

Insect-stamps issued in 1960

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In continuation of my Checklist of Insect-stamps (1960, *Ent. Ber.* 20: 90—99) I list here the stamps which have been issued in 1960. Species which have not been shown on postage stamps before are marked with an asterisk.

Lepidoptera

AMATHUSIIDAE

- * *Taenaris catops* Westw. — Netherlands New Guinea 1960, 30 c. + 10 c.

ARCTIIDAE

- * *Chionaema saalmuelleri pauliani* Toulgoët — Madagascar 1960, 1 f. As *Chionaema pauliani* on stamp, but this species was reduced to a subspecies of *C. saalmuelleri* by the describer himself (1957, *Bull. ent. Soc. France* 61: 181).

BRAHMAEIDAE

- * *Dactyloceras widenmanni* Karsch — Central African Republic 1960, 5 f.

LYCAENIDAE

- Heodes virgaureae* L. — Roumania 1960, 40 b. As *Chrisophanus* [error for *Chrysophanus*] *virgaureae* on stamp.
* *Thysonotis danis* Cr. — Netherlands New Guinea 1960, 10 c. + 5 c.

NYMPHALIDAE

- * *Acraea hova* Bsd. — Madagascar 1960, 0.40 f.
Apatura iris L. — Roumania 1960, 1 l. 75
* *Cethosia cydippe* L. — Netherlands New Guinea 1960, 25 c. + 10 c.
* *Charaxes ameliae* Doumet — Central African Republic 1960, 10 f.
* *Charaxes antamboulou* Luc. — Madagascar 1960, 50 f.
* *Charaxes nobilis* Druce — Central African Republic 1960, 1 f., 2 f. As *Charaxe mobilis* on stamp.
* *Charaxes zingha* Stoll — Central African Republic 1960, 20 f.
* *Cymothoë sangaris* Godt. — Central African Republic 1960, 0.50 f., 3 f.
* *Hypolimnas dexithea* Hew. — Madagascar 1960, 3 f.
* *Limenitis populi* L. — Roumania 1960, 20 b.
* *Salamis duprei* Vins. — Madagascar 1960, 0.50 t.

PAPILIONIDAE

Papilio antimachus Drury — Central African Republic 1960, 85 f. As *Drurya antimachus* on stamp.

Papilio machaon L. — Roumania 1960, 55 b.

* *Papilio paradisea* Stgr. — Netherlands New Guinea 1960, 5 c. + 5 c.

PIERIDAE

* *Colotis zoe* Grand. — Madagascar 1960, 0.30 f.

SATURNIIDAE

* *Argema mittrei* Guér. — Madagascar 1960, 200 f.

Eudia pyri Schiffr. — Roumania 1960, 10 b. As *Saturnia pyri* on stamp.

SPHINGIDAE

Acherontia atropos L. — Roumania 1960, 1 l. 60

URANIIDAE

* *Chrysidia madagascariensis* Lesson — Madagascar 1960, 100 f.

Hymenoptera

APIDAE

Apis mellifica L. — South Korea 1960, 10 h. Liechtenstein 1960, 50 r. — this "EUROPA" stamp shows a hexagonal pattern which could be regarded to represent a honeycomb.

Unidentifiable species — Czechoslovakia 1960, 30 h.

Diptera

CULICIDAE

Unidentifiable species — Afghanistan 1960, 50 p. + 50 p., 175 p. + 50 p. Iran 1960, A. 1 r.; B. 3 r. Indonesia 1960, 25 s., 50 s., 70 s., 3 r.

The following are corrections and additions to the Checklist referred to above:
p. 90 — Mr. D. G. PETERSON (Guelph, Canada) kindly sent me a copy of the Hungary 1951 40 fi. stamp for inspection. The boy in the picture indeed holds a model aeroplane, but in the airspace to the left of the boy's arm is a tiny white animal on the wing and I agree with M. E. SMITH (1958) that this represents a butterfly (rather than a bird), especially as the children are playing in a field full of flowers.

p. 93 — *Agehana maroho*: Mr. E. J. NIEUWENHUIS (Rotterdam, Netherlands)

kindly drew my attention to the fact that this species was described as *Papilio marabo* by SHIRAKI & SONAN in 1934. MATSUMURA (1936, *Ins. Matsumur.* 10 : 86) erected the genus *Agehana* for this species, but according to Mr. NIEUWENHUIS this seems unjustified. The butterfly was placed as a subspecies of *Papilio elwesi* by HEMMING (1939, *Proc. R. ent. Soc. Lond. (B)* 8: 138) and Mr. NIEUWENHUIS agrees that this is the correct status. The name of the butterfly concerned should therefore read: *Papilio elwesi marabo* Shiraki & Sonan.

p. 95 — line 19 from above — add.: 15 c. (dull brown).

lines 21 and 24 from above — delete: 15 c. (chocolate).

line 26 from above — add: 15 c. (overprinted with two horizontal black bars across head).

Erasmia pulchella: Mr. E. J. NIEUWENHUIS informs me that according to MATSUMURA (1931, 6000 *Illustr. Ins. Japan*) subspecies *Erasmia pulchella chinensis* Jordan occurs in Formosa.

p. 98 — [*Apis*] *mellifia* should be *mellifica* (this has been corrected in the reprints).

Apis mellifica L. — add: Réunion 1933 Postage Due stamps, 5 c., 10 c., 15 c., 20 c., 30 c., 50 c., 60 c., 1 f., 2 f., 3 f. — 12½ minute bees (which I suppose are meant to represent the common honey bee) are shown on the coat of arms. I am indebted to Mr. D. G. PETERSON for bringing this set to my notice.

GENERAL REMARKS: (a) In 1959 Hungary issued a 60 fi. stamp the design of which is based on the fairy tale "The cricket and the ant", but the two insects are portrayed too anthropomorphically for inclusion in a list of insect-stamps. (b) The Hon. Miss M. ROTHSCHILD informed me that the Hungary 1959 set of Lepidoptera was also issued imperforate. (c) Instead of *Arctia flavia* (Checklist, p. 92), TURNER (1960) names the moth *Filugello giallo*; this is the vernacular Italian name of the insect (Filugello = silkworm; giallo = yellow).

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