A distributive list, biotope preferences and flihgt periods of butterflies of North Tian Shan

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Abstract: The list of butterflies of North Tian-Shan contains 212 species. In this paper for every species are listed: geographic and vertical distribution in North Tian-Shan, biotope preferences, flight period; geographic maps for every species are figured. The genitalic differences between *Colias grieshuberi* KORB, 2004, *C. ionovi* KORB, 2005 and close species are shown.

Резюме: Приводится список булавоусых чешуекрылых Северного Тянь-Шаня (212 видов) с детализированными сведениями о распространении, биотопической приуроченности, сроках лёта и вертикальном профиле для каждого вида и подвида. приводятся карты распространения каждого вида. Указаны генитальные отличия *Colias grieshuberi* Korb, 2004 и *C. ionovi* Korb, 2005 от близких видов.

Introduction: The North Tian Shan is a part of the huge Tian Shanian mountain division, located in China, Kazakhstan, Kyrghyzstan and Uzbekistan. This part of Tian Shan includes five mountain ridges of the latitudinal direction: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (Киргизский, Заилийский Алатау, Кетмень, Кунгей Ала-Too, Терскей Ала-Too respectively). The Turk word "ala-too" or "alatau" means "high mountains", ridges which have snowy peaks. All the mountain ridges of North Tian Shan have mountains higher than 4000 m. Two of them (Kyrghyz Mts. and Transili Alatau Mts.) are the northern mountain ridges of Central Asia, located in the border between deserts and mountains.

The North Tian Shanian mountains have the following vertical zones: deserts, semi-deserts, semi-steppes (or stepped deserts), steppes, forests, subalpine meadows, alpine meadows, subnival and nival areas. This phenomenon was called by P. P. SEMENOV-TIAN-SHANSKY (1948) as "vertical zonation". It is very interesting that the vertical zonation maximally developed in the mountain ridges sided to west, south-west or north. In the internal parts of mountain ridges this zonation transforms: it can have mosaic view; in the high internal plateaus the low-located vertical zones are absent.

Plains bordering the North Tian Shan are occupied by deserts, which transforms in the south to the sagebrush-ephemeral and ephemeral semideserts. On the plains and low foothills the desert replaced by semi-deserts or desert-steppes, mainly the boreal type. Some botanists called semideserts (desert-steppes) of this type with the dominance of ephemeral plants and ephemeroids as the lowgrass semisavannas (GVOZDETSKY & MIKHAILOV, 1970) (figs. 1, 6).

In the area of foothill semi-desert in vegetation dominated sagebrush-bunch-grass community. The upper limit of this vertical area is 900-1200 m. This zone is inhabited by desert and steppe fauna.

The next vertical zone is steppe zone, in its lower area extended dry steppes. In the vegetation of this zone in the ridges Transili Alatau, Kungei Ala-Too, Kyrgyz and Ketmen dominated feather grass and fescue with wormwood (especially on gravelly soils), and in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. dominated large perennials of the ephemeroid type (semisavannas). Steppe belt is actively used for grazing (figs. 2, 3, 5, 8).

From the altitudes of 1200-2000 m (sometimes a little higher) begins the next zone - the forest-meadow. Here are midlands, in places quite steep and narrow erosion gorges. Deciduous forests in the North Tien Shan do not form a full belt, situated by separate massives. In the forest-meadows of North Tian Shan are growing wild apples, apricots, in the forests are growing aspen, hawthorn, apple, willow, honeysuckle, etc. Unfortunately, the area of the forests is constantly and very rapidly declining due to human activity (figs. 4, 7).

In the upper part of forest-meadow zone (1700 m and above) conifer forests of the Tian Shan spruce are growing (fig. 11). First appearance of the forests is mainly in the depth of valleys and slopes of northern exposition. The slopes of southern exposition in the lower part of this belt are covered with steppe vegetation and shrubs (fig. 14). Above, however, spruce is chosen also the southern slopes, and, finally, there are only on the southern slopes, while the northern slopes of spruce forests have replaced subalpine meadows. This picture can be seen in the valleys Shamshy, Chon-Kuurchak (partly replaced by handmade pine massives), Ala-Archa, Alamedin, Kegety in Kirghiz Mts.; Talgar, Almaarasan in Transili Alatau Mts.; Grigorievskoe, Semenovskoe and other valleys in the Kungei Ala-Too Mts.; Dzgety-Oguz, Barskoon and others valleys in the Terskey Ala-Too Mts.; Narynkol river valley in Ketmen Mts.

North Tian Shan has huge lakes and its valleys: Issyk-Kul and Orto-Tokoi (figs. 12, 13). Big importancy also have river valleys (figs. 15, 16), where located mesophylic landscapes which gives possibility for atypical migrations of butterflies between vertical zones. The next vertical zone are high mountainous meadows and steppes with archa (begins at 2600-2800 m). There are three vertical belts: subalpine, alpine and subnival (figs. 9, 10).

The transition from forest meadow zone to subalpine meadows and meadows and steppes is very fuzzy. Subalpine meadows begin in the upper part of spruce forests zone. Spruce forests of the Northern Tian Shan refers primarily to the subalpine zone, but later start to determine forest-meadow zone with spruce forests, which are regarded as the upper floor of the forest-meadow zone (LE-BEDEVA, 1984).

Subalpine meadows of the Northern Tian Shan mountains are high grass, and their species composition is rich and varied. In addition to cereals in their weight variegated, beautiful flowering forbs (*Geranium saxatile, G. albiflorum, Ranunculus grandifolius,* anemones, bloodroots, etc.) (fig. 17). These meadows provide excellent summer pasture - jailoo. Among the grasslands are frequent bush creeping archa (*Juniperus turkestanica*), which comes in the alpine zone. Unfortunately, overgrazing leads to a strong degradation of the alpine and subalpine meadows.

The alpine zone, which also serves as good pastures, starts from 2900-3000 m and climbs to approximately 3400-3800 m. The vegetation is a mosaic (RUBTSOV, 1955). Depending on the humidity the vegetation has differences. In more humid areas is the sedgegrass vegetation mixed with variegated grasses (*Ranunculus alberti, Rrimula algida, Gentiana falcata, G. aurea*, anemones, poppies, etc.); the heathland vegetation covered of kobrezy (*Sobresia capilliformis*, etc.) mixed with variegated alpine forbs; arid places have steppe vegetation of *Festuca kryloviana*, sedges and alpine herbs. In areas of high soil humidity in the springs, mountain streams and rivers are developing wetland meadows (figs. 18-20).

Low-growing alpine vegetation presented up to the eternal snows. The top belt, intermediate between the nival and subnival zones, contains very fragmented vegetation, allocated as subnival (STANYUKOVICH, 1973). There are only a small turf areas or even individual alpine plants, nestled among the rocks and in cracks of rocks. (figs. 21-23)

The top landscape zone - nival (starts from 3600 - 3800 m) with eternal snow, glaciers, rocks and debris on steep slopes (fig. 23). Its lower limit coincides with the snow line. On stones and rocks settled algae and lithophile lichens. Prepared on these processes in the crevices of rocks settled higher alpine plants with the upper limit of distribution in approximately 4000 m.

Materials and methods

List of collecting localities (see map in fig. 24; local names given in English transcription and in Kyrillic symbols respectively) **Kyrghyz Mts**.:

- 1. Boomskoye valley: Krasny Kanyon (Боомское ущелье: Красный каньон), 42°35′54.12"N, 75°47′ 06.49"E, 1700-2100 m.
 - Boomskoe valley: Road Kok-Moynok Kochkor (Боомское ущелье: дорога между Кок-Мойноком и Кочкором), 42°27'23.24"N, 75°50'45.63"E, 1700-2500 m.
- 3. Jyl-Aryk environs (кишлак Жыл-Арык), 42°44′35.37"N, 75°48′53.24"E, 1240-1500 m.
- 4. Kysyl-Suu valley near Kysyl-Suu settlement (долина реки Кызыл-Суу). 42°40'28.57"N, 75°28'21.42"E, 1300-1800 m.
- 5. Kegeti valley near Kegeti settlement (ущелье Кегети), 42°39'22.58"N, 75° 9'26.97"E, 1360-2500 m.
- 6. Shamshy valley near Kalinovka (ущелье Шамши), 42°35'7.54"N, 75°25'3.08"E, 1600-2600 m.
- 7. Tokmok vicinities (окрестности города Токмок), 42°48°16.48"N, 75°16°36.63"E, 800-900 m.
- 8. Issyk-Ata valley near Toguz-Bulak settlement (ущелье Иссык-Ата), 42°36'23.84"N, 74°54'35.56"E, 1775-3200 m.
- 9. 11 km SE of Bishkek, Besh-Kungey village (кишлак Беш-Кунгей), 42°46'13.23"N, 74°39'11.60"E, 1000-1300 m.
- 10. 14 km S of Bishkek, Baytik village (кишлак Байтик), 42°44'6.87"N, 74°33'6.22"E, 1150-1550 m.
- 11. Ala-Archa Nature Reserve near Bishkek (национальный парк «Ала-Арча»), 42°38'48.88"N, 74°29'34.33"E, 1500-3400 m.
- 12. Kara-Balta valley near Sosnovka (ущелье Кара-Балта), 42°38'11.72"N, 73°52'16.08"E, 1550-1800 m, and Tee-Ashuu Pass on the road Bishkek Osh [перевал Тёё-Ашуу (=Тюз-Ашу)], 42°19'55.17"N, 73°48'56.17"E, 3200-3800 m.
- 13. Aspara (Аспара), 42°29'57.51"N, 73°27'42.36"E, 2800-3400 m.
- 14. Aral vicinities (окрестности поселка Арал), 42°32′2.60"N, 72°40′7.42"E, 1600-2800 m.
- 15. Talas vicinities (окрестности города Талас), 42°35'47.51"N, 72°19'39.94"E, 1800-3000 m.
- 16. Pokrovka vicinities (деревня Покровка), 42°46'39.03"N, 71°37'24.19"E, 800-1500 m.

Kungey Ala-Too Mts.:

- 17. Chong-Kemin environs (кишлак Чон-Кемин), 42°41'56.79"N, 76° 0'53.00"E, 1400-2000 m.
- 18. Kaindy environs (кишлак Каинды), 42°44′6.75″N, 76° 9′47.92″E, 1800-2500 m.
- 19. Boom valley: Kok-Moynok environs (Боомское ущелье: айыл Кок-Мойнок), 42°28'20.96" N, 75°52'46.71" Е, 1550-2000 т.
- 20. Balykchy environs [окрестности города Балыкчи (=Рыбачье)], 42°28'39.18"N, 76°11'6.99"E, 1700-2100 m.
- 21. Valley N of Toruaygyr (ущелье к северу от поселка Торуайгыр), 42°38'5.54"N, 76°23'55.50"E, 2000-2800 m.
- 22. Kok-Ayryk Pass (Ishkebulak Pass) [перевал Кок-Айрык (= Ишкебулак)], 42°46′43.20"N, 76°50′28.87"E, 3500-4100 m.
- 23. Aksu Pass (Ozerny Pass) [перевал Аксу (= Озерный)], 42°50'38.71"N, 77°6'18.29"E, 3500-4250 m.
- 24. Cholpon-Ata environs (окрестности города Чолпон-Ата), 42°39'17.80"N, 77°5'15.46"E, 1640-1900 m.
- 25. Bosteri environs (окретсности поселка Бостери), 42°40'32.84"N, 42°40'32.84"E, 1700-2400 m.
- 26. Prishib location at Bosteri environs (смотровая площадка «Пришиб»), 42°40'7.78"N, 77°13'52.25"E, 1640-1800 m.
- 27. Temirovka environs (окретсности деревни Темировка), 42°42'59.44"N, 77°24'10.49"E, 1800-2800 m.
- 28. Grigorievka valley N of Grigorievka settlement (Григорьевское ущелье), 42°45'23.54"N, 77°28'41.56"E, 1800-3200 m.
- 29. Ak-Bulak environs (окрестности айыла Ак-Булак), 42°47'43.85"N, 78°16'34.88"E, 1700-2500 m.
- 30. Kurmentyu valley (ущелье Кюрментю), 42°47'4.10"N, 78°18'18.33"E, 1685-2150 m.
- 31. Toguzbulak village (кишлак Тогузбулак), 43°0'8.89"N, 78°41'58.85"E, 2100-2800 m.

Ketmen Mts.:

- 32. Kegen environs (поселок Кегень), 43°1'48.56"N, 79°15'37.93"E, 1800-2500 m.
- 33. Komirshi valley (ущелье Комирши), 43°7'13.20"N, 79°41'6.41"E, 2200-3200 m.

Transili Alatau Mts.:

- 34. Almaarasan valley (Bolshaya Almaatinka) [ущелье Алмаарасан (=Большая Алмаатинка)], 43°6'34.84"N, 76°54'56.31"E, 1400-2500 m.
- 35. Almaty vicinities. Kok-Tobe Mt. (гора Кок-Тобе), 43°13'41.81"N, 76°58'33.41"E, 900-1100 m.
- 36. Bolshoe Almaatinskoe lake environs (Большое Алмаатинское озеро), 43°3′28.78"N, 76°57′53.19"E, 2700-3600 m.
- 37. Chimbulak valley (ущелье Чимбулак), 43°8'11.01"N, 77°3'37.57"E, 1800-3200 m.
- 38. Koram vicinities (окрестности поселка Корам), 43°26'27.68"N, 78°10'10.81"E, 1200-2300 m.
- 39. Kaskelen valley (ущелье Каскелен), 43°5'30.72"N, 76°36'34.63"E, 1400-2450 m.

Terskey Ala-Too Mts.:

- 40. Orto-Tokoy settlement and reservoir vicinities (Орто-Токой), 42°20'23.25"N, 76°0'20.58"E, 1700-3000 m.
- 41. Akoleng vicinities (айыл Аколенг), 42°20'12.66"N, 76° 9'46.65"E, 1640-2000 m.
- 42. Kok-Say valley (ущелье Кок-Сай), 42° 1'27.46"N, 76°46'1.80"E, 2500-3700 m.
- 43. Turasuu valley (ущелье Турасуу), 41°58'12.54"N, 76°54'55.49"E, 2800-3300 m.
- 44. Kadzhi-Say village vicinities (окрестности айыла Каджи-Сай), 42° 8'0.81"N, 77°10'40.57"E, 1700-2500 m.
- 45. Barskoon valley near Barskoon settlement [начало ущелья Барскоон (=Барскаун)], 42° 7'27.81"N, 77°35'40.63"E, 1900-2400 m.
- 46. Dungereme valley near Barskoon valley (урочище Дюнгереме в ущелье Барскоон), 41°54′27.27′′N, 77°35′24.65′′E, 3200-3700 m.

- 47. Sary-Moynok pass in Barskoon valley (перевал Сары-Мойнок), 41°54'48.12"N, 77°38'3.36"E, 3100-3800 m.
- 48. Dzhashil-Kel lake near Kumtor (озеро Джашиль-Кёль), 41°52'39.55"N, 77°43'22.93"E, 3800-4300 m.
- 49. Kichi-Zhargylchak environs (айыл Кичи-Жаргылчак), 42°12'3.79"N, 77°42'6.20"E, 1700-1900 m.
- 50. Dzhety-Ogyz valley (ущелье Жеты-Огюз), 42°20'30.29"N, 78°13'59.55"E, 2000-3400 m.
- 51. Karakol vicinities (окрестности города Каракол), 42°26'14.82"N, 78°25'2.83"E, 1900-3500 m.
- 52. Терloklyuchenka settlement vicinities (окретсности поселка Теплоключенка), 42°27'59.87" N, 78°31'56.81" Е, 1950-3500 m.
- 53. Narynkol river valley (долина реки Нарынкол). 42°40'47.83"N, 79°59'21.60"Е. 2200-3500 m.

Collecting trips

1993: June - July (Kyrghyz Mts.)

1995: July - August (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.)

1996: June (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.)

1997: June (Kyrghyz Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

1998: June - July (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.)

1999: May (Kyrghyz Mts.)

2000: July (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.)

2001: June (Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2003: June - August (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2004: June, September (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2006: June - July (Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2007: June - July (Kyrghyz Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2008: July - August, Oktober (Kyrghyz Mts.)

2009: June - July (Kyrghyz Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.)

2010: April, June - July (Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.)

In 15 field trips totally more than 30.000 specimens were collected. Results of this expeditions are partly published (KORB, 1994, 2000, 2009). Also materials from collections of L.V. KAABAK (Moscow, Russia), Y. B. KOSAREV (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia), D. A. POZHOGIN (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia), A. EVDOKIMOV (Ozersk, Russia), Zoological Museum of the Moscow University are used. In some taxonomical cases, type material was used, preserved in Museum für Naturkunde (Berlin, Germany), Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (St.-Petersburg, Russia), Zoological Museum of the Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia) and British Museum (Natural Histiry) (London, UK).

History of studying of North Tian Shanian butterflies

The first information on Lepidoptera of the Central Asian provinces of the former Russian Empire is associated with the name of the famous Russian scientist, professor of Kazan University, EDUARD FRIEDRICH EVERSMANN (11.I.1794 - 14.IV.1860). In 1820-1821 he worked in the diplomatic mission of the Russian Empire in the Emirate of Bukhara. In Bukhara he got as a doctor of diplomatic mission, the way of this mission began in Orenburg, crossed the vast deserts of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz steppes and finally arrived in Bukhara in the middle of December 1820 (Tuzov et al., 1997). Unfortunately, during this campaign, EVERSMANN had not been able to collect entomological material. Later, under the mask of the Tatar merchant, EVERSMANN attempted to travel to India but it was unsuccessful and he was forced to return. However during this unfinished journey, EVERSMANN gathered some entomological material sent later to Germany and described by M. LIECHTENSTEIN. After his journey to Bukhara he never got back to Central Asia. More than 30 years he collected zoological material with special view on insects (HEPTNER, 1940): his collection, one of the largest ever collected, eventually contains 50.420 specimens, and was purchased after his death by the Russian Entomological Society (BREMER, 1870).

For many years PAVEL ROMANOV worked as peperator for EVERSMANN, and who often collected insects for EVERSMANN. In 1838 EVERSMANN sent PAVEL ROMANOV to an expedition in the Kyrgyz steppes - Mugodzhary hills and Guryev environs. In 1840-1844. ROMANOV collected butterflies for EVERSMANN in Altai, in the vicinity of Zaysan, on Lake Alakol and Dzhungarian Alatau mountain ridge. In 1848 ROMANOV visited the environs of the Aral Sea and also collected butterflies there. As the results of these expeditions, EVERSMANN described more than 30 new species of Rhopalocera, among them from North Tian Shan: *Muschampia cribrellum* (EVERSMANN, 1841), *Parnassius apollonius* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *P. actius* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *P. delphius* (EVERSMANN 1847), *Microzegris pyrothoe* (EVERSMANN, 1832), *Metaporia leucodice* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *Marginarge eversmanni* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *Coenonympha sunbecca* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Athamanthia athamanthis* (EVERSMANN, 1854), *Agriades pheretiades* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Polyommatus cyane* (EVERSMANN, 1837), *P. elvira* (EVERSMANN, 1854).

To the middle of the XIX century the most studied entomologically remains the European part of Russia, including Crimea, Caucasus and Urals. Less studied remains the lepidopteran fauna of Siberia and Far East, and huge areas of Central Asia remained completely unexplored, including Kopet Dagh, Tian Shan, Hissar, Alai and Pamir. The political situation in Central Asia changed in the 50-60th years of XIX century; it allowed starting entomological studies in Tian Shan. The first complex expedition organized to study the natural resources of the Central Asian region was held under the leadership of PETER SEMENOV (1827-1914), (later SEMENOV-TIAN-SHANSKY). In 1856-57 he has passed from Semipalatinsk through the area of the lake Balkhash, researched Dzhungarsky Alatau Mts, valley of River IIi and Transili Alatau Mts; he also twice visited the Issyk-Kul lake. A result of this expedition was the exploring of vertical zoning in the Tian Shan mountains, as well as the huge zoological (including collections of insects, especially beetles) and botanical materials.

The first paper which directly concerns the Rhopalocera fauna of the North Tian Shan was the fundamental work of S. ALPHERAKY (1881). ALPHERAKY (1850-1918) is a famous Russian lepidopterologist. From 1867 to 1869 he learned at the Moscow University, further education (since 1871) held in Dresden under the leadership of O. STAUDINGER learning his techniques of the lepidopterological researches.

In 1873 S. ALPHERAKY returned to Russia, where he became working on the lepidopterological researches. He has published several

papers on butterflies of European Russia and Caucasus. After that, his aspirations are increasingly distributed on the vast expanses of Central Asia. "Meet in 1878 by Colonel N. PRZHEVALSKY, I told him about my plans to visit Central Asia. He suggested to begin the study from Kulja area and kindly made me a route that was part of his route when traveling through Kulja to Lob-Nor" (ALPHERAKY, 1891: 12). January 16th, 1879 ALPHERAKY, accompanied by his friend S. SCARAMANGA, preparator A. MISHCHENKO and hunter N. KURDYUK, started his journey from St. Petersburg to Kulja. At March 4th the expedition left Kulja and headed west on the Ili valley, reaching Korgos. Later ALPHERAKY surveyed the environs of Lake Sairam-Nor and Talkinskoe gorge, and then returned to Kulja, traveled east to the gorge Sharbugchi, to river valleys Tekes and Kunges, in Sharhodzi valley, reaching finally in the last week of August the Julduz plateau. September 5th this expedition returned to Kulja and then to St. Petersburg (Tuzov et al., 1997). During this expedition ALPHERAKY for the first time managed to investigate in detail the fauna of butterflies of the most territory of East Tian Shan, as well as a small part of the North Tian Shan, which is now situated in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of China. He totally found 112 species of Rhopalocera which he described as new from North Tian Shan: Colias erschoffi Alphéraky, 1881, C. staudingeri Alphéraky, 1881, Coenonympha mahometana Alphéraky, 1881, C. mongolica Alphéraky, 1881, Erebia kalmuka Alphéraky, 1881, E. sibo Allphéraky, 1881, Hyponephele kirghisa (Alphéraky, 1881), Karanasa regeli (Al-PHÉRAKY, 1881), Chazara enervata (ALPHÉRAKY 1881), Melitaea sibina ALPHÉRAKY, 1881, M. solona ALPHÉRAKY, 1881 and some others. During the entire expedition about 12.000 butterflies and moths were collected. Materials from this expedition are kept in the collections of the Zoological Institute in St. Petersburg.

G. GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO (1860 - 1936) was not only an active collector but also posessed the materials of Rhopalocera received by the Zoological Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences from the expeditions of N. PRZEWALSKI, G. POTANIN, P. SEMENOV-TIAN-SHANSKY and other researchers from Central Asia. GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO described the huge number of species and subspecies of butterflies from the territory of the North Tian Shan, they are: *Colias cocandica maja* GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891, *Colias draconis* GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891, *Hyponephele glasunovi* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1893), *Pseudochazara turkestana* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1893), *Melitaea infernalis* GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891, *Neolycaena iliensis* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891), *Plebeius idas calmuca* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891).

Analysis of the species composition of the West Chinese fauna showed that it is "... closest to the faunas of the Altai-Sayan region, Manchuria, and the Tian Shan, the latter circumstance depends on the fact that Tian Shan fauna includes many species from Siberia. Many Siberian species colonized Tian Shan in geologically recent times, because a significant majority of them had not had time yet to isolate themselves to a variety. Apparently the resettlement of Siberian butterflies from the Altai southwards went not primarily to the West through ridges Tarbagatay and [Dzhungarian] Ala-Tau, but through East using Aji-bogdo, Eren-Nura, Nomsk Mts., Megin-Ola and Karlik-Tag" (GRUM-GRSHIMAĨLO, 1907: 467). Only newest paleoclimatological researches show us that GRUM-GRSHIMAĨLO was completely right in his decisions: modern fauna of North Tian Shan formed about 12 000 years ago, after global changing of this region's climate from humid to arid (ROMANOVSKY & SHATRAVIN, 2009).

OTTO KARL HEINRICH RICHARD STAUDINGER, 1830 - 1900, never collected in Central Asia, described there a huge number of speciesgroup taxa of Lepidoptera. "STAUDINGER was the most authoritative expert in the subject of systematics and faunistics of Lepidoptera in the second half of the XIX century" (NEKRUTENKO, 1990: 25). Butterflies in the North Tian Shan collected for STAUDINGER by the following collectors: JOSEF HABERHAUER (in 1896) and EUGEN GEORG RÜCKBEIL (in 1895).

An important person in the lepidopterological researches in the North Tian Shan was A. AVINOV (1885 - 1949). In 1908-1914 he organized 42 trans-asiatic expeditions. After receiving large treasures from his deceased uncle, he received from agent-collectors of butterflies (students of the University of St. Petersburg) invaluable materials from Caucasus, Armenia, Persia, Hindu Kush, Tian Shan, Bhutan, Sikkim. His expeditions collected more than 80.000 specimens of butterflies. Special attention AVINOV paid, after GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO, on zoogeography. His important work was a little-known article on the zoogeographical division of mountains of British India, in which he gave a definition of faunistic region: "... zoogeographical region, subregion, or province is not precisely delineated area, strictly closed area, but complex of forms of some faunistic commonness and connected in its faunistic face to the territorial base" (AVINOV, 1914: 526).

The October Revolution in 1917 limited the possibilities for research in the Central Asian region for a long time. The North Tian Shan has not been visited by any lepidopterologist approximately for 15 years. The first who collected insect material in the first half of the twentieth century in North Tian Shan was A. TSVETAYEV.

A. TSVETAYEV (1903-1980) was the chief engineer of the Moscow factory "Nature and School", producing the visual aids. His first expedition to Central Asia was in 1935, he visited the valley Shakhimardan on the Alai Range. In 1955, 1965, 1967 TSVETAYEV collected around lake Issyk-Kul, Terskey Ala-Too and Kungey Ala-Too Mts. His huge collection of butterflies, including more than 84.000 specimens, is today deposited in the Zoological Museum of Moscow State University and curated by Dr. A. V. SVIRIDOV.

V. GANSON (b. 1924), member of the Russian Entomological Society, member of the Presidium of the Moscow Society of Naturalists, President of the Section of Conservation of butterflies of Russian Entomological Society, the author of several works on Rhopalocera, owner of one of the most complete collections of butterflies of former USSR, collected butterflies in the Kyrgyz Mts., in valley Shamshi in 1983.

Dr. V. MURZIN (b. 1927), Professor of Moscow State University, member of the Russian Entomological Society, also collected butterflies in the North Tian Shan. Parts of his materials are in the collection of Y. KOSAREV, and stdudied by the author of this paper.

Another prominent expert on butterflies of the former USSR - Dr. L. KAABAK (b. 1934), devoted his leisure to study of *Parnassius*. He opened a lot of hidden information in systematics, distribution and biology of the mysterious butterflies of the Pamir mountains. In the North Tien Shan L. Kaabak collected in a part of Terskey Ala-Too: in valley Dzher-Kochku, in 1986; these materials also have been studied by the author of this paper.

An important point in the study of the butterflies of the North Tian Shan is the work of I. FILIPIEV (1889-1940) about butterflies of Transili Alatau Mts. (FILIPIEV, 1971). This work, which appeared 31 years after the death of its author, is an extract from the report of FILIPIEV in 1937, when he worked as a research associate in the Institute of Zoology of the Kazakh SSR. List of Rhopalocera of Transili Alatau, published by the editorial board of Proceedings of the Zoological Institute of the Kazakh SSR, is the first faunistic work of the North Tian Shan butterflies after reports of ALPHERAKY. FILIPIEV listed from Transili Alatau 130 species of butterflies, representing 79% of its present fauna.

The next article about the butterflies of the North Tian Shan (Transili Alatau Mts.) was published in 1980 and was written by K. SEDYKH (1926-2006). SEDYKH collecting butterflies in this mountain ridge for 4 seasons: in 1958, 1961, 1962 and 1979. During this time he captured fantastic numbers of Lepidoptera: 353.938 specimens (SEDYKH, 1980: 788). The list of SEDYKH includes 141 species, 11 species more than in FILIPIEV's paper. The reason of this fact is as follows: SEDYKH collected butterflies only in the central part of the ridge. Western and eastern parts of Transili Alatau Mts. have slightly different fauna, shown later by other authors.

Undoubtedly, one of the leading expert in Rhopalocera fauna of Transili Alatau and North Tian Shan is A. ZHDANKO. Author of numerous faunistic, zoogeographical, ecological and taxonomic works on the butterflies of Central Asia, a great photographer. ZHDANKO is working since 1988 in the Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan in Almaty. He performed more than 60 expeditions to Central Asia, more than half of them - to the North Tian Shan. The closest associate of ZHDANKO is an entomologist, a graduate of Kyrgyz State University, S. TOROPOV (b. 1952). He has devoted decades of study of the preimaginal stages in biology of the butterflies of the Central Asian region, he developed methods in breeding almost all species of Rhopalocera from this area. The main result of their work published in 2006 and 2009 (TOROPOV & ZHDANKO, 2006, 2009).

Another important work on butterflies, in which data about the fauna of the North Tian Shan can be found, is Tuzov et al. (1997, 2000). Published in two volumes, richly illustrated, this books have become a reference for all modern lepidopterologists studying Palaearctic Rhopalocera.

Some of his researches carried out in the North Tian Shan the Russian lepidopterologist V. LUKHTANOV (b. 1958). His major work on the butterflies of North-West Asia (LUKHTANOV & LUKHTANOV, 1994) contains important information about the distribution of Rhopalocera in the North Tian Shan; in addition, V. LUKHTANOV described some new taxa of butterflies distributed in the North Tian Shan.

Important information about the butterflies of the Northern Tian Shan also published in the book of Ukrainian entomologist V. TSHIKOLOVETS (b. 1962) on the butterflies of Kyrgyzstan (TSHIKOLOVETS, 2005). Richly illustrated with color photographs of more than 2500 specimens of the butterflies collected in the territory of Kyrgyzstan, the book contains information about all findings of butterflies in the kyrghyzstanian part of North Tian Shan; TSHIKOLOVETS collected in the North Tian Shan in 1986, 1990, 1992 and 1994 (TSHIKOLOVETS, 2005: 14-18).

A lot of time S. CHURKIN (b. 1964) spent in the mountains of North Tian Shan Russian collecting butterflies. Unfortunately, CHURKIN did not publish the faunistic results of his work, except for co-authorship in the second volume of fundamental work on the butterflies of Russia and adjacent territories (TUZOV et al., 2000), but he wrote numerous taxonomic works and described more than 40 species-group taxa, some of them from the North Tian Shan.

J. HANUS, a famous French entomologist, visited North Tian Shan and published the results of his expedition (HANUS et al., 1997); he also described some new taxa from this territory. A large number of entomologists in fact visited this area (mostly using S. TOROPOV's services) but normally nobody publish results of expeditions. I know only 3 papers published in the last 20 years containing data about butterflies collected in one's personal expedition (KOROLEV, KIR'YANOV, 1998, LEHMANN, 1998, 2000).

List of species

1. Erynnis tages (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 25)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-1800 m. Flight period: June. Distribution: Confirmed only from Ketmen Mts., other parts of North Tian Shan not inhabited.

2. Carcharodus alceae (Esper, [1780]) (fig. 26)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows, xerophylic mountain gorges. Elevation: 700-2000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

3. Syrichtus antonia (SPEYER, 1879) (fig. 27)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

4. Syrichtus staudingeri staudingeri (SPEYER, 1879) (fig. 28)

Biotopes: Dry meadows, stony gorges and xerophylic mountain slopes. Elevation: 700-2500 m. Flight period: Late May-July. Distribution: Only known from Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

5. Syrichtus tessellum nigricans (MABILLE, 1909) (fig. 29)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1800-2800 m. Flight period: Mid June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges. 6. *Svrichtus nobilis* (STAUDINGER, 1882) (fig. 30)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1500-2500 m. Flight period: Late June-July. Distribution: Only known from southern slope of Kyrghyz Mts. (Tee-Ashuu Pass).

7. Spilialia geron struvei PÜNGELER, 1914 (fig. 31)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows with rocks and stones. Elevation: 700-2500 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: Only known from the western part of Kyrghyz Mts.

8. Spilialia orbifer lugens (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 32)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows, semideserts, anthropogenic landscapes. Elevation: 700-3000 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

9. Pyrgus sidae (ESPER, [1782]) (fig. 33)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: Late June-late July. Distribution: Known only from central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts. and from western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

10. Pyrgus malvae anubis KORB, 2000 (fig. 34)

Biotopes: Steppes and meadows. Elevation: 900-700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges, but in western part of Kyrghyz Mts. not collected.

11. Pyrgus alpinus alpinus (ERSCHOFF, 1874) (fig. 35)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, other open places. Elevation: 2400-3800 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

12. *Thymelicus lineola lineola* (OCHSENHEIMER, [1808]) (fig. 36)

Biotopes: Grassy places. Elevation: 700-2500 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

13. Hesperia comma mixta ALPHÉRAKY, 1881 (fig. 37)

Biotopes: Open places as steppes, meadows, plateaus. Elevation: 1800-3800 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

14. Hesperia sylvanus (ESPER, [1777]) (fig. 38)

Biotopes: Steppes and meadows. Elevation: 700-2200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from central and western parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

15. Papilio machaon ladakensis MOORE, 1884 (fig. 39)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 500-4200 m. Flight period: April-November (polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

16. Iphiclides podalirius centralasiae (ROSEN, 1929) (fig. 40)

Biotopes: Forests and its environs, river valleys. Elevation: 1200-2200 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: Only known from Ketmen Mts. and central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

17. Hypermnestra helios helios (NICKERL, 1846) (fig. 41)

Biotopes: Deserts and semideserts. Elevation: 500-700 m. Flight period: Late April-May. Distribution: Northern slopes of Transili Alatau Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

18. Parnassius apollonius alpinus Staudinger, 1887 (fig. 42)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows, xerophylic mountain slopes. Elevation: 500-3000 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges, - but in central and eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. not present.

19A. Parnassius actius dubitabilis VERITY, [1911] (fig. 43)

Biotopes: Rocky places and screes on southern and eastern slopes with alpine vegetation. Elevation: 3000-4200 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

19B. Parnassius actius minutus VERITY, [1911] (fig. 43)

Biotopes: Rocky places and screes on southern and eastern slopes with alpine vegetation. Elevation: 2800-4200 m. Flight period: June-September. Distribution: Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts.

20A. Parnassius tianschanicus tianschanicus OBERTHÜR, 1879 (fig. 44)

Biotopes: Rocky places and meadows on southern and south-eastern slopes with alpine and subalpine vegetation. Elevation: 1900-3600 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

20B. Parnassius tianschanicus alexander BRYK & EISNER, 1935 (fig. 44)

Biotopes: Rocky places and meadows on southern and south-eastern slopes with alpine and subalpine vegetation. Elevation: 1700 -3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

21. Parnassius apollo transiliensis EISNER, 1966 (fig. 45)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, rocky places, river valleys. Elevation: 1400-2700 m. Flight period: June-September. Distribution: All mountains.

22. Driopa mnemosyne orientalis (Rothschild, 1918) (fig. 46)

Biotopes: Steppes and meadows. Elevation: 1300-2700 m. Flight period: Late May-July. Distribution: All mountains.

23A. Kreizbergius boedromius boedromius (PÜNGELER, 1901) (fig. 47)

Biotopes: Screes on southern slopes. Elevation: 3200-4000 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

23B. Kreizbergius boedromius martiniheringi (BRYK & EISNER, 1930) (fig. 47)

Biotopes: Screes on southern slopes. Elevation: 3100-3800 m. Flight period:June-July. Distribution: Only known from the central parts of Kungey Ala-Too Mts. and Transili Alatau Mts.

23C. Kreizbergius boedromius hohlbecki (AVINOV, 1913) (fig. 47)

Biotopes: Screes on southern and south-eastern slopes. Elevation: 3200-4200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Only known from the central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

23D. Kreizbergius boedromius prasolovi (KREUZBERG, 1986) (fig. 47)

Biotopes: Screes on southern slopes. Elevation: 3200-4200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

24A. Koramius patricius kardakoffi (BRYK & EISNER, 1930) (fig. 48)

Biotopes: Screes and rocks on northern and close slopes. Elevation: 3200-4000 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: Only known from the central parts of Kungey Ala-Too Mts. and Transili Alatau Mts.

24B. Koramius patricius lukhtanovi (Rose, 1992) (fig. 48)

Biotopes: Screes and rocks on northern and western slopes. Elevation: 3300-4200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from the eastern limit of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

24C. Koramius patricius uzyngyrus (WEISS, 1979) (fig. 48)

Biotopes: Screes on northern and western slopes. Elevation: 3100-3800 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from the central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

25. Koramius priamus (Вкук, 1914) (fig. 49)

Biotopes: Screes on western and southern slopes. Elevation: 3400-4300 m. Flight period: July-September. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

26A. Koramius delphius albulus (HONRATH, 1889) (fig. 50)

Biotopes: Screes, alpine meadows, rocks. Elevation: 3000-4200 m. Flight period: June - August. Distribution: Ketmen Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

26B. Koramius delphius namaganus (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 50)

Biotopes: Screes, alpine meadows, rocks. Elevation: 3000-3800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

27. Leptidea reali mazeli BOLSHAKOV, 2006 (fig. 51)

Biotopes: Meadows, river valleys, mesophylic slopes. Elevation: 1700-2500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

28. Leptidea descimoni MAZEL, 2004 (fig. 52)

Biotopes: Mesophylic meadows and river valleys. Elevation: 1500-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Only known from the type locality (Dzhety-Oguz valley in eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.).

29. Leptidea sinapis (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 53)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 1200-2200 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: All mountains.

30. Colias cocandica cocandica ERSCHOFF, 1874 (fig. 54)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows, high mountain plateaus, mountain gorges. Elevation: 2700-4200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Known from all mountain ridges.

31. Colias alta STAUDINGER, 1886 (fig. 55)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows and steppes. Elevation: 2500-3200 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Known only from the central part of Kyrghyz Mts. Remark. Belongs without doubts to the *C. erate*-group but easily differs from it by the σ genitalia (figs. 56, 57).

32. Colias grieshuberi KORB, 2004 (fig. 58)

Biotopes: Meadows, steppes, anthropogenic landscapes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: April-October (polyvoltine). Distribution: Ketmen Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

33. Colias erate (ESPER, [1801]) (fig. 59)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 500-4600 m. Flight period: April-October. Distribution: Known from all mountain ridges.

34. Colias ionovi Korb, 2005 (fig. 60)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2300-2700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. Remark. Sibling species of *C. chrysotheme* (ESPER, 1781), differs from it easily by the σ genital structures (figs. 61, 62).

35. Colias romanovi GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1885 (fig. 63)

Biotopes: Steppe slopes. Elevation: 1500-2700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (never collected in the central part), Transili Alatau Mts.

36A. Colias staudingeri staudingeri ALPHÉRAKY, 1881 (fig. 64)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2500-3500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Eastern border of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

36B. Colias staudingeri pamira GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO, 1890 (fig. 64)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2500-4200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., western and central parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

37. Colias thisoa urumtsiensis VERITY, 1909 (fig. 65)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows, steppes. Elevation: 2000-3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Only known from Ketmen Mts.

38. Colias erschoffi Alphéraky, 1881 (fig. 66)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1800-2700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Eastern border of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

39. Gonepteryx rhamni tianschanica NEKRUTENKO, 1970 (fig. 67)

Biotopes: River valleys and forests, mesophylic meadows. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: March-April, late June-September. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts. (central and eastern part), Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

40. Gonepteryx farinosa Zeller, 1847 (fig. 68)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 800-2000 m. Flight period: March-May, July-October. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

41. Anthocharis cardamines alexandra HEMMING, 1933 (fig. 69)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, river valleys, forests. Elevation: 1200-2700 m. Flight period: April-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

42. *Euchloe ausonia transiens* VERITY, 1908 (fig. 70)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: Apri-August (bivoltine). Distribution: Known from all mountain ridges, but rare and local.

43. Euchloe daphalis pulverata (CHRISTOPH, 1884) (fig. 71)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Only known from the central and western parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

44. Zegris fausti CHRISTOPH, 1877 (fig. 72)

Biotopes: Deserts and semideserts in foothills. Elevation: 500-900 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Only known from the central and western parts of Transili Alatau Mts. and from western part of Ketmen Mts.

45. *Microzegris pyrothoe* (EVERSMANN, 1832) (fig. 73)

Biotopes: Deserts and semideserts. Elevation: 500-1000 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Only known from the western part of Transili Alatau Mts.

46. Aporia crataegi tianschanica Rühl, [1893] (fig. 74)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, dry slopes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

47. Metaporia leucodice morosevitshae Sheljuzhko, 1907 (fig. 75)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys, only with barberries. Elevation: 1200-2700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

48. Pieris brassicae ottonis Röber, 1907 (fig. 76)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, anthropogenic landscapes. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: May-September. All mountain ridges.

49. *Pieris napi bryonides* ShelJUZHKO, 1910 (fig. 77)

Biotopes: All biotopes except alpine and subnival. Elevation: 600-3000 m. Flight period: April-September. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

50. Pieris banghaasi kirgizskana (Korb, 2001) (fig. 78)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows, rocky slopes of southern and western expositions. Elevation: 2500-3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Kyrghyz Mts. and western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

51. Pieris rapae debilis Alphéraky, 1889 (fig. 79)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, anthropogenic landscapes. Elevation: 800-3000 m. Flight period: April-September. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

52. *Pieris canidia palaearctica* STAUDINGER, 1886 (fig. 80)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, river valleys. Elevation: 1000-2900 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

53. Pieris krueperi devta (DE NICÉVILLE, 1883) (fig. 81)

Biotopes: Steppes, rocky places. Elevation: 1200-3500 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: Only known from the central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

54. Pieris ochsenheimeri (Staudinger, 1881) (fig. 82)

Biotopes: River valleys, subalpine and alpine meadows. Elevation: 2200-3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Only known from the central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

55. *Pontia chloridice* (HÜBNER, [1813]) (fig. 83)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1600-3800 m. Flight period: April-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges, sporadic.

56. Pontia daplidice daplidice (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 84)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 500-4200 m. Flight period: April-November (polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

57. Pontia callidice kalora (MOORE, 1865) (fig. 85)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows on the mountain gorges, xerophylic places. Elevation: 1200-4000 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltime). Distribution: All mountains.

58. Libythea celtis platooni KORB, 2005 (fig. 86)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys with trees of Celtis. Elevation: 800-1900 m. Flight period: May-September. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

59. Limenitis helmanni helmanni KINDERMANN, 1853 (fig. 87)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys. Elevation: 800-2000 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts.

60. Neptis rivularis ludmilla HERRICH-SCHÄFFER, 1856 (fig. 88)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys. Elevation: 800 - 2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

61. Argynnis pandora pasargades FRUHSTORFER, 1908 (fig. 89)

Biotopes: Steppes and meadows, dry slopes. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: May-September. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

62. Argynnis paphia paphia (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 90)

Biotopes: Forests, meadows, river valleys. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

63. Argynnis niobe orientalis Alphéraky, 1881 (fig. 91)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1500-3000 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

64. Argynnis adippe tianschanica Alphéraky, 1881 (fig. 92)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1600-3200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges, local.

65. Argvnnis aglaja vitatha MOORE, 1874 (fig. 93)

Biotopes: Meadows, steppes. Elevation: 1200-3600 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

66. Issoria lathonia (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 94)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 700-4200 m. Flight period: April-September (polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

67. Brenthis ino trachalus (FRUHSTORFER, 1916) (fig. 95)

Biotopes: meadows, dry stepped landscapes. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. All mountain ridges, very sporadic.

68. Brenthis hecate alaica (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 96)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, river valleys. Elevation: 1200-2600 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

69. Clossiana erubescens erubescens (Staudinger, 1901) (fig. 97)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 2200-3800 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

70. Boloria generator generator (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 98)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 2500-4200 m. Flight period: Late June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

71. *Polygonia interposita* STAUDINGER, 1881 (fig. 99)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys, dry stony slopes. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: April-Oktober (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges, very sporadic.

72. Polygonia egea undina (GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO, 1890) (fig. 100)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: April-Oktober (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges, local.

73. Nymphalis vaualbum arbustus Churkin & ZhDANKO, 2002 (fig. 101)

Biotopes: Forests, meadows. Elevation: 1000-2000 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges, but in eastern and central part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. never collected.

74. Nymphalis xanthomelas hazara WYATT & OMOTO, 1966 (fig. 102)

Biotopes: Forests, river valleys, meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: April-October (bivoltine). Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

75. Nymphalis antiopa antiopa (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 103)

Biotopes: Forests. Elevation: 1500-2700 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

76. *Aglais urticae urticae* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 104) Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 800-4200 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

77. *Inachis io io* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 105)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 800-3600 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

78. Vanessa atalanta (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 106)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, anthropogenic landscapes. Elevation: 600-1900 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltine). Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

79. Vanessa cardui (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 107)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 500-4600 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

80. *Euphydryas asiatica alexandrina* (STAUDINGER, 1887) (fig. 108)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows, steppes. Elevation: 1200-3200 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges, sporadic.

81. *Melitaea didyma turkestanica* SHELJUZHKO, 1929 (fig. 109)

Biotopes: Stepped and stony open places. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: May-September (polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

82. *Melitaea ala ala* STAUDINGER, 1881 (fig. 110)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 1500-2800 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

83. Melitaea ninae Sheljuzhko, 1935 (fig. 111)

Biotopes: Meadows and river valleys. Elevation: 1500-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Western border of Kyrghyz Mts.

84. *Melitaea lunulata merke* LUKHTANOV, 1999 (fig. 112)

Biotopes: Stony slopes with screes. Elevation: 2000-3300 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western part of Kyrghyz Mts. 85A. *Melitaea fergana ketmeana* LUKHTANOV, 1999 (fig. 113)

Biotopes: Stony slopes with screes. Elevation: 2000-3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Ketmen Mts.

85B. Melitaea fergana paradoxa CHURKIN & TUZOV, 2000 (fig. 113)

Biotopes: Stony slopes of northern and close expositions with screes. Elevation: 2000-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

85C. Melitaea fergana ssp.? (fig. 113)

Biotopes: Stony slopes of northern and close expositions with screes. Elevation: 2400-3700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

85D. Melitaea fergana terskeana LUKHTANOV, 1999 (fig. 113)

Biotopes: Stony slopes with screes. Elevation: 3000-4000 m. Flight period: Late June-July. Distribution: Central and eastern parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

86. *Melitaea athene* STAUDINGER, 1881 (fig. 114)

Biotopes: Steppes and semideserts. Elevation: 500-900 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Ketmen Mts., eastern spurs of Transili Alatau Mts.

87. Melitaea minerva minerva Staudinger, 1881 (fig. 115)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1200-3000 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

88. *Melitaea pallas mendax* Kolesnichenko & Tuzov, 2000 (fig. 116)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2800-4500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

89. Melitaea ludmilla ludmilla Churkin, Kolesnichenko & Tuzov, 2000 (fig. 117)

Biotopes: Stony alpine meadows on the southern slopes. Elevation: 3000-3500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

90. *Melitaea palamedes danieli* ACHTELIK, 1999 (fig. 118)

Biotopes: Steppes on southern and close slopes. Elevation: 2000-2600 m. Flight period: June-late July. Distribution: Central part of Transili Alatau Mts.

91. Melitaea cassandra Kolesnichenko & Churkin, 2001 (fig. 119)

Biotopes: Stony steppes. Elevation: 1700-2400 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

92. Melitaea phoebe saturata STAUDINGER, 1892 (fig. 120)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 500-2000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

93A. Melitaea sibina sibina Alphéraky, 1881 (fig. 121)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 500-2500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts., eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

93B. Melitaea sibina rama HIGGINS, 1941 (fig.121)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 500-2200 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

94. Melitaea arduinna arduinna (Esper, [1784]) (fig. 122)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1000-2000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts, Kungey Ala-Too Mts, Kyrghyz Mts. 95. *Lasiommata maera maera* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 123)

Biotopes: Meadows, steppes, rocky slopes. Elevation: 1000-2000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Kungey Ala-Too Mts, Ketmen Mts. 96. *Lasionmata menava menava* MOORE, 1865 (fig. 124)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, rocky slopes. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltine). Distribution: Western part of Kyrghyz Mts.

97. Marginarge eversmanni eversmanni (EVERSMANN, 1847) (fig. 125)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, river valleys, rocky slopes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges. 98. *Melanargia russiae russiae* (ESPER, [1786]) (fig. 126)

Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts.

99. Melanargia parce parce STAUDINGER, 1882 (fig. 127)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, rocky slopes. Elevation: 1000-2700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

100. *Triphysa phryne striatula* ELWES, 1899 (fig. 128) Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western borders of Transili Alatau Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Kyrghyz Mts.

101. Lyela myops myops (Staudinger, 1881) (fig. 129)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts, rocky foothills. Elevation: 500-1700 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (eastern limit), Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Kyrghyz Mts., Ketmen Mts.

102. Coenonympha nolckeni nolckeni Erschoff, 1874 (fig. 130)

Biotopes: Meadows, stony slopes. Elevation: 1700-3500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Central and western parts of Kyrghyz Mts.

103. Coenonympha caeca tshonkurtshakus Korb, 1999 (fig. 131)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2300-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central and western parts of Kyrghyz Mts., western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

104. *Coenonympha mahometana mahometana* ALPHÉRAKY, 1881 (fig. 132) Biotopes: Steppes and dry meadows, mostly in river valleys. Elevation: 1700-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts., eastern limit of Kyrghyz Mts.

105. *Coenonympha sunbecca alexandra* HEYNE, 1894 (fig. 133)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 1500-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

106. *Coenonympha pamphilus* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 134)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 800-2400 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

107A. Paralasa bogutena bogutena Lukhtanov & Lukhtanov, 1994 (fig. 135)

Biotopes: Rocky steppe slopes. Elevation: 1700-2600 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Eastern part of Transili Alatau Mts. 107B. *Paralasa bogutena issykkuli* LUKHTANOV, 1999 (fig. 135)

Biotopes: Rocky dry slopes. Elevation: 1700-2700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Eastern part of Kyrghyz Mts., western parts of Kungey Ala-Too Mts. and Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

107C. Paralasa bogutena ekinchi Korb, 2008 (fig. 135)

Biotopes: Rocky slopes and river valleys in forests. Elevation: 2000-2600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

108. Paralasa kusnezovi kusnezovi (AVINOV, 1910) (fig. 136)

Biotopes: Rocky slopes with steppe vegetation. Elevation: 1800-2900 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western part of Kyrghyz Mts.

109. *Proterebia afra afra* (FABRICIUS, 1787) (fig. 137)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 600-1200 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. 110A. *Erebia turanica jucunda* Püngeler, 1903 (fig. 138)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1700-3200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

110B. *Erebia turanica laeta* STAUDINGER, 1881 (fig. 138)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1500-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts.

111A. Erebia mopsos alexandra Staudinger, 1887 (fig. 139)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2200-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

111B. Erebia mopsos manuevi Churkin & Zhdanko, 2000 (fig. 139)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2300-3600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts. 111C. *Erebia mopsos melanops* CHRISTOPH, 1889 (fig. 139)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows. Elevation: 2500-4200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

112. *Erebia mongolica* ERSCHOFF, 1888 (fig. 140)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows. Elevation: 3000-4200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

113A. *Erebia radians rhea* CHURKIN & ZHDANKO, 2001 (fig. 141)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows and steppes. Elevation: 2600-3600 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Central part of Transili Alatau Mts.

113B. *Erebia radians uzyngyrus* CHURKIN & TUZOV, 2000 (fig. 141) Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows. Elevation: 2600-3700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts. (central and eastern parts).

114A. *Erebia sokolovi sokolovi* Lukhtanov, 1990 (fig. 142)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows. Elevation: 3000-3800 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

114B. *Erebia sokolovi severa* Churkin & Tuzov, 2000 (fig. 142)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows. Elevation: 3200-4000 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. 115. *Erebia kalmuka* Alphéraky, 1881 (fig. 143)

Biotopes: Alpine meadows. Elevation: 2800-4000 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

116. *Karanasa kirgizorum* AVINOFF & SWEADNER, 1951 (fig. 144) Biotopes: Subalpine and alpine steppes. Elevation: 2800-3600 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

117. *Karanasa latifasciata obscurior* AVINOFF & SWEADNER, 1951 (fig. 144) Biotopes: Subalpine and alpine steppes. Elevation: 2300-3500 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Central part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

118. Karanasa wilkinsi dublitzkyi (BANG-HAAS, 1927) (fig. 145)

Biotopes: Subalpine and alpine steppes and dry meadows. Elevation: 2800-4000 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., central and eastern parts of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

119. Karanasa regeli regeli ALPHÉRAKY, 1881 (fig. 146)

Biotopes: Stepped slopes, dry valleys. Elevation: 1300-2700 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts. (eastern parts).

120. Karanasa abramovi striata BOGDANOV, 2001 (fig. 146)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 2200-3400 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts.

121. Oeneis tarpeia rozhdestvenskyi KORB & YAKOVLEV, 1997 (fig. 147)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Ketmen Mts., eastern limits of Transili Alatau Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

122. Oeneis hora GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1888 (fig. 148)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 2700-3800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges, local.

123. Hipparchia autonoe autonoe (ESPER, [1783]) (fig. 149)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 800-3400 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

124. Arethusana arethusa ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], [1775]) (fig. 150)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

125. *Chazara briseis magna* (Heyne, 1894) (fig. 151)

Biotopes: Steppes, xerophylic meadows. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

126. *Chazara enervata* (STAUDINGER, 1881) (fig. 152)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 800-4000 m. Flight period: May-August (polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

127. *Chazarakauffmanni obscurior* (STAUDINGER, 1887) (fig. 153) Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, semideserts. Elevation: 900-2500 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

128. Chazara heydenreichi heydenreichi (Lederer, 1853) (fig. 154)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, semideserts. Elevation: 900-2700 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges. 129. *Pseudochazara turkestana turkestana* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1893) (fig. 155)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1600-3200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges. 130. *Pseudochazara esperi mercurius* (STAUDINGER, 1887) (fig. 156)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1300-2700 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.,

Ketmen Mts., eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

131. Satyrus ferula cordulina LANG, 1884 (fig. 157)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 900-2700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

132. *Minois dryas septentrionalis* (WNUKOWSKY, 1929) (fig. 158)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 900-1800 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. 133. *Hyponephele przhewalskyi* DUBATOLOV, SERGEEV & Z[H]DANKO, 1994 (fig. 159)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 900-2200 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

134. *Hyponephele lupina intermedia* (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 160) Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, semideserts. Elevation: 600-1700 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

135. Hyponephele interposita interposita (ERSCHOFF, 1874) (fig. 161)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes, dry meadows, stony dry valleys. Elevation: 900-2200 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., eastern part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

136. Hyponephele dysdora dysdora (LEDERER, 1870) (fig. 162)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes, dry meadows, stony dry valleys. Elevation: 900-2700 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

137. Hyponephele rueckbeili (Staudinger, 1887) (fig. 163)

Biotopes: Mountainous rocky steppes. Elevation: 1600-2700 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

138. Hyponephele issykkuli SAMODUROV, 1996 (fig. 163)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes. Elevation: 1600-2000 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Western part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. 139. *Hyponephele germana* (STAUDINGER, 1887) (fig. 163)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes. Elevation: 900-2000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., eastern part of Transili Alatau Mts.

140. Hyponephele hilaris hilaris (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 164)

Biotopes: Subalpine and alpine steppes, xerophylic meadows. Elevation: 2300-3800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

141. Hyponephele glasunovi magna SAMODUROV, 1996 (fig. 164)

Biotopes: steppes. Elevation: 1600 - 2300 m. Flight period: July - September. Distribution: western part of Kyrghyz Mts.

142. Hyponephele jasavi Lukhtanov, 1990 (fig. 165)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry stony slopes. Elevation: 1300-2300 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Western part of Kyrghyz Mts. 143. *Hyponephele naricina* (STAUDINGER, 1870) (fig. 165)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 500-1700 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Western part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

144A. Hyponephele kirghisa kirghisa (ALPHÉRAKY, 1881) (fig. 166)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western parts of Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts. and Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

144B. Hyponephele kirghisa obscurata SAMODUROV, 1996 (fig. 166)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 900-2300 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western limit of Kyrghyz Mts.

144C. *Hyponephele kirghisa terskeana* LUKHTANOV & LUKHTANOV, 1994 (fig. 166) Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 1600-2200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kyrghyz Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

144D. *Hyponephele kirghisa pozhogini* KORB, 2009 (fig. 166) Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts. Elevation: 1200-1800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

145. *Hyponephele haberhaueri haberhaueri* (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 167)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1200-2800 m. Flight period: May-August. Distribution: central part of Kyrghyz Mts. (southern slope). 146. *Hyponephele naubidensis* (ERSCHOFF, 1874) (fig. 168)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1500-3700 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

147. Polycaena tamerlana tamerlana STAUDINGER, 1886 (fig. 169)

Biotopes: Rocky slopes, rocks, alpine meadows. Elevation: 2500-4200 m. Flight period: June-July. All mountain ridges. 148. *Thecla betulae betulae* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 170)

Biotopes: River valleys. Elevation: 1600-2000 m. Flight period: July. Distribution: Eastern limits of Transili Alatau Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

149. Superflua acaudata (STAUDINGER, 1901) (fig. 171)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, rocky slopes. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: All mountain ridges. 150. *Neolycaena eckweileri transiliensis* LUKHTANOV, 1993 (fig. 172)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-1700 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Transili Alatau Mts. 151. *Neolycaena submontana Submontana* ZHDANKO, 1994 (fig. 173)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Kyrghyz Mts.

152. *Neolycaena medea medea* Zhdanko, 1998 (fig. 174)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1600-2700 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Western and central parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

153. *Neolycaena olga* LUKHTANOV, 1999 (fig. 174)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1700-2300 m. Flight period: July. Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts (southern slope).

154. Neolycaena sinensis (Alphéraky, 1881) (fig. 175)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts, river valleys. Elevation: 700-1500 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Western parts of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts. Ketmen Mts.

155. Callophrys titanus ZHDANKO, 1998 (fig. 176)

Biotopes: Forests, meadows, river valleys. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kyrghyz Mts.

156. Callophrys rubi (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 177)

Biotopes: Meadows, river valleys, forests. Elevation: 1000-1900 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

157. Tomares fedtschenkoi fedtschenkoi (ERSCHOFF, 1874) (fig. 178)

Biotopes: Meadows, river valleys. Elevation: 900-2300 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

158. Tomares callimachus (EVERSMANN, 1848) (fig. 179)

Biotopes: Semideserts, steppes, dry valleys. Elevation: 500-1500 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

159. *Lycaena phlaeas oxiana* (GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO, 1890) (fig. 180)

Biotopes: All biotopes. Elevation: 500-4200 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

160. Lycaena helle phintonis (FRUHSORFER, 1910) (fig. 181)

Biotopes: Meadows in river valleys. Elevation: 1500-2600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Ketmen Mts.

161. Lycaena virgaureae virgaureae (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 182)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1400-2800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Kyrghyz Mts., western limits of Kungey Ala-Too Mts. and Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

162. Lycaena thersamon persica (BIENERT, 1870) (fig. 183)

Biotopes: All open biotopes. Elevation: 500-2800 m. Flight period: April-October(polyvoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges. 163. *Lycaena solskyi fulminans* (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1888) (fig. 184)

Biotopes: Dry meadows. Elevation: 1500-3200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. (western part), Kungey Ala-Too Mts. (western part), Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

164. Lycaena dispar rutilus (WERNEBURG, 1864) (fig. 185)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges, in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. known only from the western part.

165. Lycaena alciphron naryna (OBERTHÜR, 1910) (fig. 186)

Biotopes: Meadows in river valleys. Elevation: 1500-2200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts. (central and eastern parts), Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts.

166. Lycaena splendens (Staudinger, 1881) (fig. 187)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1500-3000 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

167. Lycaena margelanica nigra (Zhdanko, 2000) (fig. 188)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, xerophylic slopes. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., western limit of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., western and central parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. (only northern slopes of these ridges).

168. Athamanthia alexandra alexandra (PÜNGELER, 1901) (fig. 189)

Biotopes: Semideserts, dry slopes and valleys. Elevation: 600-1400 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Eastern limit of Kyrghyz Mts., eastern limit of Transili Alatau Mts.

169. Athamanthia eitschbergeri LUKHTANOV, 1993 (fig. 190)

Biotopes: Dry stony slopes in the river valleys, semideserts. Elevation: 1600-2000 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western borders of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. and Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

170. Athamanthia turgena Zhdanko, 1990 (fig. 190)

Biotopes: Dry stony slopes, steppes. Elevation: 1000-2000 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Transili Alatau Mts.

171. *Athamanthia dimorpha bogutena* ZHDANKO, 1990 (fig. 191)

Biotopes: Dry stony slopes, semideserts. Elevation: 500-1500 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Eastern part of Transili Alatau Mts.

172. Lampides boeticus (LINNAEUS, 1767) (fig. 192)

Biotopes: All open biotopes. Elevation: 800-2200 m. Flight period: May-Oktober (polyvoltine). Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., central part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

173. *Cupido prosecusa* (ERSCHOFF, 1874) (fig. 193)

Biotopes: Dry stony slopes, steppes, semideserts, dry valleys. Elevation: 500-2000 m. Flight period: April-uly (bivoltine). Distribution: Eastern limit of Kyrghyz Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts. 174. *Cupido buddhista buddhista* (Alphéraky, 1881) (fig. 194)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine meadows, river valleys, small alpine swamps. Elevation: 2400-3600 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

175. Cupido minimus minimus (FUESSLY, 1775) (fig. 195)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1400-2600 m. Flight period: July. Distribution: Ketmen Mts.

176. Cupido osiris osiris (Meigen, 1829) (fig. 196)

Biotopes: Dry slopes, steppes, xerophylic meadows. Elevation: 1400-2600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

177. Everes argiades (PALLAS, 1771) (fig. 197)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1200-1800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Central part of Transili Alatau Mts.

178. Celastrina argiolus (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 198)

Biotopes: River valleys. Elevation: 900-2000 m. Flight period: April-September (bivoltine). Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

179. *Glaucopsyche aeruginosa aeruginosa* (Staudinger, 1881) (fig. 199)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1000-3000 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

180. *Scolitantides orion johanseni* (WNUKOWSKY, 1934) (fig. 200)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1000-2500 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

181. Pseudophilotes vicrama cashmirensis (MOORE, 1874) (fig. 201)

Biotopes: Dry stony slopes, steppes, xerophylic meadows. Elevation: 1000-2600 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

182. Otnjukovia tatjana (ZHDANKO, 1984) (fig. 202)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, semideserts. Elevation: 600-1500 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Western border of Transili Alatau Mts., western limit of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., central part of Kyrghyz Mts.

183. Phengaris alcon imitator (Tuzov, 2000) (fig. 203)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1500-2600 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

184. *Phengaris arion* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 204)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1400-2600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Eatsern and central parts of Kyrghyz Mts., eastern and central parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts., Ketmen Mts.

185. Phengaris cyanecula sauron (KORB, 2003) (fig. 205)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, xerophylic slopes. Elevation: 1200-2600 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Kyrghyz Mts., western part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

186. Plebeius argus (LINNAEUS, 1758) (fig. 206)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 800-1900 m. Flight period: May-September. Distribution: Eastern part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

187. Plebeius idas naruena (COURVOISIER, 1913) (fig. 207)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1500-3000 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., eastern part of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., central part of Kyrghyz Mts., eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

188. *Plebeius agnata* (STAUDINGER, 1886) (fig. 208)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, semideserts. Elevation: 500-900 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Western border of Transili Alatau Mts. 189. *Plebeius* argiva argiva (Staudinger, 1886) (fig. 209)

Biotopes: semideserts. Elevation: 500 - 1500 m. Flight period: May-September (polyvoltine). Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts.

190. Plebeius nushibi ZHDANKO, 2000 (fig. 210) Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 1200-2300 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts.

191. *Plebeius bergi* KUSNEZOV, 1908 (fig. 211)

Biotopes: Semideserts. Elevation: 500-900 m. Flight period: April-May. Distribution: Western border of Transili Alatau Mts. 192. *Plebeius christophi* (STAUDINGER, 1874) (fig. 212)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, semideserts. Elevation: 500-1000 m. Flight period: April-September (polyvoltine). Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., western border of Kungey Ala-Too Mts.

193. Plebeius maracandica planorum (Alphéraky, 1881) (fig. 213)

Biotopes: Meadows, river valleys, steppes. Elevation: 500-1800 m. Flight period: April-September (polyvoltine). Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

194. Plebeius usbecus FORSTER, 1939 (fig. 214)

Biotopes: Semideserts, dry stony slopes, dry valleys. Elevation: 600-2000 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: Western border of Kyrghyz Mts.

195. Vacciniina fergana fergana (STAUDINGER, 1881) (fig. 215)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, steppes, dry slopes, xerophylic meadows. Elevation: 600-3200 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

196. Vacciniina pheretiades sveta (Churkin & Zhdanko, 2001) (fig. 216)

Biotopes: Alpine and subalpine steppes and meadows, rocky slopes. Elevation: 2500-4200 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

197. Vacciniina cyane ella (BOLLOW, 1931) (fig. 217)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, semideserts, steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 600-3200 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges, sporadic.

198. Vacciniina elvira elvira (EVERSMANN, 1854) (fig. 218)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, semideserts. Elevation: 500-1500 m. Flight period: May-June. Distribution: Western part of Transili Alatau Mts., western limit of Kungey Ala-Too Mts., eastern border of Kyrghyz Mts.

199. Polyommatus eros napaea (GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1891) (fig. 219)

Biotopes: Subalpine and alpine meadows. Elevation: 2400-3600 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: Transili Alatau Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Terskey Ala-Too Mts., Ketmen Mts.

200. Polyommatus icarus turanicus (Heyne, [1893]) (fig. 220)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows, agricultural landscapes. Elevation: 600-3000 m. Flight period: April-Oktober (polyvoltine). All mountain ridges.

201. Polyommatus icadius candidus ZHDANKO, 2000 (fig. 221)

Biotopes: Dry stony valleys, steppes, dry meadows, dry rocky places. Elevation: 900-3000 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges (local).

202. Polyommatus thersites orientis (Sheljuzhko, 1928) (fig. 222)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

203. *Polyommatus amanda amata* (GRUM-GRSHIMAÏLO, 1890) (fig. 223) Biotopes: Meadows: Elevation: 1000-2800 m. Elight period: June - August. Distribution: All mount

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1000-2800 m. Flight period: June - August. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

204. Polyommatus damon merzbacheri (COURVOISIER, 1913) (fig. 224)

Biotopes: Dry meadows, steppes. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: July-August. Distribution: All mountain ridges, very local.

205A. Polyommatus juldusus juldusus (Staudinger, 1886) (fig. 225)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 600-1500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Western border of Transili Alatau Mts.

205B. Polyommatus juldusus rueckbeili (Forster, 1960) (fig. 226)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows, xerophylic slopes. Elevation: 1600-2500 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Eastern part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

206A. Polyommatus kirgisorum kirgisorum LUKHTANOV & DANTCHENKO, 1995 (fig. 226)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 900-1800 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Eastern part of Kyrghyz Mts., Kungey Ala-Too Mts., Transili Alatau Mts.

206B. Polyommatus kirgisorum gorthaur KORB, 2009 (fig. 226)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 1600-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: Western and central parts of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.

207. Polyommatus actinides weidenhofferi Eckweiler, 1997 (fig. 227)

Biotopes: Steppes. Elevation: 1500-2800 m. Flight period: June-August. Distribution: Central and eastern parts of Kyrghyz Mts. 208. *Polyommatus ripartii ripartii* (FREYER, 1830) (fig. 228)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 600-2500 m. Flight period: June-July. Distribution: All mountain ridges.

209. Alpherakya sartus sartus (ALPHÉRAKY, 1881) (fig. 229)

Biotopes: Steppes, dry meadows. Elevation: 600-2100 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges. 210. *Eumedonia eumedon (Esper, [1780])* (fig. 230)

Biotopes: Meadows. Elevation: 1400-3500 m. Flight period: May-August (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

211. Aricia agestis maakherai Korb, 2005 (fig. 231)

Biotopes: Steppes, meadows. Elevation: 1200-2500 m. Flight period: May-September (bivoltine). Distribution: All mountain ridges.

212. *Rimisia miris miris* (Staudinger, 1881) (fig. 232)

Biotopes: Steppes, semideserts, dry valleys. Elevation: 800-2500 m. Flight period: May-July. Distribution: Western border of Transili Alatau Mts., western border of Kyrghyz Mts.

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Fig. 1: Foothill semi-desert. Vicinities of Bushkek (800 m). Typical biotope of *Papilio machaon* LINNAEUS, 1758, *Colias erate* (ESPER, [1801]), *Pontia daplidice* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Lycaena phlaeas* (LINNAEUS, 1761). Fig. 2: Mountainous semi-steppe. The west border of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. near Kok-Moynok (1709 m). Typical biotope of *Hyponephele kyrghisa* (ALPHERAKY, 1881), *Melitaea didyma turke-stanica* SHEJUZHKO, 1929, *Athamanthia issykkuli* ZHDANKO, 1994. Fig. 3: Valley of small stream in the mountainous semi-steppe. The west border of Terskey Ala-Too Mts. near Kok-Moynok (1709 m). Typical biotope of *Metaporia leucodice* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Melitaea didyma turkestanica* SHEJUZHKO, 1929, *Neolycaena submontama* ZHDANKO, 1994. Fig. 4: Antropogenic landscapes near big cites have not only various destructions of vegetation and lots of different garbage, as far as homes, fields, roads etc. Environs of Almaty (capital of Kazakhstan), Malaya Almaatinka valley (1200 m). Typical biotope of *Pieris napi* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Colias erate* (ESPER, [1801]), *Hyponephele prihemaklyi* DUBARTOLOX, SERGEEV & ZHDANKO, 1994. Neptis rivularis (SCOPLO, 1763), *Plebejus mushibi* 2000). Typical biotope of *Chazara enrareal* (STAUDINGER, 1881), *Argynnis pandora* ([DENK & SCHIFFERAVILLER], 1775), *Lycaena margelanica* (STAUDINGER, 1881), Fig. 6: Rocky desert hills near Ili river. Environs of Kapchagay (500 m). Typical biotope of *Hypermnestra helios* (Nicker, 186), *Parnassius apollonius* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *Microzegris pyrothroe* (EVERSMANN, 1832), *Onjukovia tatigna* (ZHDANKO, 1994), Fig. 7: "Grass jungles" at middle altitudes (1200-1600 m) are difficult to go in, even for sheeps, due to this reason they are mostly untouched. Vicinities of Tatyr village near Bishkek (1340 m). Typical biotope of *Pontia daplidice* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Inazara enervata* (STAUDINGER, 1881), *Inachis io* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Melitaea aisina* (ZHDANKO, 2010). Typical biotopes ot non-thurchaset valley (1200 m). Stypical biotope of Pontia daplidice (LIN



Fig. 9: Middle altitudinal archa (*Juniperus* sp.) forests contains also shrubs of Rosaceae and Sea buckthorn. Issyk-Ata valley in Kyrghyz Mts. (1800 m). Typical biotope of *Colias romanovi* GRUM-GRSHIMAILO, 1885, *Erebia turanica* ERSCHOFF, 1877, *Nymphalis xanthomelas* ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], 1775), *Aricia agestis* ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], 1775). Fig. 10: At the altitudes about 2500-2700 m depending on mountain ridge and slopes exposition, the tree-formish archa transforms to cushion type. It is intermediate biotope between zone of forests and subalpine meadows. Issyk-Ata valley in Kyrghyz Mts. (2500 m). Typical biotope of *Driopa mnemosyne* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Parnassius tianschanicus* OBERTHÜR, 1879, *Melitaea minerva* STAUDINGEP, 1881. Fig. 11: Zone of spruce forests. These forests are concentrated only in the North Tian Shanian mountains and located in the altitudes between 1400 and 2300 m. Malaya Almaatinka valley in Transili Alatau Mts. (1800 m). Typical biotope of *Parnassius apollo* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Colias grieshuberi* KORB, 2004, *Melitaea sibina* (ALPHÉRAKY, 1881), *Lycaena dispar* ([HAWORTH], 1802). Fig. 12: Orto-Tokoi water reservoir, the view from the Kyvak pass (western part of Terskey Ala-Too Mts, southern slope). Typical biotope of *Parnassius apollonius* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *Hyponephele issykkuli* SAMODUROV, 1996, Athamanthia issykkuli ZHDANKO, 1990, *Polyommatus kirgizorum* LUKHTANOV & DANTCHENKO, 1995. Fig. 13: Issyk-Kul lake near Kichi-Dzhargylchak village (northern slopes of Terskey Ala-Too Mts.) (1720 m). Typical biotope of *Pontia daplidice* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Chaara kaufmanni* (ENSCHOFF, 1874), *Satyrus ferula* (FABRICUS, 1793), *Plebejus idas* (LINNAEUS, 1761). Fig. 14: Shrubs at the middle altitudes are typical biotopes of *Metaporia leucodice* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Marginarge eversmanni* (EVERSMANN, 1847), *Nymphalis xanthomelas* ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], 1775). Dzhety-Ogyz valley in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (1900 m).









Fig. 15: Mountain rivers at the altitudes from 1700 to 2700 m are extremely fast, cold and dangerous, but on their coasts are located most humid places in mountainous valleys. Shamshy valley and Shamshy river in Kyrghyz Mts. (1900 m). Typical biotope of *Melanargia parce* STAUDINGER, 1882, *Coenonympha sunbecca* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Celastrina argiolus* (LINNAEUS, 1758). Fig. 16: Mountain rivers at the high elevations (more than 2700 m) are reasons of huge stony placers on both coasts. Ala-Archa valley in Kyrghyz Mts. (2800 m). Typical biotope of *Parnassius tianschanicus* OBERTHÜR, 1879, *Colias thisoa* MÉNÉTRÈS, 1832, *Erebia mopsos* STAUDINGER, 1882, *Boloria generator* (STAUDINGER, 1886), *Clossiana erubescens* (STAUDINGER, 1901).

Fig. 17: Subalpine meadows transforms to alpine ones at the altitudes about 2800-2900 m. Barskoon valley in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (3400 m). Typical biotopes of *Colias staudingeri* ALPHÉRAKY, 1881, *C. cocandica* ERSCHOFF, 1874, *Erebia mopsos* STAUDINGER, 1886, *Boloria generator* (STAUDINGER, 1882).

Fig. 18: *Astragalus* sp. curtains in alpine zone located mostly in foots of mountain ridges or hills in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. The stony placers on their slopes are only biotopes of *Melitaea fergana* STAUDINGER, 1882. Barskoon valley in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (3600 m). Typical biotopes of *Melitaea fergana* STAUDINGER, 1882, *Erebia mopsos* STAUDINGER, 1886, *E.*

kalmuka ALPHÉRAKY, 1881, Polycaena tamerlana STAUDINGER, 1886 (Astragalus sp. curtains and nearby located places). Fig. 19:Typical alpine meadows located in the elevations 2800-3300 m. Bolshaya Almaatinka valley in Transili Alatau Mts. (2800 m). Typical biotope of *Colias cocandica* ERSCHOFF, 1874, *Erebia mopsos* STAUDINGER, 1882, *E. turanica* ERSCHOFF, 1877, *Melitaea solona* ALPHÉRAKY, 1881. Fig. 20: Very often the sunlight in alpine meadows changes to rain or snow in minutes. Sometimes it is possible to have such weather changes up to ten times

per day. High elevation vegetation adopted to these conditions and survive. Tee-Ashuu pass in Kyrghyz Mts., southern slope (3500 m). Typical biotope of *Koramius delphius* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *P. actius* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Coenonympha caeca* STAUDINGER, 1886, *Polyommatus venus* (STAUDINGER, 1886). Fig. 21: Chimbulak valley is very good for people who likes to explore high altitudinal mountain places but do not like to reach these places only by

tracking. It is comfortable to bus to the Chimbulak hotels zone (at the altitude about 2500 m), then cableway to the altitude about 3000 m. In this area weather is surprisingly fast in change: on this picture shown hard rain, which changes completely clear sky in 10 minutes.



- Fig. 22: At the border between alpine meadows and subnival zone. Barskoon pass in Terskey Ala-Too Mts. (3800 m). Typical biotope of *Parnassius actius* (EVERSMANN, 1843), *Pontia callidice* (HÜBNER, [1800]), *Colias staudingeri* ALPHÉRAKY, 1881, *Erebia mopsos* STAUDINGER, 1886.
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