



## The genus *Asuridia* Hampson, 1900 in Taiwan, with descriptions of two new species (Erebidae, Arctiinae, Lithosiini)

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The lithosiine genus *Asuridia* Hampson, 1900 comprises seven described species from the Oriental region (Hampson 1900; Inoue 1988; Inoue and Kishida 1992; Fang 2000; Dubatolov *et al.* 2012). Its closest relative has been proposed to be *Disasuridia* Fang, 1991, based on the presence of a medial spur and absence of large cornuti on the aedeagus (Chang 1991; Kirti *et al.* 2013; the presence of spinose patches on the manica may be diagnostic for *Asuridia*). In Taiwan, only one endemic species, *A. rubripennis* Inoue, 1988, has been reported. However, the taxonomy of *Asuridia* remains incompletely understood, and we here review the Taiwanese fauna and describe two new species from Taiwan. Terminology in this paper follows Dubatolov *et al.* (2012), and institutional acronyms are as follows: BMNH, The Natural History Museum, London; ESRI, Taiwan Endemic Species Research Institute, Jiji, Nantou; NMNS National Museum of Natural Science, Taichung; NSYSU, National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung; TFB, Taiwan Forestry Bureau, Taipei; TFRI, Insect Collection, Taiwan Forestry Research Institute, Taipei. Terminology in this paper follows Dubatolov *et al.* (2012).

### *Asuridia rubripennis* Inoue, 1988

(Figs 1–4, 11, 12, 15)

*Asuridia rubripennis*: Inoue, 1988, *Tyo to Ga* 39(2): 102, fig. 8.; Chang, 1989: 53, fig.; Inoue & Kishida, 1992: 167; Wang, 1994: 130; Fu *et al.*, 1995: 58; Wang, 1996: 229, fig.

*Asuridia carnipicta*: *sensu* Matsumura, 1931: 969, fig.

**Material examined.** Type material. Holotype, male, TAIWAN, “Taoyuan Hsien” (correctly Ilan County, not Taoyuan County), Chihtuan (= Mingchih), 23-IV-1983, leg. B. S. Chang (coll. BMNH).

Additional material. TAIWAN. 1 female, with the same collecting data as the holotype, slide NMNS1282-1266; 1 male, [Ilan County], Chihtuan (= Mingchih), 14-V-1982, leg. B. S. Chang, slide NMNS1282-1067 (coll. NMNS); 1 male, Nantou County, Beidongyenshan, 2000 m, 22-VI-2009, leg. Y. M. Chen, slide TFRI117015 (coll. TFRI); 1 male, Kaohsiung County, Tengchih, 1600 m, 10-VIII-2004, leg. M. C. Lin (coll. ESRI).

**Diagnosis.** *A. rubripennis* can easily be separated from *A. inouei* sp. nov. and *A. kishidai* sp. nov. by the more strongly curved forewing postmedial line. In the genitalia: by the presence of a sclerotized costal process; the absence of a subapical costal extension (digitus); and the ventral opening of the ostium bursae being U-shaped, rather than V-shaped as in *A. kishidai*.

**Description.** Adult (Figs 1, 3, 4). Wingspan 23–25 mm in male (n= 4); 25 mm in female (n= 1).

Head: Antenna ciliate, male with a pair of long bristles on each segment, bristles as long as the diameter of antennal shaft in median region. Head, thorax and distal part of abdomen light rosy-red, remaining part of abdomen pinkish-ochreous. Forewing ground apex pointed; outer margin smoothly excurved; ground color light rosy-red; costal margin dark grey; transversal lines prominent, dark grey, antemedial line double-peaked; medial line nearly straight, postmedial line protruded outwards near discal cell then curved inwards mostly to CuA<sub>1</sub>, finally curved outwards to tornus; submarginal striae short; marginal scales dark ochreous. Hindwing light pinkish-ochreous; medial line less prominent, wide, pale grey; marginal scales dark ochreous. Male genitalia (Figs 11, 12). Uncus strongly sclerotized, curved downward, apex tapering; tegumen long and narrow; vinculum short; saccus U-shaped with apex slightly protruded;

(Fig. 16). Ovipositor lobes membranous with short hair-like setae; apophyses elongated, length of anterior and posterior ones equal. Ostium bursae sclerotized, stout, ventral part strongly and widely incised (V-shaped); ductus bursae very short, sclerotized; corpus bursae sac-like, posterior  $\frac{1}{3}$  part covered densely with short spinules and scobination, this covering extends toward fundus bursae at left side; ductus seminalis arising from medial part of corpus bursae.

**Etymology.** Dedicated to Yasunori Kishida, an expert on Asiatic arctiine moths.

**Notes.** This species is endemic to Taiwan, and occurs in mid-elevations in broad-leaved forests in central Taiwan. It is probably univoltine, the adults are on the wing in June and July. The immature stages remain unknown.

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