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### Descriptions of New Species of Genera *Euproctis* HÜBNER and *Porthesia* STEPHENS from India (Lepidoptera, Noctuoidea, Lymantriidae)

With 8 Figures

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#### *Euproctis delhensis* sp. n. (Figs. a, b, c, f)

**Male** Head, thorax and both the pairs of wings bright ochreous; abdomen fuscous; palpi upturned; antennae bipectinated with the branches long; hind tibiae with two pairs of spurs; forewing with a black spot at the end of cell, veins 4 and 5 originating from the same point and stalked for a very short distance, veins 7, 8, 9 and 10 stalked, vein 10 arising after 7, areole absent; hind wing with veins 3 and 4 stalked for a long distance, veins 6 and 7 also stalked.

**Male genitalia** Vinculum V-shaped; saccus U-shaped and well developed; uncus completely divided longitudinally into two arms, both the arms with the tip rounded; valvae with the outer and costal margin straight, breadth throughout the length uniform, tip of the valvae rounded; aedeagus without cornuti.

**Female** It appears almost same as male except the short branches of pectination of antennae and abdomen with anal tuft.

**Remarks** From the general appearance and other characters this new species is close to *Euproctis lunata* WALKER but differs from it on the following points: (i) forewing with a black spot at the end of cell instead of a lunule, (ii) veins 3 and 4 in hind wing stalked for a long distance as compared to very short stalk in case of *Euproctis lunata* WALKER.

**Distribution** India: Delhi.

**Material examined** ♂, Delhi, at light, 22. VI. 1971, Coll. S. L. Gupta (Holotype); ♀, same data as for holotype (Paratype) (Types located in National Pusa Insect Collection).

#### *Porthesia simlensis* sp. n. (Figs. c, d, g, h)

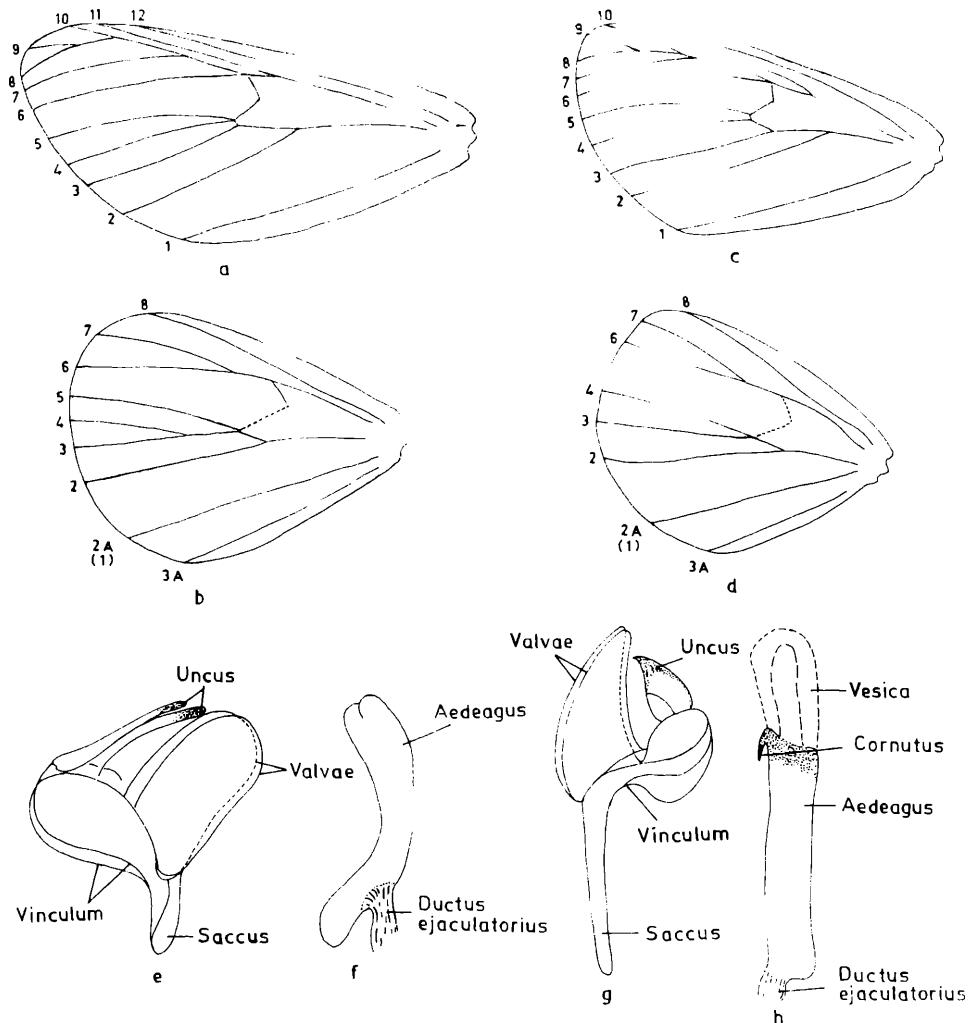
**Male** Head, thorax and abdomen white with a slight fuscous tinge; palpi porrect; antennae bipectinate with the branches long and brownish; hind tibiae with two pairs of spurs; forewing and hind wing white, the underside of both the wings except the outer margin suffused with black; forewing with veins 7, 8, 9 and 10 stalked, veins 7 and 10 given off from more or less same point; hind wing with veins 3 and 4 originating from same point of cell and not stalked, veins 6 and 7 stalked; abdomen with anal tuft orange.

**Male genitalia** Vinculum U-shaped; saccus long and well developed; uncus beak shaped with the tip pointed and slightly curved; valvae triangular in shape; aedeagus very well developed with a curved hook like spine on the lateral side of tip.

**Female** It is just like male in appearance but differs in being bigger in size, colour of wings completely white and branches of antennae short.

**Remarks** This new species is very near to *Porthesia xanthorrhoea* (KOLLAR) but

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Figs. a+b: Venations of fore and hind wing of *Euproctis delhensis* sp. n., c+d: Venations of fore and hind wing of *Porthesia simlensis* sp. n., e+f: Male genitalia of *Euproctis delhensis* sp. n., g+h: Male genitalia of *Porthesia simlensis* sp. n.

differs from it on the forewing with veins 7 and 10 originating from more or less same point.

**Distribution** India: Simla.

**Material examined** ♂, Simla, at light, 22. VI. 1976, Coll. S. L. Gupta (Holotype); 2 ♂♂, ♀, Simla, at light, 24. VI. 1976, Coll. S. L. Gupta (Paratypes) (Types located in National Pusa Insect Collection).

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