

In species No. 26, *T. botrana*, column two lists the foodplants of the larva as Botri or vines; Botri is the plural of a latinized greek work Botrus, meaning "a bunch of grapes" and was used by the older botanists for the plants now referred to the genus *Vitis*. The third column, and the second column also, give the colloquial name of the species, which describes the activity of the larva and its habitat.

At the eighth meeting of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature held in Paris in 1948, the Commission agreed to recommend:

(1) the insertion in Article 25 of words to make it clear that the description of the work of an animal constitutes an "indication" for the purposes of Article 25, even if unaccompanied by a description of the animal itself and that a name so given is not to be rejected on the grounds that it is based upon a hypothetical form;"

The premise that the name *Tortrix botrana* is a *nomen nudum* is therefore without foundation.

PACLT's other contention that *Phalaena vitisana* Jacquin had been overlooked by earlier workers and cannot be found in any well known catalogue or monograph is also mistaken. It is omitted from KENNEL's monograph on the Palaearctic Tortricidae (the correct reference to his treatment of *botrana* is: 1916, *Zoologica*, Stuttgart vol. 21, Heft 54 (4): 453, not as cited by PACLT) but it has been synonymised with *Tortrix botrana* Schiffermüller in at least four works since 1882.

FERNALD, 1882, *Trans Amer. ent. Soc.*, 10: 128.

RAGONOT, 1894, *Ann. Soc. ent. Fr.*, 63: 209. (Provisional synonymy).

DYAR, 1903, *Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 52: 449. (List of N. Amer. Lep.).

OBRAZTSOV, 1953, *Tijdschr. Ent.*, 96: 92.

If PACLT's rejection of *T. botrana* had been correct, a vast number of SCHIFFERMÜLLER's other names should also have to be rejected on identical grounds. That such careful and experienced taxonomists as Sir GEORGE HAMPSON, L. B. PROUT and T. BAINBRIGGE FLETCHER, renowned for their strict interpretation of the International Rules, should accept these names is alone a sound guide and their judgement is fully borne out when the question of the validity of SCHIFFERMÜLLER's names is re-examined.

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Enige recente vangsten van minder gewone Coleoptera.

*Aegialia rufa* F. (Scarabaeidae), IJmuiden, 21.VI.1953.

*Silvanus unidentatus* F. (Cucujidae), Zaandam, 21.V.1953.

*Corymbites tessellatus* L. a. *strigatus* Gerh. (Elateridae), Jisp, 24.V.1953.

*Selatosomus aeneus* L. a. *coeruleus* Schilsky (Elateridae), Heemskerk, 23.VI.1953 (J. H. WOUDESTRA).

*Elater sanguineus* L. (Elateridae), Apeldoorn, 3.V.1953 (G. BANK).

*Aderus nigrinus* Germ. (Xylophilidae), Leusden, 3.V.1952.

*Asclera coerulea* L. (Oedemeridae), Amsterdam, 12.VI.1953 (J. H. WOUDESTRA).

*Lisodema quadripustulatum* Mrsh. (Pythidae), Wijk aan Zee, 20.VI.1953.

*Acmaeops marginata* F. (Cerambycidae), Amersfoort, 18.V.1952.

*Chrysomela marginata* L. (Chrysomelidae), Wijk aan Zee, 26.VI.1953 (J. H. WOUDESTRA).

*Magdalis linearis* Gyll. (Curculionidae), Leusden, 3.VI.1953.

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