



**Revision of family Noctuidae of Egypt (3)  
Subfamilies “Acontiinae, Agaristinae, Amphipyrrinae and Hadeninae”  
(Lepidoptera, Noctuidae)**

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**ABSTRACT**

In the last 2 papers for the revision of Noctuidae in Egypt, we revised 7 subfamilies (Xyleninae, Acronictinae, Heliiothinae, Metoponiinae, Noctuidae, Oncocnemidinae, and Plusiinae) from the 16 subfamilies belonging to family Noctuidae. In this study, we are exposed to revise four subfamilies which are Acontiinae, Agaristinae, Amphipyrrinae, and Hadeninae. These subfamilies contain 22 genera contain 55 species. Subfamily Hadeninae is the most representative subfamily with 29 species under 12 genera, while subfamilies Agaristinae and Amphipyrrinae are the smallest subfamilies containing three species under two genera. Subfamily Acontiinae in the 2<sup>nd</sup> subfamily with 20 species under 6 genera.

**INTRODUCTION**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> paper in a series revision of the Noctuidae of Egypt. During this study, we revised 4 subfamilies (Acontiinae, Agaristinae, Amphipyrrinae, and Hadeninae).

Based on material from the main reference collections in Egypt, light traps collections, National museums, and other references, 51 species in the 4 subfamilies (Acontiinae, Agaristinae, Amphipyrrinae, Hadeninae) and 21 genera were listed. Some further taxonomic changed re-proposed. Taxonomic position, synonyms, and types are included and photographs for available species are provided.

Acontiinae formerly included about 2000 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a), but has been considerably reduced by recently proposed classifications. In the case of western Palearctic fauna, only the genus *Acontia* Ochsenheimer, 1816 is maintained inside the new subfamily. The tribes Armadini and Aediini have been transferred from the former Catocalinae/Ophiderinae to the Acontiinae (Fibiger & Lafontaine, 2005).

In Egypt, there are 15 species belonging to 5 genera under 2 tribes

Subfamily Agaristinae includes about 450 species, predominantly distributed in the tropics: Old World about 321 species, New World about 128 species (Kiriakoff 1977 a-c). In Egypt there are 3 species belonging to 2 genera.

Subfamily Amphipyrrinae contains more than 4500 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a). The old concept, however, is based on thoroughly unspecialized characters (no tibial spines; eyes not lashed or hairy) and the group has recently been recognized as polyphyletic. This

subfamily is currently restricted to the genera *Pyrois* Hübner, 1820 and *Amphipyra* Ochsenheimer, 1816 (Fibiger & Lafontaine, 2005; Fibiger & Hacker, 2005). So far, 3 species have been recorded in Egypt belonging to 2 genera.

The Hadeninae is a very large subfamily with more than 2400 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a) however, it is probably paraphyletic. In the present scope, this subfamily is mainly characterized by the hairy compound eyes of the adult moths. Tribal systematics are arranged according to Fibiger & Lafontaine (2005). 29 species from 12 genera and 2 tribes have been recorded in Egypt, mostly belonging to the tribes Hadenini and Leucaniini. Genus *Pseudohadena* transfer from Hadeninae to Xyleninae, Xylenini.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present work based upon:

- \* The main five reference insect collections in Egypt: Collection of Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Protection Research Institute (PPRI); Collection of Faculty of Science, Cairo University (CUC); Collection of Faculty of Science, Ein Shams University (ESUC); Collection of El Alfieri, Al Azhar University, Faculty of Agriculture (ALUC) and Collection of Egyptian Entomological Society (EESC).
- \* The published papers and Thesis in Egypt.
- \* Data from the Collections of International Museums (BMNH, London; USNM, Smithsonian, USA; ZI, Leningrad; MNHU, Berlin; MNHN, Paris, ...etc.)
- \* Main monographs of Lepidoptera in the world

Recent taxonomic position, senior synonyms, types, and host records together with local and world distribution for each species are presented. Photos for all species are also provided (as possible). Tribes, genera, and species are alphabetically arranged.

### Acronomy

**BMNH:** The Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom

**HNHM:** Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary

**LNK:** Landessammlungen für Naturkunde, Karlsruhe, Germany

**LS:** Linnean Society, London, United Kingdom

**MNGH:** National Museum of Natural History Grigore Antipa, Bucharest, Romania

**MNHN:** Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

**MNHU:** Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany

**NHMW:** Naturhistorisches Museum Wien, Vienna, Austria

**NHRM:** Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden

**NM:** National Museum in Prague

**USNM:** National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.

**ZI:** Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences, Leningrad, Russia

**ZSM:** Zoologische Staatssammlung, Münchhausenstr. Munich, Germany

**ZMHB:** Zoologisches Institut und Museum, Universität Hamburg, Germany.

**ZMUC:** Zoologisk Museum, Universitetsparken, Copenhagen, Denmark

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After the revision of the specimens, the list of Nocouidea in Egypt (Amer & El-Torkey, 2017) and all references we found:

- \* *Pseudohadena jordana* (Staudinger, 1900) transfer from subfamily Hadeninae to subfamily Xyleninae
- \* *Aegoceroopsis brevivitta* (Hampson, 1901) added to subfamily Agaristinae
- \* *Anarta sodae* (Boisduval, 1829) added to subfamily Hadeninae

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- \* Transfer the genus *Eulocastra* from subfamily Acontiinae to subfamily Eustrotiinae
- \* There are 14 types (or types synonymy) are recorded from 2 subfamilies (Acontiinae and Hadeninae)

#### Subfamily Acontiinae:

- \* *Acontia asbenensis* (Rothschild, 1921) from Bir Tarfa, (S. Sinai) as *Trache hemipentha* Wiltshire, 1947, (Holotype male, USNM, Washington; Paratype male, (BMNH, Lond.)
- \* *Acontia biskrensis* Oberthur, 1887 from Gebel Elba as *Tarache grisescens* Rebel, 1947, (Syntype: Alfieri Coll., not found)
- \* *Acontia crassivalva* (Wiltshire, 1947) from Sinai (Holotype: male, Alfieri collection (not found); USNM, Washington; genitalia in BMNH, London)
- \* *Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914) from Wadi Aideb (Gebel Elba) as *Tarache seminigra* Rebel, 1947, (Type)
- \* *Armada nilotica* Bang-Hass, 1912, from Cairo (Lower Egypt); (Holotype: 2 males, MNHU, Berlin)
- \* *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebrl, 1895); from Sinai as *M. plumbizonata* (Type: BMNH, London); from Cairo (Lower Egypt) as *L. plumbizonata* (Holotype: BMNH, London)
- \* *Pyaloides spodia* Rebel, 1947; from Wadi Aideb (Gebel Elba); (Holotype: Alf. Coll.; male (not found))

#### Subfamily Hadeninae:

- \* *Cardepija sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850) from Alexandria (Coastal Strip) as *Mamestra afra* Bethune-Baker, 1894; (Types: BMNH, London).
- \* *Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905) from Suez (Eastern Desert) as *Aglossestra deserticola* Hampson, 1905 (Holotype: BMNH, London)
- \* *Hadena syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933) from Sinai as *Anepia imitaria subsp. petroffi* Wiltshire, 1948, (Holotype: BMNH, London)
- \* *Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909, from W. Werdan, Ajun Mus Oasis, W, Werdan (Sinai) (Syntypes: NM, Vienna)
- \* *Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870; from Sinai, (Type: Mount Sinai)
- \* *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870; from Sinai, (Type: Mount Sinai)
- \* *Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858) from Alexandria (Coastal Strip) as *Mamestra abbas* Bethune-Baker, 1894 and as *Aletia abbas* Bethune-Baker, 1894 (Holotype: BMNH, London).

During this study, we revised 4 subfamilies and 51 species under 21 genera.

#### List of subfamilies, genera, and species:

##### Subfamily: Acontiinae Guenée, 1841

##### Tribe Acontiini Guenée, 1841

##### 1. *Acontia* Ochsenheimer, 1816

1. *Acontia asbenensis* (Rothschild, 1921)
2. *Acontia biskrensis* Oberthür, 1887
3. *Acontia carnescens* (Hampson, 1910)
4. *Acontia crassivalva* (Wiltshire, 1947)
5. *Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914)
6. *Acontia hortensis* Swinhoe, 1884
7. *Acontia karachiensis* Swinhoe, 1889
8. *Acontia lucida* (Hufnagel, 1766)
9. *Acontia opalinoides* (Guenée, 1852)

##### Tribe Armadini Wiltshire, 1961

##### 2. *Armada* Staudinger, 1884

- 10. *Armada dentata* (Staudinger, 1884)
- 11. *Armada nilotica* Bang-Haas, 1912
- 12. *Armada panaceorum* (Ménétriés, 1849)
- 3. *Epharmottomena* John, 1909**
  - 13. *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebel, 1895)
- 4. *Iranada* Wiltshire, 1977**
  - 14. *Iranada turcorum* (Zerny, 1915)
- 5. *Pyraloides* Rebel, 1947**
  - 15. *Pyraloides spodia* Rebel, 1947
- Subfamily: Agaristinae Herrich-Schäffer, [1858]**
  - 6. *Aegoceropsis* Karsch, 1895**
    - 16. *Aegoceropsis rectilinea* Boisduval, 1836
    - 17. *Aegoceropsis brevivitta* (Hampson, 1901)
  - 7. *Heraclia* Hübner, 1820**
    - 18. *Heraclia geryon* (Fabricius, 1781)
- Subfamily Amphipyridae Guenée, 1837**
  - Tribe: Amphipyridini Guenée, 1837**
    - 8. *Amphipyra* Ochsenheimer, 1816**
      - 19. *Amphipyra tetra* (Fabricius, 1787)
      - 20. *Amphipyra tragopoginis* (Clerck, 1759)
    - 9. *Matopo* Distant, 1898**
      - 21. *Matopo selects* (Walker, 1865)
  - Subfamily Hadeninae Guenée, 1837**
    - Tribe Hadenini Guenée, 1837**
      - Subtribe: Discestrina Beck, 1996**
        - 10. *Anarta* Ochsenheimer, 1816**
          - 22. *Anarta trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)
          - 23. *Anarta sodae* (Boisduval, 1829)
        - 11. *Cardepi* Hampson, 1905**
          - 24. *Cardepi affinis* Rothschild, 1913
          - 25. *Cardepi irrisoria* (Erschoff, 1998)
          - 26. *Cardepi sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850)
        - 12. *Hadula* Staudinger, 1889**
          - 27. *Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905)
          - 28. *Hadula sabulorum* (Alphéraky, 1882)
          - 29. *Hadula stoliczkana* Moore, 1878
      - Subtribe: Hadenina Guenée, 1852**
        - 13. *Enterpia* Guenée, 1850**
          - 30. *Enterpia laudeti* (Boisduval, 1840)
        - 14. *Hadena* Schrank, 1802**
          - 31. *Hadena sancta* Staudinger, 1840
          - 32. *Hadena silen* (Hübner, 1822)
          - 33. *Hadena silenides* (Staudinger, 1895)
          - 34. *Hadena syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933)
        - 15. *Odontelia* Hampson, 1905 7**
          - 35. *Odontelia daphnadeparisae* Kravchenko *et. al.*, 2007
        - 16. *Thargelia* Pungeler, 1900**
          - 36. *Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909
      - Subtribe: Mamestrina Beck, 1996**
        - 17. *Haplocestra* Aurivillius, 1910**

37. *Haplocestra similis* Aurivillius, 1910

**18. *Hecatera* Guenée, 1852**

38. *Hecatera dysodea* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)

39. *Hecatera fixseni* (Christoph, 1883)

40. *Hecatera weissii* (Draudt, 1934)

**19. *Mamestra* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

41. *Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870

42. *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870

**Tribe: *Leucaniini* Guenée, 1837**

**20. *Leucania* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

43. *Leucania herrichii* Herrich-Schäffer, 1849

44. *Leucania loreyi* (Duponchel, 1827)

45. *Leucania palaestinae* Staudinger, 1897

46. *Leucania punctosa* (Treitschke, 1825)

47. *Leucania putrescens* (Hübner, 1824)

48. *Leucania zaeae* Duponchel, 1827

**21. *Mythimna* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

49. *Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858)

50. *Mythimna sicula* Treitschke, 1835

51. *Mythimna unipuncta* (Haworth, 1809)

**Subfamily: *Acontiinae* Guenée, 1841(Plate I)**

*Acontiinae* formerly included about 2000 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a), but has been considerably reduced by recently proposed classifications. The currently classified by Fibiger and Lafontaine (2005) transfer the tribes *Armadini* and *Aediini* have from the former *Catocalinae/Ophiderinae* to the *Acontiinae*; so now subfamily *Acontiinae* includes 4 tribes: *Acontiini*, *Armadini*, *Aediini*, and *Hypermiini*. A number of the more striking apomorphic characters, such as the hair tufts on the scaphium and the characters of the tympanic area, apply to the subfamily. The *Acontiinae* are mostly small moths, many of which are camouflaged as bird droppings.

In Egypt, there are 15 species belonging to 5 genera under 2 tribes

Seven species are types (or synonymy types) 4 under tribe *Acontiini* (*Acontia asbenensis* (Rothschild, 1921); *Acontia biskrensis* Oberthur, 1887; *Acontia crassivalva* (Wiltshire, 1947) and *Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914)) and three belonging to tribe *Armadini* (*Armada nilotica* Bang-Hass, 1912; *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebrl, 1895) and *Pyralooides spodia* Rebel, 1947)

**1. Tribe *Acontiini* Guenée, 1841**

**1. *Acontia* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

1. *Acontia asbenensis* (Rothschild, 1921)

2. *Acontia biskrensis* Oberthur, 1887

3. *Acontia carnescens* (Hampson, 1910)

4. *Acontia crassivalva* (Wiltshire, 1947)

5. *Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914)

6. *Acontia hortensis* Swinhoe, 1884

7. *Acontia karachiensis* Swinhoe, 1889

8. *Acontia lucida* (Hufnagel, 1766)

9. *Acontia opalinooides* (Guenée, 1852)

**2. Tribe *Armadini* Wiltshire, 1961**

**2. *Armada* Staudinger, 1884**

10. *Armada dentata* (Staudinger, 1884)

11. *Armada nilotica* Bang-Haas, 1912  
 12. *Armada panaceorum* (Ménétriés, 1849)  
**3. Epharmottomena John, 1909**  
 13. *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebel, 1895)  
**4. Iranada Wiltshire, 1977**  
 14. *Iranada turcorum* (Zerny, 1915)  
**5. Pyraloides Rebel, 1947**  
 15. *Pyraloides spodia* Rebel, 1947

**Tribe1: Acontiini Guenée, 1841**

Most of these species inhabit eremic regions; few of them are truly deserticolous; the others prefer places with rich herbaceous vegetation in the temperate region, or when penetrating the deserts, they concentrate in oases. Nine species belonging to genus *Acontia* only are found in Egypt. Four species are types from Egypt (or synonymy types).

**1. Acontia Ochsenheimer, 1816**

**1. Acontia asbenensis (Rothschild, 1921)**

*Trache hemipentha* Wiltshire, 1947, (Holotype, **Egypt**, S. Sinai, Bir Tarfa, male, [USNM, Washington])

*Trache asbenensis* Rothschild, 1921

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 26mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Ethiopia, Niger, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirate, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality: Egypt** (Sinai, Bir tarfa, 1430m) as *A. hemipentha*

**Niger** (Mts. Of Baguezan, Asben) as *A. asbenensis*

**Type Specimens:**

**Holotype:** Egypt, Alfierii Collection as *A. hemipentha*, & Male, (USNM, Washington)

**Paratype:** Egypt, Alfierii Collection as *A. hemipentha*, & Male, (BMNH, London)

**Lecotype:** Niger, as *A. absenensis*, Male, (BMNH, London)

**2. Acontia biskrensis Oberthur, 1887**

*Tarache grisescens* Rebel, 1947, (Synt.: Egypt, Gebel Elba)

*Tarache agacinoi* (Rungs, 1945), (Holot.: Morocco, Oed Leichebi MNHN, Paris)

*Tarache biskrensis* subsp. *orientalis* Brandt, 1893

*Tarache biskrensis* subsp. *agacinoi* Rungs, 1945

**Common name:** unknown

**Wingspan:** 22-26 mm

**Host records:** on Malvaceae

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Coastal Stripe, Gebel Elba, Sinai

**Holotype:** Morocco, MNHN, Paris

**Type locality:** Algeria (Biskra) (as *Tarache biskrensis* Oberthur, 1887)

Egypt (Gebel Elba) (as *Tarache grisescens* Rebel, 1947)

**Type Specimens:**

**Syntype:** Egypt, (Allfieri Coll., not found) as *Tarache grisescens* Rebel, 1947

**Holotype:** Algeria, female, (BMNH, London) as *Tarache biskrensis* Oberthur, 1887

**3. *Acontia carnescens* (Hampson, 1910)**

*Tarache carnescens* Hampson, 1910

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 29-34mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania

**Distribution in Egypt:** Upper Egypt

**Type Locality:** Kenya (Br. E. Africa, Sabaki Valley)

**Type Specimen:**

**Holotype:** Male (BMNH, London)

**4. *Acontia crassivalva* (Wiltshire, 1947)**

*Tarache crassivalva* Wiltshire, 1947

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 28mm

**Host records:** Grasses,

**Geographical Records:** Saudi Arabia, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai, Gebel Kathrine, Wadi el-Rabaa

**Type locality:** Egypt, Sinai

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** Male, Alfieri collection (not found); (in USNM, Washington); genitalia in (BMNH, London)

**5. *Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914)**

*Tarache seminigra* Rebel, 1947, Type: Egypt, Gebel Elba, Wadi Aideb

*Acontia seminigra* (Rebel, 1947)

*Tarache dichroa* Hampson, 1914

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 26mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Djibouti, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** S. Sinai, Gebel Elba

**Type locality:** Sudan, Port Sudan

**Type Specimen:**

**Lectotype:** Male, (BMNH, London);

**Paralectotype:** 2Males, (BMNH, London)

**6. *Acontia hortensis* Swinhoe, 1884**

*Tarache audeoudi* Brandt, 1939

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 25mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Kenya, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen,

**Distribution in Egypt:** Western Desert (Paris Oasis)

**Type locality:** Pakistan

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** Female, (BMNH, London)

**7. *Acontia karachiensis* Swinhoe, 1884**

*Acontia karachiensis* Wiltshire, 1947

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 26mm.

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Ethiopia, India, Niger, Pakistan, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Pakistan, Sind, Karachi

**Type specimen:**

**Syntypes:** 1 Male, & 5 Females (BMNH, London)

### 8. *Acontia lucida* (Hufnagel, 1766)

*Phalaena lucida* Hufnagel, 1766

*Noctua solaris* Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775; (T.: Austria, Vienna, zerstört)

*Noctua albicollis* Fabricius, 1781; (T.: Italia)

*Phalaena Noctua rupicola* Borkhausen, 1792; (T.: Germany, Frankfurt)

*Noctua insolatrix* Hübner, (1822); (T.: Europa)

*Acontia triradiata* Walker, (1858); (Holot.: Indien, Punjab, BMNH, London)

*Acontia (sic) lucida* var. *triangulum* Costa, 1882; (T.: Sardinien, Oristano)

*Acontia lucida* var. *lugens* Alpheraky, 1889; (Synt.: Tadjikistan, Babatagh, ZI, St. Petersb.)

*Acontia lucida* form *mediofasciata* Stauder, 1923; (Synt.: Jugosl., Pula)

*Tarache (Acontia) lucida* var. *heliodora* Schawerda, 1947; (Holot.: Irak, Mesopotamien, LN, Karlsruhe)

**Common name:** Pale Shoulder, White Shoulder,

**Wingspan:** 26 – 30mm.

**Host records:** cotton, *Convolvulus*, *Chenopodium*, *Taraxacum*, Labiatae (*Glechoma hederacea*, *Nepeta mussinii*), Malvaceae (*Malva sylvestris*, *M. neglecta*, *Althaea officinalis*).

**Geographical Records:** Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, England, Finland, Holland, Germany, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, Sardinia, Spain, Syria, Russia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Western Desert, Sinai.

**Type locality:** Germany, Berlin

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** Berlin

### 9. *Acontia opalinoides* (Guenée, 1852)

*Trache opalinoides* Guenée, 1852

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 28mm

**Host records:** *Abutilon*, *Gossypium*

**Geographical Records:** Angola, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Oman, Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Coastal Stripe, Gebel Elba

**Type locality:** India S.E., Coromandel Coast

**Type specimens:**

**Lectotype:** Male, (MNHN, Paris);

**Paralectotype:** Male and Female, (BMNH, London)

### Tribe: Armadini Wiltshire, 1961

The Armadini were formerly included in the Catocalinae (Ophiderinae), but were transferred to Acontiinae by Fibiger & Lafontaine (2005). The tribe, according to Wiltshire



(1979) and Goater et al. (2003), is comprised of two morphologically different groups of genera: the Armada, which are robust-bodied moths lacking an epaulette in the tympanal organ, and the Metoponrhis which contains slender species with an epaulette in the tympanal organ. Species of Armadini inhabit the arid and semi-arid desert zones of North Africa, the Middle East, and the dry steppe areas and deserts of Central Asia (Goater et al., 2003). In Egypt, the Armadini are represented by six species in the genera *Armada* Staudinger, 1884, *Epharmottomena* John, 1909, *Pyraloidea* Rebel, 1947 and *Iranada* Wiltshire, 1977. Three types (or synonymy types) are found (*Armada nilotica* Bang-Hass, 1912; *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebrl, 1895) and *Pyraloidea spodia* Rebel, 1947). *Pyraloidea spodia* Rebel, 1947 recorded only in Egypt.

## 2. *Armada* Staudinger, 1884

### 10. *Armada dentata* (Staudinger, 1884)

*Acontia dentata* (Staudinger, 1884)

*Acrobyla afghana* Hampson, 1926

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 26-30 mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, USSR

**Distribution in Egypt:** S. Sinai, Gebel Elba

**Type locality:** Turkmen SSR

**Type specimens:**

**Lectotype:** USSR [Turkmen SSR], Ashgabat. [MNHU, Berlin]

### 11. *Armada nilotica* Bang-Hass, 1912

*Armada philbyi* Wiltshire, 1979

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 29 mm.

**Host records:** *Heliotropium luteum*, *H. arabense*

**Geographical Records:** Israel, Qatar, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt (Cairo), N. Sinai

**Type locality:** Egypt (Cairo)

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** 2Males, (MNHU, Berlin)

### 12. *Armada panaceorum* (Ménétriés, 1849)

*Ophiusa panaceorum* Ménétriés, 1848

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 34-37 mm

**Host records:** *Arnebia decumbens*, *Heterocaryum rigidum*, *Lappula ceratophora*

**Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mongolia, Morocco, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tibet, Turkey, Uzbekistan

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Sinai

**Type locality:** Uzbekistan (Bokhara)

**Type Specimens:**

**Holotype:** ZI, Leningrad, St. Petersburg.

## 3. *Epharmottomena* Berio, 1939

### 13. *Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebrl, 1895)

*Armada eremophila* Rebel, 1895

*Epharmottomena plumbizonata* Warren, 1913

*Metoponrhis plumbizonata* Warren, 1913; (T.: Egypt, BMNH, London)

*Lipatephia plumbizonata* (Hampson, 1926); (Holot. Egypt, Maadi, BMNH, London)

*Lipatephia plumbizonata* Hampson, 1926

*Armada lacroixi* (D. Lucas, 1814); (Lectot.: Tunisia, Fom-Tatahouine, MNHN, Paris)

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 34 mm.

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Israel, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Sinai.

**Type locality:** **Egypt**, Sinai as *Metoponrhis plumbizonata* Warren, 1913 & as Cairo (Maadi) *Lipatephia plumizonata* (Hampson, 1926)

**Type specimen:**

**Type:** as *M. plumbizonata* (BMNH, London)

**Holotype:** as *L. plumbizonata* (BMNH, London)

#### 4. *Iranada wiltshier*, 1977

#### 14. *Iranada turcorum* (Zerny, 1915)

*Armada turcorum* Zerny, 1915

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 20mm.

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai, Coastal Stripe.

**Type locality:** Syria, Palestine, Israel (Haifa)

**Type Specimen:**

**Lecotype:** male (NHMW, Vienna)

**Paralecotype:** 2 males (NHMW, Vienna)

#### 5. *Pyaloides rebel*, 1947

#### 15. *Pyaloides spodia* Rebel, 1947

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:**

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Not recorded

**Distribution in Egypt:** Gebel Elba

**Type locality:** **Egypt**, Wadi Aideb, Gebel Elba

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** Alf. Coll.; Male (not found)

### Subfamily Agaristinae Herrich-Schäffer, [1858] (Plate I)

The Agaristinae includes about 450 species, predominantly distributed in the tropics: Old World about 321 species, New World about 128 species (Kiriakoff 1977 a-c)

In Egypt, there are 3 species belonging to 2 genera

#### 1. *Aegoceropsis Karsch*, 1895

1. *Aegoceropsis rectilinea* Boisduval, 1836

2. *Aegoceropsis brevivitta* (Hampson, 1901)

#### 2. *Heraclia Hübner*, 1820

3. *Heraclia geryon* (Fabricius, 1781)

**1. *Aegoceropsis* Karsch, 1895****1. *Aegoceropsis rectilinea* Boisduval, 1836***Aegocera rectilinea* Boisduval, 1836*Aegocera rectilinear*, (Boisduval, 1836)**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 36-40 mm**Host records:** *Arachis hypogaea*, *Boerhavia diffusa*, *Brassica olerace*, *Lagenaria sicerana*, *Lycopersicon*, *Manihot esculenta*, *Phaseolus vulgaris*, *Vigna unguiculata*, *Zea mays***Geographical Records:** Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DR Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Yemen**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt (Cairo).**Type Locality:** Senegal, W. Africa, Galam**Type specimen:** Not stated,**2. *Aegoceropsis brevivitta* (Hampson, 1901)***Aegocera brevivitta* Hampson, 1901*Aegocera irangiana* Wichgraf, 1913*Aegoceropsis rectilineoides*, Rothschild, 1921**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 36-40 mm**Host records:** L.T.**Geographical Records:** Angola, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen**Distribution in Egypt:** S. Sinai (St. Katherine).**Type Locality:** Kenya**Type specimen:****Subtypes:** Female (BMNH, London)**2. *Heraclia* Hübner, 1820****3. *Heraclia geryon* (Fabricius, 1781)***Noctua geryon* Fabricius, 1781*Eusemia nugatrix* westwood 1881*Phalaena Noctua Euphemia* Stoll, (1781)*Xanthospilopteryx geryon* f. *flava* Jordan, 1913**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 72 - 86 mm**Host records:** L.T.**Geographical Records:** Angola, Burundi, Congo, DR Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Cote D'Ivoire, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Gambia, Uganda, Sudan**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt**Type Locality:** Africa: "Africa aequinoctiali. Mus. Dm Yeats**Type specimen:** Not stated, ZMUC**Subfamily: Amphipyridae Guenée, 1837(Plate I)**

The subfamily Amphipyridae contains more than 4500 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a). The old concept, however, is based on thoroughly unspecialized characters (no tibial spines; eyes not lashed or hairy) and the group has recently been recognized as polyphyletic. This subfamily is currently restricted to the genera *Pyrois* Hübner, 1820 and

*Amphipyra* Ochsenheimer, 1816 (Fibiger & Lafontaine, 2005; Fibiger & Hacker, 2005). So far, 3 species have been recorded in Egypt belonging to 2 genera.

**Tribe: Amphipyriini Guenée, 1837**

**1. *Amphipyra* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

1. *Amphipyra tetra* (Fabricius, 1787)

2. *Amphipyra tragopoginis* (Clerck, 1759)

**2. *Matopo* Distant, 1898**

3. *Matopo selecta* (Walker, 1865)

**1. *Amphipyra* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

**1. *Amphipyra tetra* (Fabricius, 1787)**

*Noctua tetra*, Fabricius, 1787

*Noctua tetra pallida*, Staudinger, 1901

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 30-37 mm

**Host records:** *Crepis*, grasses

**Geographical Records:** Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greek, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Romania, Sicily, Syria, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, USSR

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Sinai

**Type Locality:** Austria

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** Austria

**2. *Amphipyra tragopoginis* (Clerck, 1759)**

*Phalaena tragopoginis* Clerck, 1759

**Common name:** Mouse Moth

**Wingspan:** 38-43 mm

**Host records:** pins, and various low plants, *Galium*, *Crepis*, *Serratula tinctoria*, *Tragopogon*, *Rumex*, *Epilobium*, *Ribes*

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Austria, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Slovakia, Switzerland, Syria

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower & Upper Egypt

**Type Locality:** Europe (France)

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** No locality given.

**2. *Matopo* Distant, 1898**

**3. *Matopo selecta* (Walker, 1865)**

*Xylophasia selecta* Walker, 1865

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 30-37 mm

**Host records:** grasses

**Geographical Records:** Chad, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt

**Type Locality:** India, Hindostan

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** Male (BMNH, London)

**Subfamily Hadeninae Guenée, 1837(Plate II)**

The Hadeninae is a very large subfamily with more than 2400 species worldwide (Speidel *et al.*, 1996a) however, it is probably paraphyletic. In the present scope, this subfamily is mainly characterized by the hairy compound eyes of the adult moths. Tribal

systematics are arranged according to Fibiger & Lafontaine (2005). Twenty-nine species from 12 genera and 2 tribes have been recorded in Egypt, mostly belonging to the tribes Hadenini and Leucaniini.

\* Genus *Pseudohadena* transfer from Hadeninae to Xyleninae, Xylenini.

\* Two species recorded only in Egypt (*Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870 and *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870)

\* Seven types (or types synonymy) recorded in Egypt; 6 belonging to tribe Hadenini (*Cardepija sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850); *Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905); *Hadena syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933); *Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909; *Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870 and *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870) and one belonging to tribe leucaniini (*Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858))

### Tribe Hadenini Guenée, 1837

#### Subtribe1: Discestrina Beck, 1996

##### 1. *Anarta* Ochsenheimer, 1816

1. *Anarta trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)
2. *Anarta sodae* (Boisduval, 1829)

##### 2. *Cardepija* Hampson, 1905

3. *Cardepija affinis* Rothschild, 1913
4. *Cardepija irrisoria* (Erschoff, 1998)
5. *Cardepija sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850)

##### 3. *Hadula* Staudinger, 1889

5. *Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905)
6. *Hadula sabulorum* (Alphéraky, 1882)
7. *Hadula stoliczkaana* Moore, 1878

#### Subtribe2: Hadenina Guenée, 1852

##### 4. *Enterpia* Guenée, 1850

8. *Enterpia laudeti* (Boisduval, 1840)

##### 5. *Hadena* Schrank, 1802

9. *Hadena sancta* Staudinger, 1840
10. *Hadena silenides* (Hübner, 1822)
11. *Hadena silenides* (Staudinger, 1895)
12. *Hadena syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933)

##### 6. *Odontelia* Hampson, 1905 7

13. *Odontelia daphneparisae* Kravchenko *et. al.*, 2007

##### 7. *Thargelia* Püngeler, 1900

14. *Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909

#### Subtribe3: Mamestrina Beck, 1996

##### 8. *Haplocestra* Aurivillius, 1910

15. *Haplocestra similis* Aurivillius, 1910

##### 9. *Hecatera* Guenée, 1852

16. *Hecatera dysodea* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)
17. *Hecatera fixseni* (Christoph, 1883)
18. *Hecatera weissii* (Draudt, 1934)

##### 10. *Mamestra* Ochsenheimer, 1816

19. *Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870
20. *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870

### Tribe2: Leucaniini Guenée, 1837

##### 11. *Leucania* Ochsenheimer, 1816

21. *Leucania herrichii* Herrich-Schäffer, 1849
22. *Leucania loreyi* (Duponchel, 1827)

- 23. *Leucania palaestinae* Staudinger, 1897
- 24. *Leucania punctosa* (Treitschke, 1825)
- 25. *Leucania putrescens* (Hübner, 1824)
- 26. *Leucania zae* Duponchel, 1827
- 12. ***Mythimna*** Ochsenheimer, 1816
  - 27. *Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858)
  - 28. *Mythimna sicula* Treitschke, 1835
  - 29. *Mythimna unipuncta* (Haworth, 1809)

### **Tribe1: Hadenini Guenée, 1837**

Hadenini is a large tribe in Hadeninae; the larvae of the Hadenini are characterised by the presence of a transverse cleft on the hypopharynx; apical lobe of hypopharynx covered with short fine spines, usually to the base of the labial palpi; mandible with one or two teeth on the inner surface (sometimes reduced to swellings on the first or second ridge or absent) (Fibiger & Lafontaine, 2005). The generic concepts have been considerably broadened and modified in the most recent publications (Hacker et al., 2002; Fibiger & Hacker, 2005). In Egypt, this tribe represented by 3 subtribes with 20 species under 10 genera.

#### **1. *Anarta* Ochsenheimer, 1816**

##### **Subtribe1: Discestrina Beck, 1996**

##### **1. *Anarta trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)**

- Discestra trifolii* Hufnagel, 1766)
- Noctua chenopodii* (Denis & Schiffermuller), 1775
- Mamestra farkasii* (Treitschke, 1835)
- Hadena intermissa* (Walker, 1857)
- Mamestra trifolii* var. *major* (Speyer, 1875)
- Cardepija taylori* (Rothschild, 1913)
- Scotogramma trifolii* var. *fruticosae* (Dumont, 1925)
- Mamestra canescens* (Moore, 1878)
- Phaleana trifolii* Hufnagel, 1766d
- Hadena trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)
- Mamestra trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)
- Scotogramma cinnamomina* Rothschild, 1913
- Scotogramma trifolii* [sic] var. *major* Speyer, 1875
- Scotogramma trifolii* form *zermattensis* Draudt, 1934
- Noctua verna* Esper, 1787
- Phaleana Noctua saucia* Esper, 1790

**Common name:** Nutmeg, Clover cutworm, sweet potato army-worm

**Wingspan:** 31-38 mm

**Host records:** *Salsola iberica*, *Hibiscus*, cotton, hemp, rhubarb, cabbages, soybeans, groundnuts, *Ricinus*, flax, tomatoes, *Trifolium*, lucerne, Leguminosae, beetroots, swedes

**Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cyprus, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, USA, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower & Upper Egypt, Fayoum, Coastal Stripe, Sinai

**Type locality:** Germany, near Berlin

**Type specimen:**

**Type:** Lost (see H. Hacker 1998b: 727)

**2. *Cardepia* Hampson, 1905****2. *Cardepia affinis* Rothschild, 1913***Discestra deserticola* (Hampson, 1905)*Scotogramma ghigii* (Turatii, 1921) (T.: Libya, Cirenaica, lost)*Discestra strobilacei* (Dumont, 1925) (Synt.: Tunisia, Tozeur, MNHN, Paris)*Scotogramma compacta* Turati, 1934**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 30-34 mm**Host records:** Various halophilous herbaceous plants, including *Atriplex* sp. (Amaranthaceae)**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Cyprus, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai**Type locality:** Algeria, Western Central Sahara, Kef el Dor**Type specimen:****Holotype:** Male, (BMNH, London)**3. *Cardepia irrisoria* (Erschoff, 1874)***Mamestra irrisoria* Erschoff, 1874)*Mamestra albipicta* (Christoph, 1887), (Synt.: Russia, Krasnodowsk, ZI, St. Petersburg.)**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 34-38 mm**Host records:** Various halophilous herbaceous plants**Geographical Records:** Bulgaria, China, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Turkey, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai**Type locality:** Turkestan**Type specimen:****Type:** (ZI, St. Petersburg)**4. *Cardepia sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850)***Mamestra afra* Bethune-Baker, 1894; Types: **Egypt, Alexandria** (BMNH, London).*Discestra pedrosai* (Monteiro, 1972); (Holot.: Portugal, Monte Gordo Beach, Coll. Singeverga)*Mamestra sociabilis* Graslin, 1850*Mamestra albipicta* Christoph, 1884*Cardepia affinis* Rothschild, 1913.*Cardepia deserticola* Rothschild, 1920*Cardepia irrisor* subsp. *mauretana* Rothschild, 1920*Scotogramma compacta* Turati, 1921*Cardepia sociabilis* subsp. *antinea* Rungs, 1972**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 27-38 mm**Host records:** Papilionaceous plants, *Atriplex halimus*, *Salsola vermiculata***Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Chad, France, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen,**Distribution in Egypt:** Coastal Strip (Alexandria), Lower & Upper Egypt**Type locality:** as *sociabilis*: France, East Pyreneesas *afra*: **Egypt, Alexandria****Type specimen:****Type:** as *sociabilis* France, Eastern Pyrenees**Type:** as *afra*: (MBNH, London)

**3. *Hadula* Staudinger, 1889****5. *Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905)***Aglosssestra deserticola* Hampson, 1905 (Egypt, Eastern Desert, Suez, BMNH, London)*Hadula mariaeludoviciae* Lucas, 1914*Derthisa affinis* Rothschild, 1914**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 34 - 37 mm**Host records:** L.T.**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Iraq, Malta, Tunisia**Distribution in Egypt:** Eastern Desert, Suez**Type locality:** as *Aglosssestra deserticola* Egypt, Eastern Desert, Suez  
as *A. mariaeludoviciae* Tunisia, Tunis,**Type specimens:****Holotype:** as *Aglosssestra deserticola* (BMNH, London)**Syntype:** as *A. mariaeludoviciae* (MNHN, Paris)**6. *Hadula sabulorum* (Alphéraky, 1882)***Hadula sabulorum pulverata* (Abang-Hass, 1907)*Scotogramma chimaera* (Rothschild, 1913)*Mamestra pulverata* Bang-Haas, 1907*Polia cinnamomeogrisea* Rotyhschild, 1913*Anarta sabulorum* (Alpheraky, 1882)*Hadula leucheima* Boursin, 1963*Scotogramma segnis* Püngeler, 1906**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 36-41 mm**Host records:** L.T.**Geographical Records:** Algeria, China, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai**Type locality:** China, Kouldja district**Type specimen:****Syntype:** (ZI, Leningrad)**Subtribe2: *Hadenina* Guenée, 1852****4. *Enterpia* Guenée, 1850****7. *Enterpia laudeti* (Boisduval, 1840)***Cleophane laudeti* (Boisduval, 1840)*Acontia cretacea* (Eversmann, 1847)*Cleophana laudei* Boisduval, 1840*Acontia cretacea* Eversmann, 1847, (T.: S-Russia, Sarepta, ZI, St. Petersb.)*Euterpia laudeti* subsp. *latestrigata* Amsel, 1935*Euterpia laudeti* Spuler, 1907**Common name:** Laudet Scoop**Wingspan:** 26-31 mm**Host records:** *Silene* spp., *Gypsophila* spp., *Cerastium glomeratum***Geographical Records:** Armenia, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai (Al-Arish), Lower Egypt**Type locality:** Switzerland, Wallis (Valesia)



**Type specimen:**

**Types:** Not stated, unknown (see H. Hacker, 1996: 590)

**5. *Hadena* Schrank, 1802****8. *Hadena sancta* Staudinger, 1840**

*Hadena atrifusa* Wiltshire, 1986

*Dianthoecia sancta* Staudinger, 1859

*Anepia (Epia) sancta* Staudinger, 1859

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 31-35 mm

**Host records:** seeds of various silene

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Cyprus, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt

**Type locality:** Spain, Andalusien, Chiclana, Cerro de Santa Anna

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** (MNHU, Berlin)

**9. *Hadena silenens* (Hübner, 1822)**

*Harmodia calcescens* (Dannehl, 1929)

*Dianthoecia sejuncta* (Herrich-Schaffer, 1850) (T.: Turkey, Istanbul)

*Harmodia calcescens* (Dannehl, 1929) (Synt.: Italy, Abruzzo, ZSM, Munich)

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 31-35 mm

**Host records:** silene

**Geographical Records:** Bulgaria, Crete, Croatia, France, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sicily, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Europe

**Type:** Europe

**10. *Hadena silenides* (Staudinger, 1895)**

*Pronotestra silenides* Staudinger, 1895

*Mamestra silenides* Staudinger, 1895

*Dianthaecia cinochrea* (Chretien, 1911), Holotype, Tunisia, Gasfa, MNHN, Paris)

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 29-33mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Sinai

**Type locality:** Spain, Andalusia, near Chiclana

**Type specimens:**

**Syntype:** 3 Males & 3 Females, (MNHU, Berlin)

**11. *Hadena syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933)**

*Hadena syriaca imitaria* Brandt, 1947

*Anepia imitaria* subsp. *petroffi* Wiltshire, 1948, (Holotype, Egypt (BMNH, London)

*Harmodia lepida syriaca* Osthelder, 1933

*Dianthoecia osthelderi* Draudt, 1933

*Harmodia imitaria* Brandt, 1947, (Holotype, Iran, Fars, Sinh Safid, (NR, Stockholm)

*Hadena (Anepia) syriaca imitaria*; (Kremky, 1937)

*Anepia imitaria petroffi* Wiltshire, 1948;

*Hadena (Anepia) syriaca quetta*; Hacker, 1996

*Harmodia imitaria* Brandt, 1947

**Common name:** Small blood-vein

**Wingspan:** 28 - 34 mm

**Host records:** Caryophyllaceae

**Geographical Records:** Armenia, Bulgaria, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Romania, Russia, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine,

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai, Lower & Upper Egypt, Coastal strip (Mariout)

**Type locality:** as *Hadena syriaca* Turkey, Marasch

as *Anepia imitaria* subsp. *petroffi* **Egypt, Sinai**

**Type specimens:**

**Holotype:** as *Hadena syriaca* (NM, Vienna)

**Holotype:** as *Anepia imitaria* subsp. *petroffi* (BMNH, London)

#### 6. *Odontelia* Hampson, 1905

#### 12. *Odontelia daphnadeparisae* Kravchenko et al, 2007

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 43-46 for males, and 56 to 58 for females

**Host records:** Amaranthaceae

**Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Israel, Palestine, Arava, Gerofit

**Type specimens:**

**Holotype:** Coll. Tel Aviv University, Israel

**Paratype:** Coll. TAU, HNHM

#### 7. *Thargelia* Püngeler, 1900

#### 13. *Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909

*Hadula gigantea* (Rebel, 1909)

*Odontelia griseola* Rothschild, 1913 (Synt.: Algerien, Biskra, Touggourt, BMNH, Lond.)

*Odontelia grazianii* Krüger, 1933 (Holot.: Libyen, Cirenaica, Maaten, Giofer, BMNH, Lond.)

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 43-56 mm.

**Host records:** *Haloxylon persicum*, *H. aphyllum*.

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Israel, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai.

**Type locality:** Sinai (W. Werdan, Ajun Mus Oasis, W, Werdan)

**Type specimen:**

**Syntypes:** NM, Vienna

#### Subtribe3: Mamestrina Beck, 1996

#### 8. *Haplocestra* Aurivillius, 1910

#### 14. *Haplocestra similis* Aurivillius, 1910

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** about 34 mm.

**Host records:** Saltplants

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Austria, Cape Verde, Iran, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Tunisia

**Distribution in Egypt:**

**Type locality:** Cape Verde, Razo

**Type specimen:**

**Syntype:** 2Males (NR, Stockholm =SNHM)

**9. *Hecatera* Guenée, 1852****15. *Hecatera dysodea* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)***Noctua dysodea* Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775*Polia dysodea* Denis & Schiffermüller*Hadena spinaciae* Vieweg, 1790*Polia spinaciae* Vieweg, 1790*Phalaena Noctua ornata* Villers, 1789*Phaleana Noctua flavicineta* var. *minor* Esper, 1790*Noctua spinaciae* Vieweg, 1790*Hecatera spinaciae* Vieweg, 1790*Phaleana Noctua chrysozona* Borkhausen, 1790*Noctua ranunculina* Haworth, 1809*Polia caduca* Herrich-Schäffer, (1850)*Mamestra dysodea* var. *innocens* Staudinger, 1870*Polia subflava* Warren, 1909*Polia antitypina* Rothschild, 1914*Polia faroulti* Rothschild, 1914*Hecatera dysodea* var. *africana* Oberthür, 1918*Mamestra dysodea* subsp. *khala* Rungs, 1972**Common name:** Small ranunculus**Wingspan:** 27-34 mm**Host records:** Artemisia, lettuces, Compositae, different Asteraceae, Hieracium, Prenanthis, Sonchus**Geographical Records:** Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Crete, Cecily, Cyprus, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Netherland, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Tajikistan, Ukraine, USA, Yemen**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt and Sinai**Type locality:** Austria, Vienna**Type specimen:****Type:** Vienna (Type destroyed)**16. *Hecatera fixseni* (Christoph, 1883)***Pseudophia fixseni* (Christoph, 1882)*Epipsammia fixseni* (Christoph, 1882)*Caloestra fixseni* (Christoph, 1882)**Common name:** unknown**Wingspan:** 21-25 mm**Host records:** Gramineae**Geographical Records:** Afghanistan, Armenia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Turkey, Turkmenistan**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai**Type locality:** Odrubad**Type specimens:****Type:** Odrubad**17. *Hecatera weissii* (Draudt, 1934)***Mamestra corsica weissii* (Draudt, 1934))**Common name:** Unknown**Wingspan:** 30-34 mm**Host records:** Lactuca, Gramineae

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Canary Islands, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Turkey

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Spain, Catalonia, Barcelona

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** Spain

**10. *Mamestra Ochsenheimer*, 1816**

**18. *Mamestra immiscens* Walker, 1870**

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 19mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:**

**Distribution in Egypt:** Mount Sinai

**Type locality:** Mount Sinai

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** Mount Sinai

**19. *Mamestra mixtura* Walker, 1870**

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 18mm

**Host records:** L.T.

**Geographical Records:** Unknown

**Distribution in Egypt:** Mount Sinai

**Type locality:** Mount Sinai

**Type specimens:**

**Type:** Mount Sinai

**Tribe2: Leucaniini Guenée, 1837**

**11. *Leucania Ochsenheimer*, 1816**

**20. *Leucania herrichii* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1849)**

*Mythimna herrichii* Herrich-Schäffer, 1849

**Common name:** unknown

**Wingspan:** 30 - 36 mm

**Host records:** Gramineae

**Geographical Records:** Bulgaria, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sicily, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Turkey, Bosphorus

**Type specimen:**

**Holotype:** Turkey, Bosphorus

**21. *Leucania loreyi* Duponchel, 1827)**

*Mythimna loreyi* (Duponchel, 1827)

*Noctua caricis* (Treitschke, 1835) (Synt.: "Weise", HNHM, Budapest)

*Leucania curvula* (Walker, 1856) (Synt.: "Congo", BMNH, London)

*Leucania collecta* (Walker, 1856) (Holot.: India, Punjab, BMNH, London)

*Leucania exterior* (Walker, 1856) (Holot.: India, Punjab, BMNH, London)

*Leucania thoracica* (Walker, 1856) (T.: "Dikhun", BMNH, London)

*Leucania designata* (Walker, 1856) (T.: India, Canara, BMNH, London)

*Leucania denotata* (Walker, 1856) (T.: Srilanka, Pundaloya, BMNH, London)

*Acantholeucania loreyi* Duponchel

*Cirphis loreyi* Duponchel

*Hyphilare loreyi* Duponchel

*Noctua loreyi* Duponchel, 1827

*Pseudaletia loreyi* Duponchel

**Common name:** Cosmopolitan, False Army Worm

**Wingspan:** 33 - 44 mm

**Host records:** Gramineae, *Oryza*, *Zea*, *Sorghum*, *Cyathea*, *Saccharum*

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Central Africa R., China, Congo DR, Cote D'Ivoire, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, England, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, São Tomé & Príncipe, Seychelles, Sicily, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Fayoum, Western Desert, Sinai

**Type locality:** France, Dijon

**Type specimen:**

**Lectotype:** Male, (MNHN, Paris)

### 22. *Leucania palaestinae* Staudinger, 1897

*Mythimna palaestinae* Staudinger, 1897

*Leucania jordana* Bartel, 1904, (Holot.m:"Jordan-Tal")

*Cirphis crenulata* (Hampson, 1905) (Synt.: "Persischer Golf", Fao, BMNH, London)

*Boloria sesamiodes* (Hampson, 1905) (Synt.: Algeria, Hammam, -es-Salahin, BMNH, Lond.)

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 30 - 36 mm

**Host records:** Germinae, *Arundo phragmites*

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Cyprus, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Sicily, Syria, Turkey

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** Palestine, Israel, Haifa, Jordantal

**Type specimen:**

**Syntype:** MNHU, Berlin

### 23. *Leucania punctosa* (Treitschke, 1825)

*Simyra punctosa* Treitschke, 1825

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 28 - 40 mm

**Host records:** Germinae

**Geographical Records:** Armenia, Crete, Cyprus, France, , Greece, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Mauritania, Palestine, Portugal, Russia, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Spain, Ukraine

**Distribution in Egypt:** Sinai

**Type locality:** France (Muzler in Unsbach)

**Type specimen:**

**Type:** HNHM, Budapest

### 24. *Leucania putrescens* (Hübner, [1824])

*Noctua putrescens* Hübner, [1824])

*Noctua boisduvalii* (Duponchel, 1827) (T.: Frankr., Provence, MNHN, Paris)

*Leucania putrescens* var. *canariensis* Rebel, 1894

*Leucania putrescens* subsp. *vallettai* Boursin, 1952

**Common name:** Devonshire Wainscot

**Wingspan:** 32-36 mm

**Host records:** Germinae, Grasses

**Geographical Records:** Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, England, France, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sardinia, Sicily, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt

**Type locality:** Europe

**Type specimen:**

**Type:** Europe

#### 25. *Leucania zae* (Duponchel, 1827)

*Mythimna zae* Duponchel, 1827

*Leucania cinerea* (Lucas, 1948)

*Leucania indistincta* Ochseneheimer, 1816

*Cirphis zae* Duponchel

*Sidemia zae* Duponchel

*Sideridis zae* Duponchel

**Common name:** Unknown

**Wingspan:** 39 - 42 mm

**Host records:** millets, rice, wheat, maize, and other Gramineae

**Geographical Records:** Albania, China, Crete, Croatia, France, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, Sicily, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower & Upper Egypt

**Type locality:** France, Montpellier

**Type specimen:**

**Type:** MNHN, Paris

#### 12. *Mythimna* Ochseneheimer, 1816

#### 26. *Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858)

*Aletia languida* (Walker, 1858)

*Mamestra zachii* (Bohatsch, 1880) (Holot.: Syria)

*Mamestra abbas* (Bethune-Baker, 1894) (T.: **Egypt**, Alexandria, BMNH, London)

*Borolia sesamoides* (Hampson, 1905) (Synt.: Algeria, Hammam. es-Salahin, BMNH, London)

*Hadena consanguis* Guenée, 1852b

*Apamea undicilia* Walker, 1856

*Hadena languida* Walker, 1858

*Hecatera impura* Snellen, [1886] [

*Hadena stolidia* Leech, 1889

*Apamea cana* Hampson, 1891

*Aletia abbas* Bethune-Baker, 1894, Type(s): **Egypt**: Alexandria (BMNH, London)].

**Common name:** Marbled Graseule

**Wingspan:** 27 - 33 mm

**Host records:** *Lavathera* sp., Gramineae, grasses, and alfalfa

**Geographical Records:** Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Congo, Congo DR., Cote D'Ivoire, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritania, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen, Zimbabwe

**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt, Coastal Stripe & Sinai

**Type locality:** As *Mythimna languida* South Africa, Port Natal (Durban)

As *Mamestra abbas* **Egypt**, Alexandria

As *Aletia abbas* **Egypt**, Alexandria

**Type specimen:****Holotype:** Male, BMNH, London as *Mythimna languida***Type:** BMNH, London as *Mamestra abbas* and *Aletia abbas***27. *Mythimna sicula* (Treitschke, 1835)***Leucania sicula* Treitschke, 1835*Aletia sicula* Treitschke, 1835*Leucania cyperi* BOISDUVAL, 1840*Leucania dactylidis* BOISDUVAL, 1840*Leucania montium* BOISDUVAL, 1840*Leucania albivena* GRASLIN, 1852*Leucania fuscilinea* GRASLIN, 1852**Common name:** Small Rootstalk Grass Owl**Wingspan:** 34 - 49 mm**Host records:** Poaceae (Germinae)**Geographical Records:** Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, Turkmenistan,**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower Egypt**Type locality:** Italy, Palermo**Type specimen:****Type:** HNHM, Budapest**28. *Mythimna unipuncta* (Haworth, 1809)***Noctua unipuncta* Haworth, 1809*Pseudaletia unipuncta* (Haworth, 1809)*Leucania extranea* Guenee 1852*Leucania antica* Walker 1856*Cirphis unipuncta* Haworth 1809*Heliophila unipuncta* Haworth*Leucania unipuncta* Haworth*Sideridis unipuncta* Haworth**Common name:** Rice Armyworm, American armyworm, White Point**Wingspan:** 41-48 mm**Host records:** maize, lucerne, sugar cane, rice, and many Gramineae**Geographical Records:** Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Crete, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Netherland, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sardinia, Senegal, Sicily, Somalia, Spain, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, USA, Yemen**Distribution in Egypt:** Lower & Upper Egypt, Fayoum, Western Desert**Type locality:** England**Type specimen:****Type:** England

# Plate I

## Subfamily: Acontiinae Guenée, 1841



*Acontia ashenensis* (Rothschild, 1921)



*Acontia biskrensis* Oberthür, 1887



*Acontia curvica* (Hampson, 1910)



*Acontia dichroa* (Hampson, 1914)



*Acontia hortensis* Swinhoe, 1884



*Acontia karachiensis* Swinhoe, 1889



*Acontia lacida* (Hufnagel, 1766)



*Acontia opalinoides* (Guenée, 1852)



*Armada nilotica* Bang-Haas, 1912



*Armada panaccorum* (Ménétriés, 1848)



*Epharmottomena eremophila* (Rebel, 1895)



*Iranada turcorum* (Zerny, 1915)

## Subfamily: Agaristinae Herrich-Schäffer, [1858]



*Aegoceroptis brevivitta* (Hampson, 1901)



*Aegoceroptis rectilinea* Boisduval, 1836



*Ileraclia geryon* (Fabricius, 1781)

## Subfamily Amphipyrinae Guenée, 1837



*Amphipyra tetra* (Fabricius, 1787)



*Amphipyra tragopoginis* (Clerck, 1759)



# Plate II

## Subfamily Hadeninae Guenée, 1837

*Anarta sodae* (Boisduval, 1829)*Anarta trifolii* (Hufnagel, 1766)*Cardepia affinis* Rothschild, 1913*Cardepia irisoria* (Erschoff, 1998)*Cardepia sociabilis* (Graslin, 1850)*Enterpia laudeti* (Boisduval, 1840)*Hadenia sancta* Staudinger, 1840*Hadenia silenes* (Hübner, 1822)*Hadenia silenides* (Staudinger, 1895)*Hadenia syriaca* (Osthelder, 1933)*Hadula deserticola* (Hampson, 1905)*Hadula sabalorum* (Alphérak, 1882)*Hecatera dysodea* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775)*Hecatera fixseni* (Christoph, 1883)*Hecatera weissi* (Draudt, 1934)*Leucania herrichii* Herrich-Schäffer, 1849*Leucania palaestinae* Staudinger, 1897*Leucania punctosa* (Treitschke, 1825)*Leucania putrescens* (Hübner, 1824)*Mythimna languida* (Walker, 1858)*Mythimna loreyi* (Duponchel, 1827)*Mythimna sicula* Treitschke, 1835*Mythimna unipuncta* (Haworth, 1809)*Mythimna zcae* Duponchel, 1827*Odontella daphneparisae* Kravchenko*Thargelia gigantea* Rebel, 1909

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