

## A new species of the genus *Meleonoma* MEYRICK, 1914 from Nepal

(Lepidoptera, Lypusidae)

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**Abstract:** The moth genus *Meleonoma* MEYRICK, 1914 is spread in South and South-Eastern Asia and was represented by 28 species (CLARKE, 1963; LVOVSKY, 2015; YIN & WANG, 2016 a, 2016 b). A new species of this genus is described from Nepal. This moth is close to *M. stomota* (MEYRICK, 1910) from Assam (India).

**Key words:** Lepidoptera, Lypusidae, *Meleonoma*, new species, Nepal.

### *Meleonoma pultschukella* spec. nov. (fig. 1)

**Holotype** ♂: Nepal, Prov. N 1, East Pultschuk, 23 – 2500 m, 14.VI.1967, leg. DIERL, FORSTER, SCHACHT, Gen. prep. N 34, det. LVOVSKY.

**Paratype** ♂: The same place and date. Holotype and paratype are deposited at Zoologische Staatssammlung in München, Germany (ZSM).

**Description:** Forewing length 6 mm, wingspan 13 mm. Antennae light yellow with dark dotted line. Head pale yellow. Labial palpi narrow, upcurved, covered by appressed pale yellow scales. Middle joint is approximately 1,5 times longer than apical one. Distal end of middle joint with some dark brown scales. Thorax pale yellow, tegulae black. Forewing elongate lanceolate, pale yellow with four black small spots. One spot near apex of the wing. The second spot near costal margin at 1/3 from the apex. The third one near tornus and the fourth one at the base of the wing. One black point on the discal vein and another black point in the middle of the cell. Under this point sometimes an additional black point in the fold of the wing. Hindwings pale grey.

♂ genitalia (fig. 1): Uncus long and narrow with pointed apex. Gnathos rudimentary. Valva long, rather narrow with rounded apex. Sacculus large, pointed at apex, without processes. Saccus triangular with the pointed apex. Aedeagus straight with tiny cornuti. ♀ unknown.

**Differential diagnosis:** The new species is close to *Meleonoma stomota* (MEYRICK, 1910) and differs from it by a pale yellow terminal joint of the palpi without blackish median band. The black point in the middle of the cell of forewing is more close to the base of the wing than a black point in the fold under the cell. Male genitalia differs by larger sacculus and smaller cornuti in aedeagus (fig. 1).

**Distribution:** Nepal.

**Etymology:** the species is named after its type locality.

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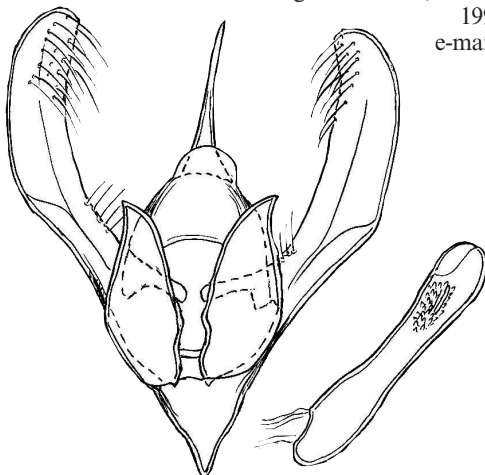


Fig. 1: *Meleonoma pultschukella* spec. nov.- ♂ genitalia, holotype.

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