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A revision of the “*Belciana*” *viridipicta* (Hampson, 1902) species group with description of a new genus and two new species from East Asia (Lepidoptera, Noctuidae: Pantheinae). Revision of Pantheinae, Contribution VII

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Abstract

The new genus *Viridistria* **gen. n.** (type-species *Ancara viridipicta* Hampson, 1902) is separated and described from the heterogeneous complex “*Belciana*.” Two new species, *Viridistria secreta* **sp. n.** and *Viridistria hollowayi* **sp. n.** are described from North Vietnam, Sumatra and Borneo. Three new combinations are introduced: *Viridistria thoracica* (Moore, 1882) **comb. n.**, *Viridistria viridipicta* (Hampson, 1902), **comb. n.** and *Viridistria striatovirens* (Moore, 1883), **comb. n.**). The adults, male and female genitalia are illustrated. A checklist of the genus *Viridistria* is presented.

Key words: Lepidoptera, Noctuidae, Pantheinae, *Belciana*, *Viridistria*, taxonomic revision, new genus, new species, new combination, South East Asia

Introduction

The Oriental pantheine genus *Belciana* Walker, 1862 (type-species *Dandaca biformis* Walker, 1858) in the most current treatment (Holloway 2009) is recognized as a heterogeneous complex of species belonging to several genera (Behounek & Kononenko 2012); the genus *Anabelcia* Behounek & Kononenko 2012 has already been separated from *Belciana*. In the present paper, we continue the revision of this group, and describe a new genus *Viridistria* **gen. n.**, transfer *Donda thoracica* Moore, 1882, *Ancara viridipicta* Hampson, 1902 and *Donda striatovirens* Moore, 1883 to *Viridistria* and describe two new species, *Viridistria secreta* **sp. n.** from North Vietnam and *Viridistria hollowayi* **sp. n.** from Borneo and Sumatra.

Material and methods

The article is based on the institutional collections of Zoologische Staatssammlung München (ZSM), Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn (ZFMK), and Naturkundemuseum Berlin, (NMKB, formerly MNHU), Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest (HNHM) and the private collections of Gottfried Behounek (GB) Armin Becher (AB), Wolfgang Speidel (WS) (Germany), Alberto Zilli (AZ) (Italy), Gabor Ronkay (GR), Peter Gyulai (PG) (Hungary) and Bro Amnuay Pinratana (AP) (Thailand). All examined specimens were photographed using a Nikon Coolpix 4500; genitalic slides were photographed using the same camera attached to a microscope with an LM-scope adapter, and processed in Adobe Photoshop CS3.