

# Fibigeriana I.

## The Vartian Collection

### Part I. Noctuoidea

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The first section of the book is bilingual, introducing Eva Vartian and her lepidopterological activity in English and German. The scientific part comprises the annotated list of the type-material, the revised checklist of the Noctuoidea collection - mean altogether **3009 species-level taxa belonging to 673 genera** -, the life-size colour images of all distinguished taxa of the superfamily on **152 colour plates** and a number of black and white and colour images illustrating the curriculum, the expeditions and the descriptions of **10 new species and a new subspecies**.

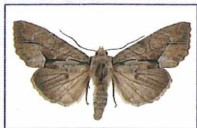
The book is warmly recommended to all professional and non-professional lepidopterists who are devoted to maintain and develop collections and are intended to study the extreme diversity of the Near and Middle East.

The first volume of the Vartian Collection catalogue can serve as a handbook for the taxonomic and faunistical studies of western and Central Asia.

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Eva Vartian is one of the most outstanding persons of the Lepidopterology of the 20th century. Her collection is almost all renowned because of its richness in species and the excellent sorting quality of the material, the majority of which was collected and prepared by herself. The collection consists over 140,000 lot specimens (incl. 4,000 type specimens) with special emphasis on additional alien, oriental ones based on single lot donors. The scientific part of the inventory material has been collected before the use of automatic sorting machines. It is a very valuable material for the study of the Near and Middle East fauna, especially for the study of the Near and Middle East fauna. The most important part of the collection is that of the Near and Middle East fauna, which represents the best reference material from this region. It is especially rich in Noctuidae with some 40,000 specimens. The first section of the book is bilingual, introducing Eva Vartian and her lepidopterological activity in English and German. The scientific part comprises the annotated list of the type-material, a revised checklist of the Noctuoidea collection (altogether 3009 species-level taxa belonging to 673 genera), the other images of all recorded taxa of the superfamily on 152 colour plates and a number of black and white and colour images illustrating the curriculum and expeditions. This book, the first volume of the new lepidopterological series Fibigeriana, represents an encyclopaedia, inventory and identification guide to the fauna of Noctuoidea from Western and Central Asia. It is recommended to all amateur and professional lepidopterists who are involved into maintenance and development of collections and study of the extreme diversity of the Near and Middle East Lepidoptera.



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