

while Swanepoel *Butterflies of South Africa* (1953) quotes Trimen as "having observed these butterflies chasing each other at dusk in Mauritius".

In April 1994 I was staying at the Rim Nam Klang Doi Resort, a delightful thatched Thai hotel beside the Pai river, near Mai Hong Son, its grounds an "oasis" amidst the then bare teak forests of the region. On a number of evenings at dusk whilst crossing a small, damp grassy clearing I saw some wonderful displays of aerobatics by large black butterflies. Two, three or four individuals would engage in violent, erratic territorial (and/or courtship?) manoeuvres, starting from ground level, on an oblique flight path upwards to twenty feet or more, often to return to repeat the process. All the while individuals remained very close to one another, and it was not surprising that the four specimens I caught were distinctly tattered; all four were males. Soon after dark these performances appeared to have ceased.

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***Cochylis pallidana* Zell. (Lep.: Tortricidae) new to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight**

Among the 263 moths that flew to my m.v. light at home here on 7 August 1995 was a specimen of *Cochylis pallidana* Zell., a species that is described by Bradley, Tremewan and Smith (1973, *British Tortricoid Moths*. Ray Society, London) as mainly coastal but also occurring inland on the chalk downs of southern England, where it is scarce and local. I am grateful to Barry Goater for confirming both my identification of the specimen and its status as new to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. I understand from Col. Emmet (pers. comm.) that this year *pallidana* has also occurred elsewhere later than the expected season in June.— ALASDAIR ASTON, Wake's Cottage, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH.

***Margaritia sticticalis* Linn. (Lep.: Pyralidae) in East Suffolk**

Shortly after 3pm on 1 August 1995, I noticed and managed to photograph a specimen of *Margaritia sticticalis* Linn. settled in bright sunlight on lavender at Quay Street, Orford (TM424497). This sighting was considerably further east than most of my previous observations: Wicken Fen (9 August 1953), Elvedon (11 August 1950) and Thelnetham Fen (5 August 1959). As the Orford lavender was not more than two hundred yards inland, the moth may have migrated, particularly since in 1995 there have also been widespread reports from most of England. At all events, it was good to renew acquaintance with this species, which I had last seen on 6 August 1964 near Beccles.— ALASDAIR ASTON, Wake's Cottage, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH.



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