

First record of the little-known species *Psychidea alba* (Lepidoptera: Psychidae) from the Northern Caucasus

Первая находка малоизвестного вида *Psychidea alba* (Lepidoptera: Psychidae) на Северном Кавказе

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Psychidea alba Solanikov, 1990, previously known only from Ukraine and Volgograd Province of Russia, has been found for the first time in the Northern Caucasus (Krasnodar and Stavropol territories).

Psychidea alba Solanikov, 1990, известный ранее только из Украины и из Волгоградской области России, впервые найден на Северном Кавказе в Краснодарском и Ставропольском краях.

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The little-known bagworm species *Psychidea alba* was described from the Belogorsk and Krasnolesje, Simferopol District, Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine (Solanikov, 1990) and subsequently recorded from this territory again (Rutjan, 1998, 2003). Later E.V. Rutjan (2004) recorded this species from Tschernavka, lake Elton, Pallasovka District, Volgograd Province of Russia and “Chomutovskaja Step” Reserve, Donetsk Province of Ukraine. In the course of our fieldwork, we collected this species in two localities in the Northern Caucasus.

Psychidea alba Solanikov, 1990

Material examined. Russia: 5 females, 14 larval cases, Krasnodar Terr., Anapa District, Maly Utrish, 7–10 May 2006, Lovtsova leg.; 1 male, 10 females, 12 larval cases, same locality, 11–12 May 2008, Lovtsova leg.; 2 males, 1 fe-

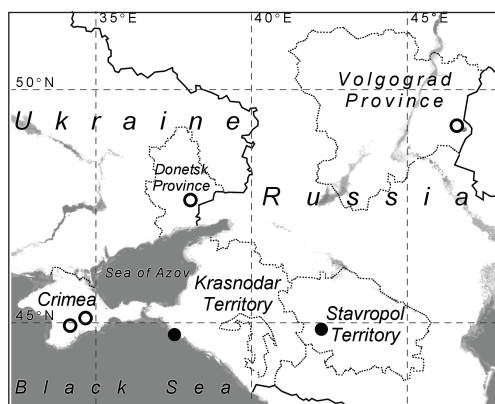


Fig. 1. Distribution of *Psychidea alba*. Previous records indicated by unfilled circles; new records, by filled circles.

male, 6 larval cases, Stavropol Terr., Shpakovsky District, Lipovchansky, 11 May 2011, Lovtsova leg. Material is deposited in the collection of the author.

All specimens were found on a steppe slopes at 100 (Maly Utrish, Krasnodar Territory) and 600 meters above sea level (Lipovchansky, Stavropol Territory). These new localities considerably enlarged the known distribution range of *P. alba* (Fig. 1) and enriched the psychid fauna of Northern Caucasus which remains insufficiently studied yet.

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