

The taxonomical status  
of *Ascotis selenaria bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954  
(Lepidoptera : Geometridae : Boarmiinae)

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The subspecies *bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 of *Ascotis selenaria* (DENIS & SCHIFFERMUELLER, 1775) was described from 1 male and 1 female taken at Varna and nearby Dálgopol, Bulgaria. A comparison of the type material with other specimens taken at the type locality demonstrates that *bureschi* is not a subspecies, but an individual form :

***Ascotis selenaria selenaria* (DENIS & SCHIFFERMUELLER, 1775)**

= *Ascotis selenaria bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 **syn. nov.**

The type specimens were of the first generation, which flies in March-April, although in the original paper it was not stated whether the adults were taken or whether the specimens were reared from larvae. Other specimens taken at the type locality did not differ in any respect from specimens taken elsewhere in Bulgaria or in central and southern Europe. The taxon *bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 is just a dark form of the (smaller) first generation of the nominate subspecies of *Ascotis selenaria* (D. & S.).

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