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MIKKOLA, K., JALAS, I., PELTONEN, O. & NENYE, S. 1985 : Suomen perhoset. Mittarit 1. (Finnish Geometroidea 1.) Suomen Perhostutkijain seura. Tampere. 260 pp. Price about DM 80,-. Orders to Mr Henry HOLMBERG, Vainiopolku 7, SF-00700 Helsinki, Finland.

The book contains the first half of the Geometroidea found in Finland (Genera *Falcaria* – *Perizoma*, 153 species). The treatment of each species, includes the average wingspan (Finnish specimens), the distribution in Finland (map), habitats, flight period, features of behaviour and the food plants in Finland. More than a hundred sketches of wings and genitalia depict the crucial differences between difficult species-pairs. Thirteen colour plates of the moths complete the work, including several examples of each species. The first colour plate shows 21 species found in Eastern Carelia, the Leningrad area or in the Baltic countries, but not found in western Fennoscandia, as well as some clinal aberrations prevailing in Finnish Lapland. The remaining twelve colour plates were accomplished in cooperation with the Editorial Board of SKOU, P. : Nordens Målere, Köbenhavn, 1984.

The book is in Finnish, but with an introduction in English which, due to the standardized presentation of the data allows extraction of the more important details by entomologists who cannot read Finnish. Thus the book is recommended to all those who wish to examine the fascinating variation of Geometroidea at the northern end of their distribution – in Fennoscandia or Lapland.

The Finnish Lepidopterological Association has published two earlier books in the same series covering the Noctuidae : Yökköset 1 in 1977 and Yökköset 2 in 1979. The second part of Geometroidea will appear about 1988.

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