



The Elachistinae (Lepidoptera: Elachistidae) of Kenya with descriptions of eight new species

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Abstract

No Elachistinae have ever been recorded from Kenya. Here, we present nine taxa, including the descriptions of eight new species: *Elachista brevis* **sp. n.**, *E. kakamegensis* **sp. n.**, *E. longispina* **sp. n.**, *E. planca* **sp. n.**, *Perittia falciferella* **sp. n.**, *P. gnoma* **sp. n.**, *P. spatulata* **sp. n.**, and *P. tantilla* **sp. n.** The new species are diagnosed and illustrated with drawings and photographs of the adults and genitalia. *Elachista chelonitis* Meyrick is reported for the first time from Kenya. The genus *Cleroptila* Meyrick is considered to be a synonym of *Elachista* Treitschke (**syn. n.**) and *Gautengia* Kemal & Koçak a synonym of *Perittia* Stainton (**syn. n.**). A checklist of Afrotropical Elachistinae is presented.

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