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Oecophorine Genera of Australia. I. The *Wingia* Group (Lepidoptera : Oecophoridae). Monographs on Australian Lepidoptera, vol. 3. Ian F. B. COMMON. xvi, 390 pp., 712 Figs. 25.9 × 18.2 cm, hardback. CSIRO Publications, 1994. ISBN 0 643 05524 X. Obtainable from CSIRO Publications, 314 Albert St., East Melbourne, Victoria 3002, Australia, or Apollo Books, Kirkeby Sand 19, DK-5771 Stenstrup, Denmark. Price : \$US 100, or \$AS 100 in Australia. A discount of 25% is given to subscribers of the series.

The third volume of this major work on the Australian Lepidoptera fauna deals with the genera of the subfamily Oecophorinae. With 1886 valid named species and an estimated species total of more than 5000, the Oecophorinae is by far the best represented group of Lepidoptera in Australia. The wealth of species in Australia is disproportionate, being about 70% of the world fauna. With 170 named genera and an estimated total of 275, clearly all cannot be treated in a single volume. The present volume is the first of three parts and covers the 91 genera of the *Wingia* group. The author is well-known for his excellent book 'Moths of Australia' (see review in *Nota lepid.* 14 (3) : 292).

As in the previous volume, introductory chapters on 'Phylogeny', including a tentative phylogenetic analysis of the subfamily genera, 'Morphology', 'Biology' and 'Diversity and Distribution' are given.

The only synapomorphies of the *Wingia* group are to be found on the abdominal sternum and in the male genitalia. It is not stated however whether an experienced lepidopterist can recognise most species belonging to this group on external characters only. A key to the genera is provided, based on external and internal morphological features. The treatment of each species follows the same format as in the previous volume (for review, see *Nota lepid.* 16 (3/4) : 265-266).

The high scientific quality of the series is maintained in this volume and as such can be highly recommended to students of this family or of the Australian Lepidoptera fauna in general. Unexpectedly, considering the usually high standard of production, in the reviewer's copy the text was bound to the cover upside down !

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