

Two new species of moths from tropical Africa (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae, Lecithoceridae)

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Lasiochira congoensis sp. n. (Oecophoridae) from Zaire and *Odites aethiopicus* sp. n. (Lecithoceridae) from Ethiopia are described.

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The two new species described below were discovered among undetermined material in the Lepidoptera collection of the Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde in Stuttgart. All type specimens are kept in this museum.

Family OECOPHORIDAE

Lasiochira congoensis sp. n.

(Figs 1-3)

Holotype. ♂, Zaire ("Congo"), Kivu, Lwiro, 9-20.I. 1967, Dr. Jilly leg., gen. prep. no. 10, Lvovsky det.

Description. Wingspan 15 mm. Head white. Antennae white from above and brown from below; basal segment with pecten. Labial palpi narrow, recurved, with white scales mixed at base with brown scales; apical segment slightly shorter than second segment. Thorax white with yellow proximal part. Forewing with variegated coloration (Fig. 1). Ground colour pale brownish with pink shade. Costal margin with distinct, white, triangular spot in the middle. Another white triangular spot near the base of wing is not so clear. In the middle of wing, near the first white spot coloration dark brown. Near outer margin and tornus (under the dark brown discal point) coloration pale yellow. Cilia pale brownish. Hindwing light grey.

Male genitalia (Figs 2, 3). Uncus and gnathos narrowed to apex. Gnathos boat-shaped, with narrow and sharp, dark brown, sclerotized apical part. Apical part of valva wider than its rest part, with characteristic brush of setae. Upper part of inner side of valva membranous, with narrow sclerotized edge. Aedeagus thick, without cornuti.

Comparison. Before this description, the genus *Lasiochira* Meyr. comprised 2 species from China (Clarke, 1963). The new species is close to *L. camaropa* Meyr., but differs in the presence of a white triangular spot near the base of the wing and blunt apex of the aedeagus.

Family LECITHOCERIDAE

Odites aethiopicus sp. n.

(Figs 4, 5)

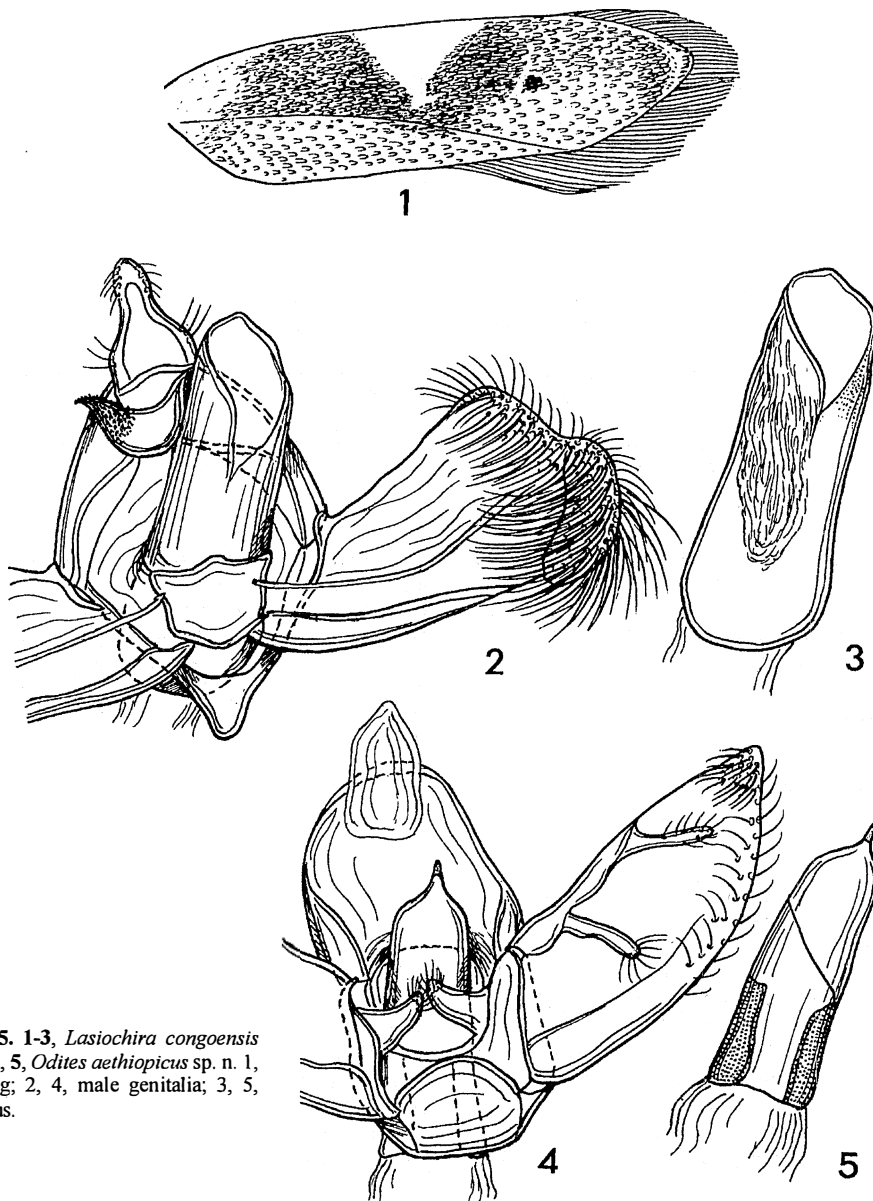
Holotype. ♂, Ethiopia, Kaffa, Gembi, 1550 m, XI.1957, F. Schäuffele leg., gen. prep. no. 11, Lvovsky det.

Paratypes. 2 ♂, same data as holotype.

Description. Wingspan 15-16 mm. Head and thorax pale yellow. Antennae pale yellow or pale grey, without pecten. Labial palpi recurved; second and apical segments subequal in length; apical segment pale yellow; second segment pale yellow in distal part and brown in proximal part. Forewing pale yellow or yellow with 2 distinct dark brown points: the discal one and another in the middle of the cell. Cilia pale yellow. Hindwing white.

Male genitalia (Figs 4, 5) very close to those of *O. notocapna* Meyr. Uncus and gnathos absent. Valva with 2 processes from upper edge. Aedeagus without cornuti, with small pointed process at apex and 2 short brown stripes at base.

Comparison. The new species belongs to the subgenus *Oditoides* Lvovsky (Lvovsky, 1996) and is close to *O. notocapna* Meyr., but differs in the absence of dark points along the outer margin of the forewing and of additional dark brown point at the base of the wing. The male



Figs 1-5. 1-3, *Lasiochira congoensis* sp. n.; 4, 5, *Odites aethiopicus* sp. n. 1, forewing; 2, 4, male genitalia; 3, 5, aedeagus.

genitalia differ in the process in the middle of the upper edge of valva, which is not strongly bent, in contrast to *O. notocapna*.

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