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Abstract

The Australian genus *Eupsenella* Westwood, 1874 is revised and 45 species are recognized, seven previously described and 38 new, namely: *Eupsenella ajabatha* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. alawa* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. alura* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. antakirinja* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. araba* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. arabana* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. baada* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. barada* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. barna* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. batjala* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. bilingara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. bugulmara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. dalla* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. djagaraga* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. eora* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. ilba* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. inawonga* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. inggarda* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. ingura* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. iwaaidja* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. jaadwa* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. jaara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. jaburara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. jadira* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. jagara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. janda* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. kabalbara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. kaibara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. karanja* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. karawa* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. kokatha* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. larrakia* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. maya* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. malgana* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. nanda* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. nangatara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. pangkala* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., *E. wanamara* Ramos & Azevedo, sp. nov., which are described and illustrated. *Eupsenella ceciliae* Terayama, 2004, *E. diemenensis* Dodd, 1916, *E. flavifemorata* Terayama, 2004, *E. insulana* Gordh & Harris, 1996, and *E. reticulata* Terayama, 2004 had their taxonomical variations and known distribution broadened. Keys to species of Australian region based on males and females are provided.

Key words: Chrysidoidea, Bethylinae; Australian region

Introduction

Eupsenella Westwood, 1874 is hitherto composed of seven species, being type species of the genus *Eupsenella agilis* Westwood, 1874. This genus is restricted to the Australian region. The most distinctive feature of *Eupsenella* is the forewing with six closed cells, being the second radial 1 (2R1), first radial 1 (1R1) and first medial (1M) cells closed (Fig. 1). *Lytopsenella* Kieffer is the only genus in Bethylidae with this condition. However in *Eupsenella* the second radial 1 cell is short, slightly higher than first radial 1, whereas in *Lytopsenella* it is elongate, reaching about 2.0 first radial 1. Other features of *Eupsenella* include the presence of notauli and parapsidal sutures, 13-segmented antenna and incipient anal vein in hind wing.

The taxonomy of *Eupsenella* has been discussed by various workers, but without study of the type material (Ashmead 1893; Dalla Torre 1898; Kieffer 1905, 1914; Lameere 1938; Polaszek & Krombein 1994), thus the same remains poorly known. Since the original description of *Eupsenella* it lasted thirty-seven years for the second species *E. proxima* to be described by Kieffer (1911). The other five species are *E. diemensis* Dodd, 1916, *E. insulana* Gordh & Harris, 1996, Terayama, 2004 *E. ceciliae* Terayama, 2004, *E. flavifemorata* Terayama, 2004, and *E. reticulata* Terayama, 2004. Most of these species are known from a small series of specimens.

Riek (1970) indicated that *Eupsenella* species attacks Lepidoptera larvae but evidence has been weak. According to Gordh & Harris (1996) the discovery of hosts of the *Eupsenella* is noteworthy consistent with the host and records of most other Bethylinae which attack moth larvae.

The main goal of the current paper is to recognize, define and describe the species of *Eupsenella*. In addition, to redefine the diagnostic characteristics of the genus as well as provide for the first time a key to species of Australian region based on both males and females.

Material and methods

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