

A Newly Recorded Genus and Species of the Skippers from China (Lepidoptera: HesperIIDae)

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Abstract: One genus and species of the skippers are reported as new to China, i. e., *Darpa* Moore and *D. hanria* Moore from Mt. Mayuling, Baisha County, Hainan Province.

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The genus *Darpa* Moore was established in 1865 with *D. hanria* Moore, 1865 as its type species^[1, 2]. So far, three species have been recorded in the world. The genus is distributed in Oriental Region. During the survey on insects carried out on Mt. Mayuling, Hainan Island in March 2003, many interesting materials on Lepidoptera were gathered in our collection. Among which, the skipper genus *Darpa* Moore and its type species *D. hanria* Moore are recognized as new record to the fauna of China.

1 *Darpa* Moore, 1865 new record to China

Darpa Moore, 1865, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond. 1865 (3): 781. Type species: *Darpa hanria* Moore, 1865.

Distribution: China (Hainan), India (Assam) to Sundaland, Philippines^[3-5].

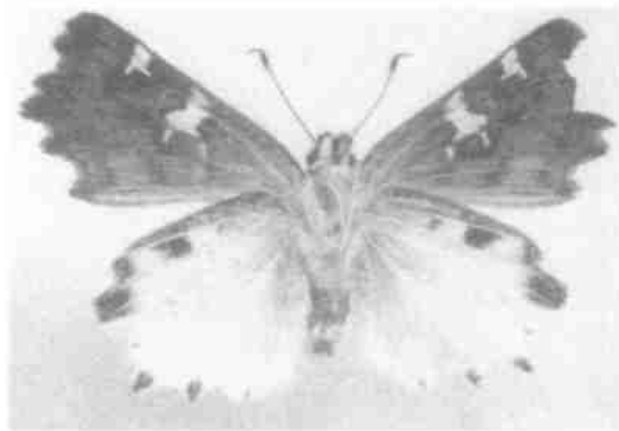
The genus is allied to *Tagiades* Hübner in appearance, but the hindwing cilia at tornal area are elongated, particularly in male. It contains three species, *D. hanria* Moore, 1865, *D. pteria* (Hewitson), 1868 and *D. striata* (H. Druce), 1873. However, *D. hanria* is quite different from the remaining two species on the wing shape and markings.

1.1 *Darpa hanria* Moore, 1865 new record to China (Fig. 1)

Darpa hanria Moore, 1865, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.



a. upperside



b. underside

Fig. 1 Female adult of *Darpa hanria* Moore, 1865

1865(3): 781. (Type locality: Sikkim, India).

Diagnosis: Termen of forewing and hindwing highly crenulated. Ground color on upperside dark brown,

forewing cell with an irregular white spot which extending towards costa, hindwing with long soft hairs in basal area, tornal area pale yellow in male, white in female. Forewing underside with ground color and markings similar to those on upperside, while the hindwing underside with well developed creamy white patch nearly occupying the whole wing.

Specimen: 1 ♀, Mt. Mayuling, Baisha County (alt. 1 300 m), Hainan Province, 2003- III-24.

Bionomics: The species was spotted in the shady primary forest.

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中国弄蝶一新记录属、种(鳞翅目：弄蝶科)

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摘要: 报道了采自海南省白沙县马域岭的中国弄蝶科一新记录属、种, 即达弄蝶属 *Darpa* Moore 和达弄蝶 *D. hania* Moore. 观察标本: 1 ♀, 海南省白沙县马域岭(1 300 m), 2003- III- 24.

关键词: 弄蝶科; 达弄蝶属; 达弄蝶; 新记录; 中国

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