

On the Study of Syntypes of Two Indian Species of Genus *Cispia* WALK.

(Lepidoptera, Noctuoidea, Lymantriidae)

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Genus *Cispia* WALKER, 1855

Type species *C. punctifascia* WALKER, 1855 (cited by KIRBY, 1892)

1. *Cispia charma* SWINHOE, 1899

This species was originally described by SWINHOE on the basis of unspecified number of male specimens from Karwar collected by DAVIDSON. In BMNH, the present author could examine four male specimens which appear to be of original syntypic series from the data labels. Since the holotype was not selected by the original author, one specimen out of the four is hereby designated as lectotype and the remaining three as paralectotypes.

Material examined ♂, "Karwar, J. Davidson, Rains 93, 99/10" (white, rectangular, handwritten), "*Cispia charma* Swinhoe ♂ type" (white, square, handwritten) (Lectotype designated); ♂, "TYPE" (red and white, circular, printed), "Karwar rains 93" (white, rectangular, typed), "*Cispia charma* Swinhoe ♂ type" (white, square, handwritten); ♂, "Karwar, J. Davidson, Rains 93, 99/10" (white, rectangular, handwritten), "Rothschild Bequest, B.M. 1939/1" (white, rectangular, printed); ♂, "Karwar Rains 93, 1901/178" (white, rectangular, handwritten) (Paralectotypes designated) (BMNH).

Remarks In BMNH, along with the above four male specimens one female specimen is also there from Karwar Rains with reg. no. 1901/178 which is labelled as type in SWINHOE's own handwriting. As the original description was based on only male specimen the female specimen can not be the specimen of original syntypic series.

2. *Cispia punctifascia* WALKER, 1855

This species was originally described on the basis of two male specimens from Silhet (one collected by STAINFORTH and the other presented by E. DOUBLEDAY). The above two specimens are present in BMNH. As the original author had not selected the holotype, one male with reg. no. 47/2 is hereby designated as lectotype and the other one with reg. no. 45/33 as paralectotype.

Material examined ♂, "47/2" other side of the label "Silhet" (white, circular, handwritten), "CISPIA PUNCTIFASCIA" (white, rectangular, printed) (Lectotype designated); ♂, "45/33" other side of the label "Silhet" (white, circular, handwritten), "Silhet" (white, rectangular, handwritten) (Paralectotype designated) (BMNH).

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