

XXXIII.—On a new Species of the Theclid Genus *Theritas* from Colombia. By ARTHUR G. BUTLER, F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c.

THE following species was brought to the Museum for identification by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Oakes, by whom it has been generously presented to the National Collection. I therefore propose to give it the name of *T. Oakesii*.

*Theritas Oakesii*, sp. n.

Allied to *T. ducalis* and *T. actæon*, but markedly different from both. Primaries above with the basi-internal half greenish *Morpho*-blue; externo-costal half velvety blue-black; fringe slaty grey: secondaries of the same blue as the basal half of primaries, but golden green at anal angle; abdominal border lilacine grey; external margin and costa rather broadly bordered with black from near the base of costal margin to the second median branch, at which point the inner tail is emitted; the outer or anal tail is emitted from a prolongation of the wing between the first median and submedian veins, and is fully one third longer than the inner tail; both are black and continuous with a well-defined black marginal line; the fringes of the outer margin and tails steel-blue. Head above golden, the antennæ and distal half of palpi black, front margin of thorax opaline; remainder of body bright morpho-blue. Primaries below lilacine grey, the apical and costal areas densely irrorated with golden-green scales upon a dark brown ground; a narrow black marginal line; fringe steel-grey: secondaries golden green at base and towards internal and external margins, becoming almost cupreous on the disk, this colour passing gradually into purplish rose over the sub-basal area from the end of the cell almost to the base itself; tails, marginal line, and fringe as above; two subparallel black stripes above the anal angle, the upper ones curving inwards to the abdominal border, the lower angulated, bordering the anal sinus and continuous with the outer tail; the remainder of the wing, excepting at outer margin, covered with short, thick, black strigæ: legs black and opaline. Expanse of wings 40 millim.

Caught at the village of Malpaso (Tolima) in Colombia, South America.



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