

SHORT COMMUNICATION

The taxonomic placement and provenance of *Hypopyra inconspicua* Herrich-Schäffer (Lepidoptera, Thyrididae)

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ABSTRACT. The taxonomic placement and provenance of *Hypopyra inconspicua* Herrich-Schäffer (Lepidoptera, Thyrididae). *Tanyodes inconspicua* (Herrich-Schäffer) **comb. nov.** is transferred from *Spirama* Guenée (Noctuidae, Catocalinae) to Striglininae (Thyrididae), as a senior synonym of *Orthogramma rufitibia* R. Felder & Rogenhofer **syn. nov.** and *Tanyodes ochracea* Möschler **syn. nov.**, and from the African to the Neotropical fauna.

KEYWORDS. Africa; Neotropical; Noctuidae; synonymy; taxonomy.

RESUMO. Posição sistemática e procedência de *Hypopyra inconspicua* Herrich-Schäffer (Lepidoptera, Thyrididae). *Tanyodes inconspicua* (Herrich-Schäffer) **comb. nov.** é transferida de *Spirama* Guenée (Noctuidae, Catocalinae) para Striglininae (Thyrididae), como sinônimo mais antigo de *Orthogramma rufitibia* R. Felder & Rogenhofer **syn. nov.** e *Tanyodes ochracea* Möschler **syn. nov.**, e da fauna africana para a neotropical.

PALAVRAS CHAVE. África; Neotropical; Noctuidae; sinonímia; taxonomia.

Hypopyra inconspicua was described by Herrich-Schäffer ([1854]; in the “Noctuina” based on an unspecified number of specimens from “Cap.” [Cape Town, S. Africa]. It was listed by Hampson (1913: 334) in the Catocalinae (Noctuidae) among the “Species Omitted” and transferred by Poole (1989) to *Spirama* Guenée in the same subfamily. Häuser *et al.* (2003) found and illustrated in colour, two [female] syntypes in the Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart, Germany (SMNS), both labeled “Surinam, Kpl.”. According to the original illustrations and to those presented by the latter authors, there is no doubt that they represent a Striglininae (Thyrididae) species described twice again from Brazil and Surinam, proving that the syntypes labels are correct, and the type locality wrong. The species seems not rare as Whalley (1976: 130), who monographed the subfamily, studied 55 specimens ranging from the Guianas to Peru, deposited in the Natural History Museum, London (BMNH). In the author’s collection (VOB) there is a series of nine specimens collected in the Brazilian states of Maranhão, Pará and Rondônia. The full synonymy of the species is presented below.

Tanyodes inconspicua (Herrich-Schäffer) **comb. nov.**

Hypopyra inconspicua Herrich-Schäffer, [1854]: pl. [26]: figs. 123, 124, wrapper; [1858]: 68, 79. Two ♀♀ syntypes, SURINAM: [no further data], (“Kpl.”) (SMNS), colour illustrations examined [Häuser, Bartsch, Holstein and Steiner, 2003: 50, 64, fig. 48.]

Orthogramma rufitibia R. Felder & Rogenhofer, 1874, pl. 117, fig. 1.

Holotype ♂, BRAZIL: [no further data] [Amazons] (BMNH), colour illustration examined. **Syn. nov.**

Tanyodes ochracea Möschler, 1882: 415. Holotype ♀, SURINAM: [no further data] (MNHU), examined and synonymized under *T. rufitibia* by Whalley (1976: 129). **Syn. nov.**

Tanyodes rufitibia; Whalley, 1976: 129, pl. 10, figs. 94–95.

Spirama inconspicua; Poole, 1989: 921.

Remarks. *Tanyodes* is a monotypic genus, and its type species, *T. ochracea*, was synonymized under *T. rufitibia* by Whalley (1976: 129), a species originally described as a Noctuidae, but transferred to the Siculidae (= Thyrididae) by Guenée (1877: 286).

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