

Synopsis of the Cochylini (Tortricidae: Tortricinae: Cochylini) of Iran, with the description of a new species

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Abstract

Eighty-two species of Cochylini are recorded from Iran. Previous studies dealing with the tribe are summarized, and new data on the distribution of the Iranian species are provided. *Aethes kandovana* sp. n. is described; three genera, viz. *Ceratoxanthis* Razowski, *Gynnidiomorpha* Turner, and *Cochylidia* Obraztsov, and the species *Phtheochroa durbonana* (Lhomme), *P. syrtana* Ragonot, *P. inopiana* (Haworth), *P. decipiens* (Walsingham), *P. kenneli* Obraztsov, *P. subfumida* (Falkovitsch), *Cochylimorpha alternana* (Stephens), *C. armeniana* (Joannis), *C. kurdistana* (Amsel), *C. langeana* (Kalchberg), *C. montana* (Razowski), *C. nodulana* (Möschler), *C. nuristana* (Razowski), *Phalonidia manniana* (Fischer von Röslerstamm), *Gynnidiomorpha permixtana* ([Denis & Schiffermüller]), *Ceratoxanthis iberica* Baixeras, *Eugnosta lathoniana* (Hübner), *Aethes conversana* (Walsingham), *A. deutschiana* (Zetterstedt), *A. eichleri* Razowski, *A. fennicana* (Toll), *A. scalana* (Zerny), *A. williana* (Brahm), *Cochylidia moguntiana* Roessler, *C. rupicola* (Curtis), *C. implicitana* (Wocke), and *Diceratura ostrinana* (Guenée) are newly reported. The previously unknown male of *Cochylimorpha fluens* (Razowski) and the previously unknown females of *C. scrophulana* Razowski and *C. montana* (Razowski) are described.

Key words: Tortricidae, Tortricinae, Cochylini, taxonomy, distributions, new species, new records, Iran

Introduction

Cochylini have been treated variously as a tribe, subfamily, or family, and the following family names have been used: Cochyliidae Guenée, Lozopheridae Stainton, Phaloniidae Meyrick, Commophilidae Hampson, and Agapetidae Obraztsov (Razowski 1970b, 1976). The tribe is undoubtedly monophyletic, supported by the following morphological autapomorphies: 1) the distal position of forewing vein CuA2; 2) the reduction or complete atrophy of CuP; 3) the forewing pattern usually consisting of two fascia parallel to the termen; and 4) the loss of gnathos in the male genitalia (Razowski 1994).

Members of Cochylini are distributed in all zoogeographical regions with the greatest diversity in the Holarctic and Neotropical regions. They are infrequent in the Oriental and Afrotropical regions and represented by only four species in the Australian region (Razowski 2002). Of approximately 800 species total (assigned to 60 genera) (Razowski 2002), 305 species assigned to 22 genera are restricted to the Palaearctic region (Razowski 1994). The genera *Aethes* (123 species), *Phtheocroa* (107 species), *Phalonidia* (90 species), *Cochylimorpha* (89 species), *Cochylis* (69 species), and *Eugnosta* (68 species) are the most widespread genera, with a total of 239 representatives in the Palaearctic region (Brown *et al.* 2005).

Although the fauna of the Palaearctic region is reasonably well known owing to the work *Microlepidoptera Palaearctica* (Razowski 1970b), some parts of the region were not completely inventoried and studied. Many of the species are widely distributed, extending as far as East Asia; however, there is a paucity of data concerning their distribution in Asia (Razowski 1970b).

Iran is a relatively vast country with a total land mass of approximately 1.5 million square km of which 31% supports variably arid environments; the remainder consists of arable land (14%), forest (8%), and natural pastures (47%) (Yale *et al.* 2001). Elevation ranges from 26 m below mean sea level to 5770 m above mean sea level (amsl). Most of the country occupies high table land ca. 1200 m amsl. Temperature ranges from -35°C during the winter in the northwest, to 50°C in the summer on the Persian Gulf shoreline. Precipitation ranges from 2000 mm southeast of the Caspian shoreline to 10 mm in the central desert, with an annual average of 250 mm (Makhdooum 2008).

Iran is located in the Palaearctic realm and is considered the centre of origin for many of the world's genetic resources (Makhdooum 1990). According to Zohary (1973, 2004) and Frey & Probst (1986), phytogeographical provinces of Iran consist of four regions (Fig. 1): Euro-Siberian (Euxino-Hyrcanian), Irano-Touranian (Irano-Anatolian Province), Sudano-Zambezian (Nubo-Sindian Province), and Saharo-Arabian region (East Saharo-Arabian Sub-region). The Irano-Touranian region is rich in endemic species. The Hyrcanian district (within the Pontic Province) is the home of relict species of the Tertiary era, and in the Saharo-Sindian region in the south, subtropical species thrive.