

cohol and badly discoloured. Nevertheless, structural characters make it possible to conclude that it belongs not to *Euryphymus* but to *Platyphymus* Uvarov (1922, *t.c.*: 146), which latter name thus becomes a synonym of *Phymeurus*.

Ten species of *Phymeurus* are known (under *Platyphymus*) and the majority of the types were studied by me. It was, however, impossible to decide whether *Ph. pardalis* is conspecific with any other species, as there is no male and the female type is in a very poor state of preservation. It must, therefore, remain as a distinct species, until topotypical material (from Kwango in Congo) is available.

7. *Sphingonotus eurasius orientalis* Bei-Bienko 1948 (*Izv. Akad. Nauk. Kazak. S.S.R.*, 8: 191, fig. 5), preoccupied by *S. canariensis orientalis* Mistchenko, 1936 (*Eos*, 12: 77, 99, figs. 30, 31), re-named *S. eurasius kazakus*, **nom. nov.**

8. *Vosseleriana* Bei-Bienko 1950 (*Entom. Obozr.*, 31: 202, fig. 3; also 1951, *Saran. Faun. S.S.R.*, 2: 633), *nec* Uvarov 1924 (*Tech. Sci. Bull. Min. Agr. Egypt.* 41: 31) = *Sphingonotus* Fieber 1852.

BEI-BIENKO regarded the genus *Vosseleriana* as differing from *Sphingonotus* by somewhat specialised stridulatory organ on the elytra, but the type of the genus, *Helioscirtus fonti* I. Bolivar 1902, was unknown to him and it has no such specialisation. The following species transferred by Bei-Bienko to his *Vosseleriana* from *Sphingonotus* should now be regarded as members of that latter genus: *Sphingonotus finotianus* Sauss., *S. pictus* Werner, *S. pictus onerosus* Mistchenko, *S. dentatus* Predtechensky, *S. paradoxus* Bei-Bienko, *S. canariensis* Saussure. This group of species is, in any case, completely unnatural and although some of them (except *fonti* I. Bol.) possess the specialisation described by BEI-BIENKO, this should be regarded as a convergence and not a proof of affinity.

This action leaves in the genus *Vosseleriana* Uv. only *V. fonti* I. Bol. and *V. somali* Uv.

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A new form of *Pieris rapae* L.

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Although a considerable number of forms have already been described with this common species, I met one which cannot be included in one of the known forms, and which I describe here as follows:

f. **griseosignata** nov. All black markings (basal suffusion, discal spot, apical spot) are of a pearl grey colour instead of the usual blackish colour found with the normal summer males.

Holotype: ♂, 12.VIII.1952, Amsterdam, in my collection.

The specimen is absolutely in fresh condition. The form must be a rare one. The extensive series in the Amsterdam Zoological Museum does not contain a single specimen of it.

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