ASIAN SPECIES PENETRATING IN RUSSIAN FAUNA**

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**Summary.** An East Asian-Oriental noctuid species *Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878 is recorded from Russia for the first time. The trend of invasions of the southern Macroheterocera species into the Russian Far East has existed at least during last century but is noticeably increased during last 20 years.

**Key words:** Lepidoptera, Noctuidae, fauna, new record, invasion, Primorskii Krai, Russia.

**В. В. Дубатов. Первая находка совки *Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878 (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) в Южном Приморье как пример внедрения восточноазиатских видов в фауну России // Дальневосточный энтомолог. 2021. N 429. С. 8-11.**

**Резюме.** Восточноазиатско-ориентальная совка *Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878 впервые найдена в России. Показано, что тенденция проникновения южных видов макрочешуекрылых на Дальний Восток России отмечена, по крайней мере, в течение ста лет, но наиболее ярко она выражена в последние два десятилетия.

**INTRODUCTION**

During an excursion to Vitjaz Bay (Khasan District in Primorskii Krai) in September 2020, a new for Russian fauna noctuid moth was collected among other 73 late summer and autumn Macroheterocera species. Such new records were often made after typhoons coming from more southern regions (Moltrecht, 1929; Lisetskii, 1970; Dubatolov, 1982; Efetov, 1986; Dubatolov & Yakovlev, 2013; Beljaev & Velyaev, 2016; Spitsyn & Spitsyna, 2021; etc.). It allows me to discuss the invasions of the southern species into the Russian Far East.

**NEW RECORD**

**Family Noctuidae Latreille, 1809**

**Subfamily Eriopinae Herrich-Schäffer, [1851]**

***Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878**

Fig. 1

*Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878: 200. Type locality: Yokohama [Japan].

**MATERIAL EXAMINED.** **Russia:** Primorskii Krai, Khasan District, Gamov Peninsula, Vitjaz Bay, the Vostochnyi Cottage, 42°36.95' N, 131°11.2' E, by light, 7–8.IX 2020, 1♂, leg. V.V. Dubatolov (deposited in Siberian Zoological Museum of the Institute of Systematics and Ecology of Animals, Novosibirsk).

**DISTRIBUTION.** The species occurs in Japan (Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, Tsushima, Yakushima, Amamioshima, Okinawa, Ishigakijima, Iriomotejima) (Yeda, 2011); Korea from North to Ulleungdo Is. (Lim *et al.*, 2013), China including Hong Kong (Kendrick, 2017) and Taiwan, Thailand (Kononenko & Pinratana, 2013), Nepal and India (from Kashmir and Sikkim southwards to Nilgiris) (Kononenko *et al.*, 1998; Yen & Wu, 2009). The record from Vitjaz Bay is the first in Russia.

**REMARKS.** The specimen from Russia has typical *Callopietria* wing pattern (Fig. 1), and is characterized by a darker triangular spot on the middle part of the forewing costal margin.

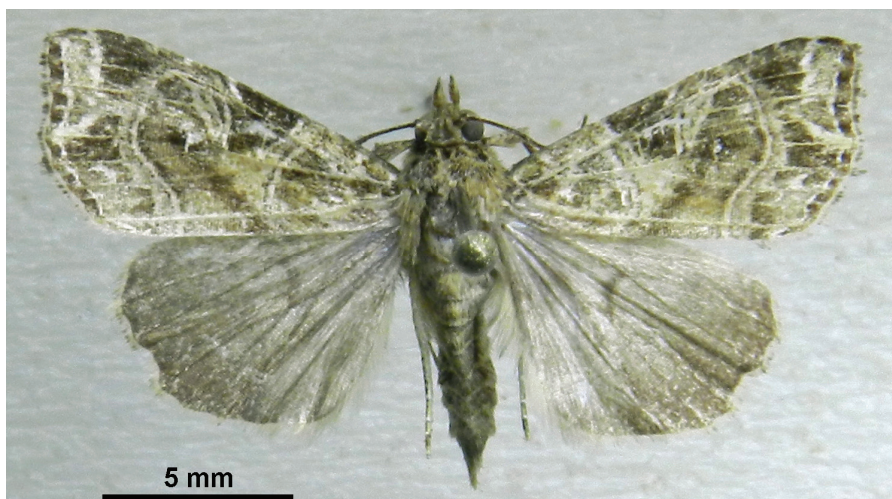


Fig. 1. *Callopietria aethiops* Butler, 1878, male from Gamov Peninsula, Russia.

**DISCUSSION**

During last 20 years, several Macroheterocera species were newly recorded from southern regions of Primorskii Krai in the Russian Far East, such as *Apocheima cinerarius* (Erschoff, 1874) (Beljaev & Ponomarenko, 2005), *Idaea triselata* (Prout, 1922), *Thinopteryx crocoptera* (Kollar, 1844) (Beljaev, 2013) from Geometridae, *Acosmeryx naga* (Moore, 1857) (Beljaev, 2003), *Acherontia styx* (Westwood, 1847) (Dubatolov & Yakovlev, 2013), *Ambulyx tobii* (Inoue, 1976) (Koshkin & Bezborodov, 2013), *Parum colligata* (Walker, 1856) (Koshkin & Kostyunin, 2017), *Psilogramma increta* (Walker, 1865) (Spityn & Spitsyna, 2021) from Sphingidae, *Rhyzoba yanagitai* Nakao, Fukuda et Hayashi, 2016 (Beljaev & Velyaev, 2016)

(Nolidae), *Artena dotata* (Fabricius, 1794) (Lisetskii, 1970), *Bertula spacoalis* (Walker, 1859) (Erebidae), *Orthosia aoyamensis* (Matsumura, 1926), *Euplexidia angusta* Yoshimoto, 1987 (Noctuidae) (Koshkin *et al.*, 2021), etc. Such new records were often (but not all!) made after typhoons coming from more southern regions. However, this is not a trend of last years only. For example, *Clanis undulosa* Moore, 1879, which is now widely distributed in Southern Primorye, was firstly observed in Russia in Furugelm Is. in 1975 by A. Velizhanin (materials deposited in Siberian Zoological Museum of the Institute of Systematics and Ecology of Animals, Novosibirsk); in 1976–1979 it occupied the whole continental territory of Khasan District in Primorkii Krai and during last 10 years reached Ussuriisk District and Khabarovsk as well (Koshkin *et al.*, 2015). Some other Oriental species were recorded from Southern Primorye in the beginning of XX century, like *Erebus macrops* (Linnaeus, 1768) from Erebidae (Moltrecht, 1929) and *Cephanodes hylas* (Linnaeus, 1771) from Sphingidae (Efetov, 1986), and in the second part of XX century, like *Macroglossum bombylans* (Boisduval, 1875) in 1957 (Tshistjakov, 1984), *Theretra oldenlandiae* (Fabricius, 1775) in 1965 (Lisetskii, 1970), *Macroglossum saga* Butler, 1878 in 1968 (Dubatolov, 1982) from Sphingidae, and some colourful noctuids, like *Metopta rectifasciata* (Ménétrières, 1863) (Kononenko, 1990), *Spirama helicina* (Hübner, [1831]), *Ischjya manlia* (Cramer, 1776), *Eudocima falonia* (Linnaeus, 1763), *Ophiusa tirhaca* (Cramer, 1777), *Serrodus campana* Guenée, 1852, *Artena dotata* (Fabricius, 1794), etc. (Kononenko, 2010). So, the trend of southern species penetrating into the Russian Far East has existed at least during last century but is noticeably increased during last 20 years.

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