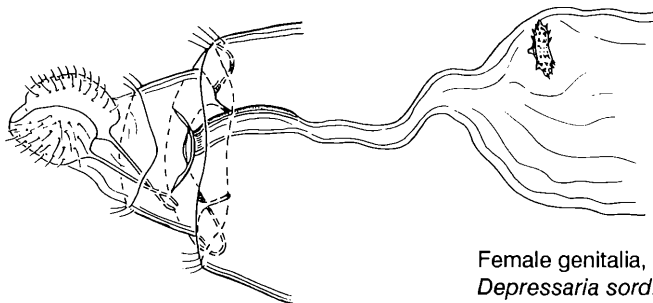


This species was described (TENGRÖM, 1848) one year ahead of *D. weirella* STANTON, 1849. The specimen was examined many years ago by the finnish entomologist KANERVA, who determined it as *Depressaria weirella* STT. Examination of the genitalia of this moth confirmed KANERVA's result. Unfortunately the specimen is a female, which has not very good differences to *Depressaria pulcherrimella* STT. and *D. douglasella* STT. But the forewing of *D. sordidatella* TENGR. is brown, without small black strokes, which are typical for *D. pulcherrimella* and *D. douglasella*. The apophyses posteriores in the female genitalia of *D. sordidatella* are shorter than those of *D. pulcherrimella* and *D. douglasella* (fig. 2). Finally, *D. douglasella* is absent from Finland, *D. pulcherrimella* is scarce, but *D. weirella* is very common.



Female genitalia, holotype ♀,
Depressaria sordidatella
TENGRÖM, 1848

The right forewing of the type has a length of 8 mm, a brown colour with vague dark strokes in the external field and one dark stroke in the middle of the cell. The left forewing is absent. The hindwings are of a light, slightly greyish colour. Head and thorax are of the same colour. The specimen bears the following 7 labels: 1) "*Depr. sordidatella* TENGR."; 2) Mus. Zool. H:fors, Spec. typ. N 7141, *Depressaria sordidatella* TENGR."; 3) Mus. fenn.; 4) 103; 5) Åbo, Caloander; 6) *D. weirella* STT., N. KANERVA det.; 7) Prep. no. 569/1978, J. JALAVA.

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