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Abstract: Two new species of the genus Scoliacma Meyrick, 1886 are described from Papua, Indonesia: Scoliacma suzannae spec. novo. and S. adriani spec. novo. The recently new described species Scoliacma flava De Vos & Van Mastrigt, 2007 syn. novo. is synonymized with S. heringi Gaede, 1925. Of all new taxa male and female adults, genitalia and a distribution map are depicted. The lectotype (now designated from syntypes) of Scoliacma heringi and the holotype of S. flava syn. novo. are figured.

Introduction

The genus Scoliacma Meyrick, 1886 as presently known, with to date 24 Indo-Australian species, probably is not a homogenous group of species. This is indicated by the great variety of genital structures in several species and the maybe even more varied wing shapes in the males. The type species of the genus is Lithosia bicolora Boisduval, 1832 (Watson et al., 1980), resident in Australia, which has quite normal shaped wings in the males. It is clear that a thorough revision of Scoliacma is needed. Most species which are presently included in the genus are distributed in the Australian region. When all species have been more thoroughly studied by genitalia and other characters, a revision of the genus can be made which probably will lead to a replacement of many species into several other already known and new genera.

Nevertheless two new species will be designated to this unrevised genus since it seems to be the best position for the time being. They fit together with some other already known species with the same features in genitalia and wing shape, like Scoliacma brunnea
Druce, 1899, S. fuscofasciata (Rothschild, 1913) and S. hampsoni Bethune-Baker, 1904. In a recent overview of new Lithosiinae from Papua, Indonesia (De Vos & Van Mastrigt, 2007), a conspicuous species of Scoliaca was described as new to science, S. flavo. However, the authors overlooked that this species was already described earlier by Gaede (1925) as S. heringi. The lectotype of S. heringi is in the Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt Universität in Berlin (ZMHB) and the holotype of S. flavo syn. nov. is in the Zoologisch Museum in Amsterdam (ZMAN).

**Abbreviations used in this paper**

CMWM - Museum Witt, München (Munich), Germany (assigned to ZSMC in the future)

Fwl - Forewing length

KSP - Koleksi Serangga Papua (private collection of Henk van Mastrigt, Jayapura, Papua, Indonesia)

MZH - Museum Zooloogicum Bogoriense, Cibinong, Java, Indonesia

ZMN - Zoologische Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**Scoliaca suzannae spec. nov.**

**holotype:** ; Indonesia, Papua, Kecamatan Nipsan, Walmak, 1710 m, 4°07'5" - 138°38'E, 31.i - 16.ii.2005, at light; disturbed montane forest, UNCCEN-ZMA Expedition, Papua Indonesia 2005, [ZMAN].

**paratypes:** 3 ; same as holotype, [ZMAN]; 1 ; Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Cyclop Mountains, Sentani, 300 m, 12.x.1993, A.J. de Boer, A.L.M. Rutten & R. de Vos, [ZMAN]; 1 (KSP24011), Indonesia, Papua, Kab. Jayapura, Taja Rifi 200 m, 2-3.i.2000, Henk van Mastrigt, [KSP]; 1 (KSP24010), Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Kab. Jayapura, Taja SP1, 21.vi.1997, Henk van Mastrigt, [KSP]; 1 (KSP24012), Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Kab. Kerom, Ubrub, 3°40' - 140°52'E, 300 m, 24-30.xi.2003, Henk van Mastrigt, [KSP]; 1 , 17 , Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Kab. Pegunungan Bintang, Borome, 900 m, 17-24.xi.1996, Henk van Mastrigt & Edy Rosaryanto, [KSP]; 8 , 12 , Indonesia, Papua, Kab. Pegunungan Bintang, Borome, 900 m, 26-31.xii.2006, Henk van Mastrigt, Evie Warikar & Ika Ramandey, [KSP]; 1 (KSP42053), Indonesia, Papua, Sarmi, Kwebera, Hortic Camp 250 m, 2°34.15'S - 138°39.10'E, 25.xii - 4.xi.2005, CI-RAP, [KSP]; 1 (KSP42054), Sarmi, Kwebera 70 m, 2°38.63'S - 138°24.54'E, 15-23.xi.2005, CI-RAP, [KSP]; 3 , 4 , Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Taja, 90 km SW Sentani, 400 m, 7.xii.1997, K. Cerny, [CMWM].

**Diagnosis:** Differs from the similar species adriani spec. nov. by the pale yellow dorsum in the forewing in both sexes and the transverse band in the female which runs obliquely inwards from dorsum to costa, while in adriani it runs obliquely outwards. In male genitalia the uncus longer and slender than in adriani. Valve narrower at the apex, right clasper broader and with short and thick thorn (in adriani longer with sharp thorn). Aedeagus with thorn-like cornutum much smaller than in adriani, postulated cornutum shorter and curved, distal third curved down. Female genitalia with cervix bursae large, stretched and with almost smooth surface (surpressed and with wrinkled surface in adriani). Signum consisting of numerous tiny chitinous drops (in adriani signum smaller with distinctly less and coarse chitinous drops).

**External characters male:** Fwl. 12.5 mm, Head, with short palpae, pale yellow. Antennae filiform with scarce and short cilia, yellow with dark suffusion distally. Patagia yellow, tegulae yellow with purple-brown centre, thorax grey to purple-brown. Ventral side of thorax and abdomen pale yellow, legs dorso-lateral yellow, ventrally pale grey. Abdomen dorsally dark greyish brown with pale yellow hairs, laterally yellow. Forewing stretched triangular shaped with rather oblique termen. Basal half of forewing yellow, outer half greyish brown, both parts bordered by a purple-brown "Z"-shaped transverse band. Dorsum in basal half pale yellow, costa narrow purple-brown. Underside of forewing same pattern but much paler, almost fainted. Hindwing broad with the apex pronounced. Entire hindwing pale yellow coloured at both sides.

**External characters female:** Fwl. 11.0 - 13.7 mm. In general the same as in male but with the following differences. Antennae without cilia, dark purple. Forewing normal shaped, twice as long than broad. Pattern similar as in male, but with purple-brown transverse band not "Z"-shaped but running slightly oblique from dorsum to costa inwards. Costa broadly purple-brown. Hindwing normal shaped, without pronounced apex.

**Male genitalia:** Uncus finger-shaped, long and slender. Top of tegumen with long hairs. Cucullus of valve broad and gradually narrowing to a round apex, at right valve with a slightly hooked apex. Left clasper curved inwards with a sharp apex. Right clasper shorter, only curved inwards at the distal part, with a short and thick thorn at apex. Saccus large, broad and forked with two blunt "legs". Aedeagus long and slender, distal third of aedeagus flattened and slightly curved down. Vesica with two cornuti: one sharp slender thorn, and one short and curved postulated cornutum.

**Female genitalia:** Genital plate with a small "U"-shaped incision. Ductus bursae unscerotized, the last two-third forming the stretched and swollen cervix bursae with almost smooth surface. Ductus seminalis originating at top of cervix bursae, near bursa copulatrix at left side with a lobe. Bursa copulatrix with one small oval-shaped signum, consisting of numerous tiny chitinous drops.
Distribution: The species seems restricted to the eastern part of Papua Indonesia in mountainous areas. It is not yet known from Papua New Guinea, but it is to be expected that it occurs in the PNG western mountainous provinces too.

Etymology: The species is named in honour of my dear mother, Suzanna Janse.

**Scoliacma adriani** spec. nov.

**holotype:** ♂, Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Wandammen Peninsula, Tandia, 2°52'5" - 134°32'E, 21.i.1996, at light, cultivated area, ZMA-exp. 1996, [ZMAN].

**paratypes:** 1 ♂, 1 ♀, same as holotype, [ZMAN]; 1 ♀, Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Nabire, KSP24009, 21.vi.1975, Henk van Mastrigt, [KSP]; 3 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀, Indonesia, Irian Jaya, Nabire, 12 km E Samabusa, Lagari, 50 m, 6-8.xii.1993, R. Brechlin & K. Cerny, [CMWM].

**Diagnosis:** This species has a dark dorsum in the pale basal field in which it differs from the similar *S. suzannae* which has the dorsum pale yellow. The female has the transverse band running obliquely outward from dorsum to costa. Male genital with uncus shorter and thicker than in *suzannae*. Valvae broader at apex, right clasper longer and straighter than in *suzannae*, with longer and slender thorn. Aedeagus with cornutii longer than in *suzannae* (pustulated cornutum straight), and distal quarter of aedeagus curved upwards.

**External characters male:** Fwl. 10.0 - 11.3 mm. Head, with short palpae, yellow. Antennae filiform with scarce and short cilia, yellow with dark suffusion distally. Patagia yellow, tegulae yellow with extended purple-brown centre compared to *suzannae*, thorax purple-brown. Ventral side of thorax and abdomen yellow with some greyish suffusion, legs pale grey. Abdomen dorsally dark greyish brown with grey hairs, laterally yellow. Forewing stretched triangular shaped with less oblique termen compared with *suzannae*. Basal half of forewing pale yellow, outer half greyish brown, both parts bordered by a purple-brown "Z"-shaped transverse band. Dorsum in basal half purple-brown, costa sometimes narrow purple-brown. Underside of forewing same pattern but much paler. Hindwing broad with the apex even more pronounced than in *suzannae*. Entire hindwing pale yellow coloured at both sides.

**External characters female:** Fwl. 12.2 mm. In general the same as in male but with the following differences. Antennae without cilia, dark purple. Forewing normal shaped, twice as long than broad. Pattern similar as in male, but with purple-brown transverse band not "Z"-shaped but running oblique from dorsum to costa outwards. Costa and dorsum broadly purple-brown in the basal half. Hindwing normal shaped, without pronounced apex.


Fig. 15. Distribution map of the three species, dots: Scoliacma adriani spec. nov.; stars: S. suzannae spec. nov.; squares: S. heringi Gaede, 1925.

Male genitalia: Uncus finger-shaped, shorter and thicker than in suzannae. Top of tegumen with long hairs. Cucullus of valve broad, at apex broad, at right valve somewhat narrower. Left clasper curved inwards with a sharp apex. Right clasper about as long as left one, only curved inwards at the distal part, with a long thorn at apex (compared with suzannae). Saccus large, broad and forked with two blunt "legs". Aedeagus long and slender, distal quarter of aedeagus flattened and slightly curved upwards. Vesica with two cornuti: one long and sharp slender thorn (longer than in suzannae), and one long and straight pustulated cornutum (in suzannae short and curved).

Female genitalia: Genital plate with a small "U"-shaped incision. Ductus bursae unscerotized, the cervix bursae broadly swollen and wrinkled, almost as large as bursa copulatrix. Ductus seminalis originating at top right of cervix bursae. Bursa copulatrix with one small oval-shaped signum, consisting of coarse chitinous drops, distinctly less than in suzannae.

Distribution: The species is known from the Wandammen Peninsula and the Nabire region, probably in lowland or moderately elevated areas.

Etymology: The species is named in honour of my dear father, Adrianus de Vos, who recently deceased and who in fact initiated my career at young age by collecting Lepidoptera.

Scoliacma heringi Gaede, 1925

Scoliacma adriani spec. nov.; stars: S. suzannae spec. nov.; squares: S. heringi Gaede, 1925.

Lectotype heringi (hereby designated from syntypes): "Type" [red label]; "D.N.Guinea 1913, Hunsteinspitze Ill.13, Kais.Augusta Exp., Bürgers S.G." [ZMHB].

Paratypes heringi (hereby designated from syntypes): 1♀, "D.N.Guinea 1913, Hunsteinspitze Ill.13, Kais.Augusta Exp., Bürgers S.G." [ZMHB]. [note: Although the female paratype bears no original type label, it can be considered as being syntype because Gaede (1925) mentioned this specimen in his type series in the original description]

Holotype flava: "Indonesia, Papua, Kecamatan Nipsan, Walmak, 1710 m, 4°07'S - 139°38'E, 31.i-9.ii.2005, at light; cultivated area, UNCECN-ZMA Expedition, Papua, Indonesia 2005" [ZMAN].

Paratypes flava: 2♂♂, 11♀♀; 2♂♂, 7♀♀; same data as holotype, (1♂, 6♀♀) [ZMAN], (1♂, 1♀) [KSP], (1♂, 1♀) [MZB]; 1♂, "Indonesia, Papua, Kecamatan Abenaho, Pass Valley, 1550 m, 3°51'S - 139°05'E, 11-17.ii.2005, at light; disturbed montane forest, UNCECN-ZMA Expedition, Papua Indonesia 2005" [ZMAN]; 3♂♂, "Indonesia, Papua, Kecamatan Oksibil, Mabilabol, 1340 m, 4°54'S - 140°37'E, 21-25.ii.2005, at light; disturbed montane forest, UNCECN-ZMA Expedition, Papua Indonesia2005" [ZMAN].

Distribution: The species seems to be restricted to the mountainous central part of New Guinea. Its distribution area reaches from the Jayawijaya Mountains in Papua Indonesia to the higher elevations of the Sepik River area (Hunsteinspitze) in Papua New Guinea.

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