

Two new species of *Neodactria* Landry (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae: Crambinae) from the United States of America

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Abstract

Two new species of *Neodactria* B. Landry, *N. daemonis* B. Landry & A. B. Klots **n. sp.**, from Arkansas and Missouri, and *N. oktibbeha* B. Landry & R. L. Brown **n. sp.**, from Mississippi are described and illustrated.

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Introduction

Surveys of Lepidoptera for the purposes of faunal documentation and habitat conservation have led to the discovery of a number of new species in the United States in recent years, e.g. Landry (1994), Metzler (1998, 2000), Metzler and Adamski (2002), Metzler and Sabourin (2002). A survey of insects in prairie remnants of the Mississippi Black Belt by RLB and his collaborators has documented several new species and provided a basis for restoring one prairie remnant (Brown 2003; Wiygul *et al.* 2003). RLB and his collaborators collected two new species of the genus *Neodactria* B. Landry; one was described as *Neodactria glenni* Landry & Klots in Landry and Metzler (2002), and the other is described below.

During a survey of Devil's Den State Park, Washington County, Arkansas, in 1966, Ronald W. Hodges and E. L. Todd, assisted by RLB, were responsible for collecting three of the four available specimens of the second new species of *Neodactria* described here. Alexander B. Klots, who died in 1989 (Wagner 1992), worked on the North American fauna of Crambinae for most of his career and found that these *Neodactria* specimens from