

Efetov, K. A. & Tarmann, G. M. 2008. *Chrysartona Swinhoe, 1892 (Lepidoptera: Zygaenidae, Procridinae)*. – Crimean State Medical University Press, Simferopol. – 116 pp, frontispiece, 22 plates (4 in colour). Size 265 × 175 mm. Hardcover (ISBN 966-2969-18-7). Price: 40.00 € (incl. postage). Obtainable via G. M. Tarmann, Tiroler Landesmuseen Betriebsgesellschaft m.b.H., Feldstraße 11a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria.

The fifth volume of a series of books on Zygaenidae, published by Prof. K. A. Efetov and co-authors and printed by the Crimean State Medical University, deals with the little known south-east Asian genus *Chrysartona*. Most of the species are very similar externally but well separated in genitalia structures. As a result, several new species have only recently been described and the book provides a complete overview of all taxa. A short introduction is followed by a generic description, a checklist which includes three subgenera, 14 species and five subspecies, and a key to all taxa. Further chapters deal with hitherto insufficiently studied type specimens and – of major importance – give a full taxonomic treatment of all nominal taxa. High quality plates with line drawings of male and female genitalia, photographs of adult moths and pin-labels, including all primary types, and 23 excellent colour drawings of adults of all species and subspecies, executed by N. Y. Dyadenko and K. A. Efetov, are indispensable for a safe identification. Finally two colour plates depict eight well known Scientists to whom subgenera or species of *Chrysartona* have been dedicated. A reference list with 30 titles and two indices complete the book. As with other parts in this series, the book is well produced on high quality paper and bound in hard covers.

The authors, and particularly Prof. Efetov from Simferopol are to be congratulated for their repeated contributions to the taxonomy and biology of Zygaenidae which are all of the highest scientific standard. This most diligent research work spanning several years, and consistent high-quality publications greatly assist in the engagement of young amateurs and professionals in Zygaenidology. The review of *Chrysartona* is such an example which, despite of some repetition from earlier works, is not only most valuable for all colleagues dealing with Zygaenidae but also of interest for lepidopterist in general.

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