





First record of the genus *Rhopaltriplasia* Diakonoff from China, with description of two new species (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae: Olethreutinae)

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Abstract

Rhopaltriplasia Diakonoff, 1973 is reported from China for the first time. Rhopaltriplasia rotundipetalina sp. nov. and Rhopaltriplasia spinalis sp. nov. are described and illustrated. Rhopaltriplasia insignata Kuznetsov is recorded for the first time from this country. A key for identification of the Chinese species is given.

Key words: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae, Rhopaltriplasia, new species, China

Introduction

Rhopaltriplasia Diakonoff, 1973 was proposed with Acroclita trimelaena Meyrick, 1922 as the type-species. It is characterized by forewing veins R₄ and R₅ stalked, hindwing veins M₃ and CuA₁ stalked, and the valva with a distinct neck between the sacculus and the cucullus in the male genitalia. Members of Rhopaltriplasia are similar in appearance, with a narrow forewing with a pointed apex and sinuate termen, but they differ greatly in features of the male genitalia. In R. trimelaena (Meyrick) and R. anamilleta Diakonoff the uncus is a slender hook, the gnathos are triangular hooks with pointed and triangular ventral angles, and the sacculus is greatly expanded ventrally and bears very long spines. In R. macrorhis Diakonoff, R. insignata Kuznetsov, R. rotundipetalina sp. n., and R. spinalis sp. n. the uncus is bifurcate or bilobed, the gnathos is a pair of arm-shaped sclerites, and the sacculus is gently broadened. Females of Rhopaltriplasia are poorly known. Kawabe (1982) reported the female of R. anamilleta from Thailand, but he did not provide a description or illustration. To date the female of only R. insignata has been described (Kuznetsov, 1997).