

**Correction to “The life history and ecology of *Euphydryas maturna* (Nymphalidae: Melitaeini) in Finland” by Niklas Wahlberg (in *Nota lepid.* 21 (3): 154–169)**

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In the paper “The Life history and ecology of *Euphydryas maturna* (Nymphalidae: Melitaeini) in Finland”, Niklas Wahlberg, *Nota Lepid.* 21(3): 15–169, the author incorrectly states that only field observations of caterpillars were taken as evidence of life cycles covering several years in Sweden. In his introduction he writes: “Eliasson (1991) reports a study on *maturna*, in which he suggests a perennial life cycle for the species in Sweden. His evidence is however rather circumstantial”. In his discussion he writes: “Eliasson (1991) suggested a two or even three year life cycle as normal for *E. maturna*. The evidence he presents is that there are three size classes of larvae to be found in spring (after diapause)”. The true evidence presented in Eliasson (1991) of a triennial life cycle was one brood with hibernations of natural length and one more submitted as the paper was in press. A translation from Swedish of a section in the chapter on the length of development reads: “In one brood from Vs the major part of the caterpillars completed a triennial life cycle (Andersson, pers. comm.; own breeding result 1991). This may be more usual than what has previously been noted, because fewer butterfly collectors care to perform the breeding outdoors. To my knowledge *E. maturna* is the only one out of the Swedish Lepidoptera, leaving aside the wood feeding species, that has been proved to have a triennial life cycle. Contrary to many species with a biennial life cycle no periodicity has evolved. A triennial life cycle means that it hibernates three times, during two summers, only feeding in May, and that the intervals are spent in diapause” (= post-hibernation caterpillars, pre-hibernation instars described in an earlier part of the text).

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