

19. *Plutella xylostella* L. The first on May 5, the last on October 13. As a rule in feeble numbers with sudden small tops suggesting immigrations. Total number only 954.

On the whole a bad year for immigrants with the exception only of *Scotia ipsilon*, and with a striking absence of rarer species.

A few observations of *Vanessa cardui* abroad may be added. From May 17—20 an enormous migration was observed near Vaison la Romaine (France, Vaucluse), flying against a strong wind and close to the ground. The migration was observed over a front of at least 30 km, but was probably broader (L. H. CLAASSENS).

During a stay of a fortnight at Lavagna, \pm 40 km south of Genova, very fresh specimens suddenly appeared in considerable numbers on May 31, remained a few days, visiting the flowers of Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*) and then disappeared as suddenly as they had come (LEMPKE).

On June 9 hundreds were seen near Blagoevgrad in the Struma valley in SW Bulgaria, probably immigrants arrived via Greece (D. VESTERGAAD).

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Studies on Coleophoridae (Lepidoptera)

II. A new name for *Coleophora icterella* Toll 1949

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Recently KLIMESCH (1971) published a paper on the biology and genitalia of *Coleophora icterella* Toll. Unfortunately this name appears to be preoccupied. DUPONCHEL (1840) described in his "Histoire naturelle des Lépidoptères ou Papillons de France" 11: 578, plate 310 fig. 12, *Ornix icterella*, possibly from the kidney vetch, *Anthyllis vulneraria*. Although the name *icterella* was a manuscript name of ZELLER, he has never published it, but in 1839 ZELLER described this species already as *Coleophora vulnerariae* with the addition *icterella in lit.*

DUPONCHEL (1844—45) let prevail his name *icterella* over *vulnerariae* Zeller and ZELLER (1849) enumerated *icterella* Duponchel as a synonym of his *vulnerariae*. Also HEINEMANN & WOCKE (1877), DE JOANNIS (1915) and SUIRE (1961) used this synonymy. There seems no doubt of the conspecificity of the two names and *Coleophora icterella* (Duponchel, 1840) is therefore a junior subjective synonym of *C. vulnerariae* Zeller 1839. Thus *Coleophora icterella* Toll 1949 appears to be a secondary homonym of *C. icterella* (Duponchel) and a new name is needed. I propose *cecidophorella* nom. nov. indicating the cecidogenous habits of the larvae.

GOIDANICH (1951, 1956) proposed the term cecidophory for the unique phenomenon of carrying self-made galls by the larvae of *cecidophorella*. The larvae of this coleophorid moth produce galls of the floral buds of *Polygonum convolvulus* L. and *P. dumetorum* L. and when mature they cut these galls from the plant using them as a case.

The genitalia and case of this very interesting species are figured by TOLL (1949, 1962), GOIDANICH (1956) and KLIMESCH (1971). The geographical distribution includes: Ukraine, Hungary, Austria and N.-Italy (KLIMESCH, 1971).

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Summary

Coleophora cecidophorella nom. nov. is proposed for *Coleophora icterella* Toll 1949, which is preoccupied by *C. icterella* (Duponchel 1840).

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