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Victor SARTO I MONTEYS : Estudio de los lepidopteros Noctuidae del Macizo del Montseny (Barcelona). Fenología y distribución de las especies halladas en el encinar montano mediterráneo. Departamento de Zoología Facultad de Ciencias Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona. 1984, 618 pp., 1 black and white plate. DM 43.-, Limited edition, available direct from the author, c/o Dr. Fleming, 74, 2º, 1ª, E-08100 Mollet (Barcelona), Spain.

Victor SARTO'S voluminous work, published in 1984, deals with the species of Noctuidae (Lepidoptera), which have been found in the Montseny mountains of Catalonia in the north-eastern part of Spain.

The introduction of the book gives some overall reflections of the morphology and general characteristics of the Noctuidae together with a short description of the climatic conditions, geology and vegetation of the area. The greater part of the book (pages 91-509) is the systematic treatment of the species found in the area. Up until June 1984, 297 of the 705 Noctuidae species known from Spain had been recorded. Of these, 61 are new to the area, including *Leptologia blidaenis* (STERTZ, 1915), which is new to the Spanish Mediterranean area, *Apamea epomidion* (HAWORTH, 1809) and *Mesapamea secalella* (REMM, 1983), which are both also new to Spain.

The phenology, biology and distribution of the species are treated very thoroughly and in addition there are 131 distribution maps in the book.

The book is written in Spanish, but a comprehensive English summary is included, and moreover there is a very extensive bibliography. The book itself is bound well, but the quality of the paper is not very good. The black and white plates are poor, probably due to lack of money. Good colour plates would have made the book especially attractive. In spite of these few negative comments we have here a really good and useful local fauna which is recommended to everyone who is interested in the European Noctuid fauna.

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