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On the second known specimen of *Rachesa adusta* (ROTHSCHILD, 1907) from Ecuador

(Lepidoptera, Saturniidae, Ceratocampinae)

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Summary: The second known specimen of *Rachesa adusta* is reported from Ecuador, Napo. The holotype, preserved in the Natural History Museum, London, was recently figured by LEMAIRE (1988) and D'ABRERA (1995). With this new record the Saturniid fauna of Ecuador counts for 274 species.

The genus *Rachesa* MICHENER, 1949 consists of four species distributed from western Colombia to Bolivia (LEMAIRE, 1988).

Rachesa adusta was described by ROTHSCCHILD (1907) on a single male from Peru, Carabaya, Santo Domingo, 6000 ft., July 1902, G. R. OCKENDEN leg., in The Natural History Museum, London, recently figured by LEMAIRE (1988) and D'ABRERA (1995).

In this notes, the second known specimen of this species is reported: a single male collected in Ecuador, Napo, Cordillera de Galera, Loreto road km. 21–24, 1200 m, III.1997 in coll. LUIGI RACHELI. In the same locality this species coexists with the similar *Syssphinx bidens* (ROTHSCCHILD, 1907).

Three of the four species of this genus were just recorded from Ecuador (see LEMAIRE, 1988; LEMAIRE & VENEDICTOFF, 1989), with this new record all the species of *Rachesa* are distributed in this country and especially in the Napo region between 1200–2250 m.

At present, the number of Saturniidae recorded for Ecuador is 274 (see also LEMAIRE & VENEDICTOFF, 1989; LEMAIRE & TERRAL, 1994; RACHELI, 1995; RACHELI & RACHELI, in press).

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