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Taxonomic Information

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1. Checklist of genus *Coptodisca* and hostplants, with Type localities (TL)

Coptodisca Walsingham, 1895: 41 [replacement name of *Aspidisca*]

= *Aspidisca* Clemens, 1859: 87, type species *Aspidisca splendoriferella* Clemens, 1859: 87 [junior homonym]

arbutiella Busck, 1904: 769

Ericaceae: *Arbutus menziesii*, *Arctostaphylos andersonii*

TL: USA, Washington: Seattle

cercocarpella Braun, 1925: 218

Rosaceae: *Cercocarpus ledifolius*, *C. montanus*

TL: USA, Utah: Logan

condaliae Busck, 1900: 242

Rhamnaceae: *Krugiodendron ferreum*

TL: USA, Florida: Palm Beach

diospyriella (Chambers, 1874b): 217 (*Aspidisca*)

Ebenaceae: *Diospyros virginiana*, *texana*

TL: USA, Kentucky: Edmondson County, "Bee Spring Camp"

juglandiella (Chambers, 1874a): 151 (*Aspidisca*)

Juglandaceae: *Juglans nigra*

TL: USA, Kentucky: Covington

kalmiella Dietz, 1921: 44

Ericaceae: *Kalmia angustifolia*

TL: USA, New Jersey: Browns Mills

lucifluella (Clemens, 1860): 209 (*Aspidisca*)

Juglandaceae: *Carya*, *Juglans*

TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton

= *ella* (Chambers, 1871): 224 (*Aspidisca*)

TL: USA, Kentucky: Covington

magnella Braun, 1916: 138

Ericaceae: *Gaylussacia baccata*

TL: USA, Ohio: Lancaster

matheri Lafontaine, 1974: 126
 Ericaceae: *Vaccinium arboreum*
 TL: USA, Mississippi: Jackson

negligens Braun, 1920: 79
 Ericaceae: *Vaccinium macrocarpon*
 TL: USA, Ohio: Cranberry Island, Buckeye Lake.

ostryaeoliella (Clemens, 1861): 82 (*Aspidisca*)
 Betulaceae: *Ostrya virginiana*
 TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton

powellella Opler, 1971 : 194
 Fagaceae: *Quercus agrifolia, suber, wislizeni*
 TL: USA, California: San Diego County, Descanso Ranger Station

querciolella Braun, 1927: 192
 Fagaceae: *Quercus*
 TL: USA, Arizona: Cornville

rhizophorae Walsingham, 1897: 143
 Rhizophoraceae: *Rhizophora mangle*
 TL: Virgin Islands: St. Thomas

ribesella Braun, 1925: 217
 Grossulariaceae: *Ribes cereum*
 TL: USA, Utah: Logan Canyon

saliciella (Clemens, 1861): 82 (*Aspidisca*)
 Salicaceae: *Salix lasiolepis*
 TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton

splendoriferella (Clemens, 1859): 87 (*Aspidisca*)
 Rosaceae: *Prunus, Crataegus, Malus, Pyrus*
 TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton
 = *pruniella* (Clemens, 1861): 82 (*Aspidisca*)
 TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton
 = *saccatella* (Packard, 1889): 355, pl. 8:18 (*Lyonetia*)
 TL: USA, Pennsylvania: Easton

sp. *Amelanchier* [sp. 1]
 Rosaceae: *Amelanchier utabensis*
 [possibly = *cercocarpella*]

sp *Carya* Georgia [sp. 2]
 Juglandaceae: *Carya*

sp *Juglans* California
 Juglandaceae: *Juglans californica*

sp *Juglans* Texas
 Juglandaceae: *Juglans microcarpa*

sp *Populus* [sp. 3]
 Salicaceae: *Populus fremonti, tremuloides*

Lectotype selection of *Coptodisca lucifluella*

Coptodisca lucifluella was described (as *Aspidisca lucifluella*, Clemens 1860) from an unspecified number of specimens, reared from larvae in leafmines found on hickory (*Carya* sp.).

Citation from Clemens (1860):

“The larva may be found in September and October mining the leaves of hickories. Early October the larva cuts out an oval disk and enters the pupal state, to appear as an imago early in June.”

Clemens did not provide locality data, but he collected around his hometown Easton (Pennsylvania), which is therefore the type locality.

Authors in the 19th's century rarely selected types, but Clemens donated his collection with his “types” to the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Historical details can be read in Busck (1903). Busck also reported on page 204 that there are two types of *Aspidisca lucifluella*, one perfect, but not spread, the other damaged. The specimens were labelled with Clemens' number 114. At the moment one specimen in the Clemens collection is labelled “Holotype”, probably the first mentioned specimen. On the minuten pin there is small label with the number “114”, most likely Clemens' original label. The other labels have been added later by successive curators (see Fig. 1). Since the original description did not contain a holotype selection, and did not specify the number of types, all types have to be regarded as Syntypes (ICZN art. 72), even though labelled “Holotype”. We select here the female specimen labelled Holotype as lectotype (following ICZN art. 74.6).

The external features of the lectotype agree with most other North American specimens reared from *Carya* (except the specimen here named sp *Carya* Georgia). On the basis of this diagnostic character and the hostplant we consider the type conspecific with these other North American specimens and thus with the invading Italian species.

We decided not to dissect the genitalia. Reasons for this are:

1. The identity is sufficiently established on the basis of externals and hostplant;
2. The unmounted state of the very small specimen, making breaking off the abdomen a risky procedure;
3. The fact that as yet no diagnostic features of female genitalia for the genus *Coptodisca* are known and the difficult procedure preparing these fragile genitalia;
4. By keeping the specimen intact, in a future taxonomic revision hopefully new techniques can be used to study genitalia and to analyse the DNA from this old specimen.



Fig. 1 Lectotype *Aspidoisca lucifluella*
Clemens, 1860

Remarks on other Juglandaceae feeding *Coptodisca* species

See also additional photographs of adults and leafmines at end of this document and the detailed specimen data in Supplementary Material 1.

Coptodisca juglandiella

Diagnosis

Coptodisca juglandiella can easily be distinguished from *C. lucifluella* by the complete absence of the dark suffusion of the forewing basally of the triangular spot: this is a narrow yellow band, from costa to dorsum. Posteriorly of the spot there is usually a small area with darker suffusion.

Biology

Host: *Juglans nigra*. Leafmine: similar to that of *C. lucifluella*, but always starting at a lateral vein or midrib (see Photos below).

Distribution:

Eastern North America: North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York. Records from California refer to the next species.

Coptodisca sp *Juglans* California

Diagnosis

This unnamed species is externally very similar to *Coptodisca juglandiella*. It is considered to be an undescribed species on the basis of the isolation of *Juglans* in California, that harbours quite a different fauna from the *Juglans* in the Eastern States. This still needs to be corroborated by detailed morphological study and DNA barcoding.

Biology

Host: *Juglans californica*. Leafmine: no description available.

Distribution:

California only [material from collections Essig Museum and D.L. Wagner].

Coptodisca sp *Juglans* Texas

Diagnosis

This unnamed species is very small and also lacks the dark suffusion before the dorsal spot. The species occurs in isolated stands of *Juglans* and most likely represents an undescribed species, that needs to be studied in more detail.

Biology

Host: *Juglans microcarpa*. Leafmine: no description available.

Distribution:

Texas, Guadalupe Mountains [material from collection D.L. Wagner].

Coptodisca sp *Carya* Georgia

Diagnosis

Externally the adult resembles *C. lucifluella*, although the dark suffusion seems less before the dorsal spot. However, the DNA barcode and different mines suggest it is a different species. More material is needed for a final judgement on its status.

Biology

Host: *Carya* sp. Leafmine: In contrast to *C. lucifluella*, the mine always starts at the midrib, all in the edge with a lateral vein (see photos).

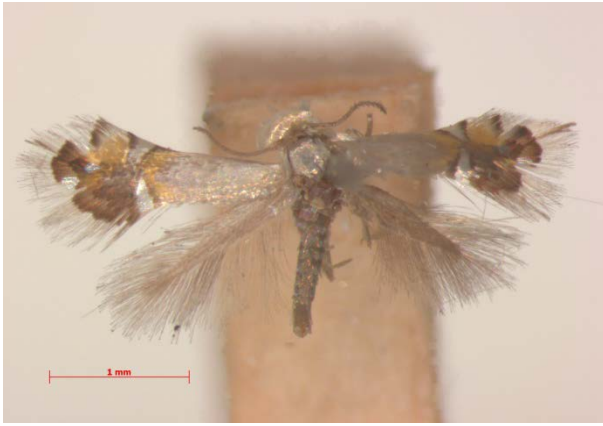
Distribution:

Georgia, only collected in the Chattahoochee National Forest [material in collection Naturalis].

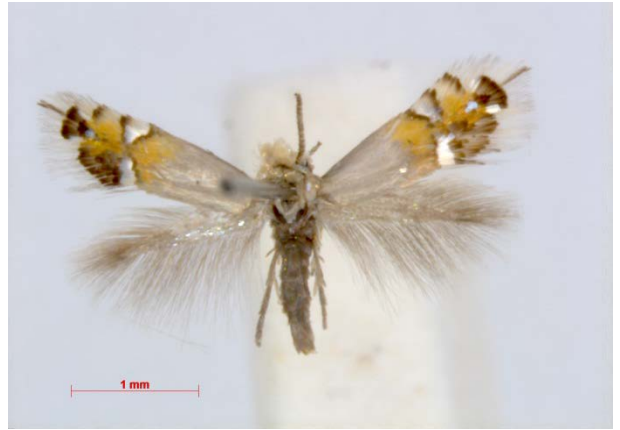
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Photos of *Coptodisca* adults.



Coptodisca juglandiella male
OH, Cincinnati, Coll. Braun



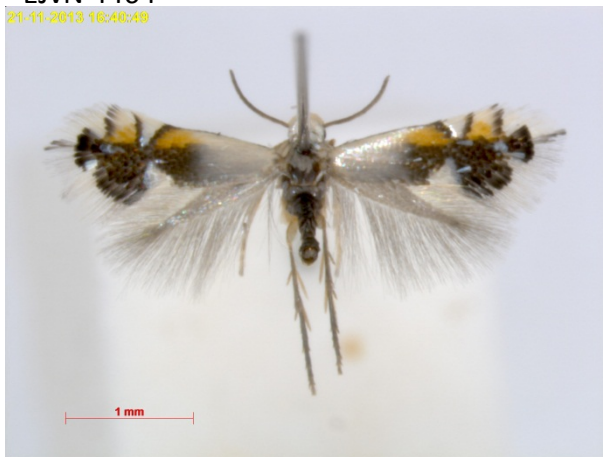
Coptodisca sp. *Juglans californica* male, CA,
Costa Co. Coll. Wagner. Genitalia slide
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Coptodisca sp. *Juglans Texas* male. TX,
Culberson Co. Coll. Wagner. Genitalia Slide
EJvN 4464



Coptodisca sp. *Carya Georgia* male. GA:
Murray Co. Coll. RMNH. Genitalia Slide
EJvN 4369



Coptodisca lucifluella male. Italy, Negrar
Coll. RMNH. Genitalia Slide EJvN 4462



Coptodisca lucifluella male. MD,
Montgomery Co. Coll. USNM Genitalia
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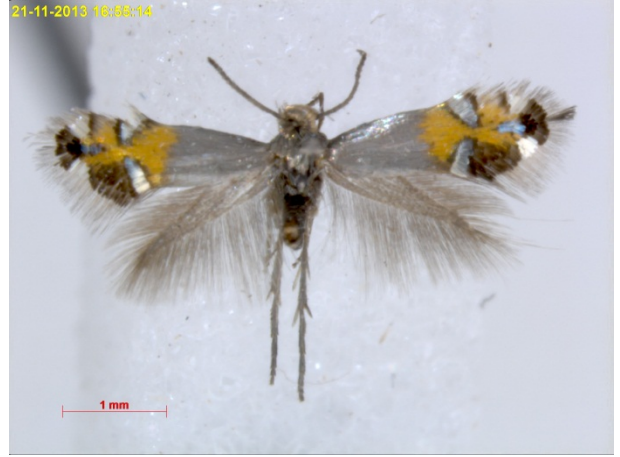
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Coll. Wagner. Genitalia Slide EJvN 4459



Coptodisca lucifluella male. GA, Tift Co.
Coll. USNM. Genitalia Slide EJvN 4460



Coptodisca lucifluella female. NY, St.
Lawrence Co. Coll. Wagner. Genitalia Slide
EJvN 4461



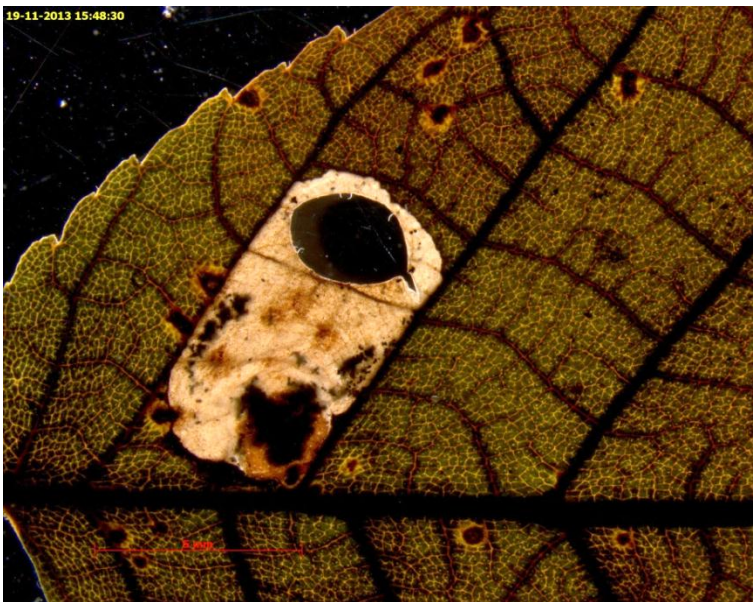
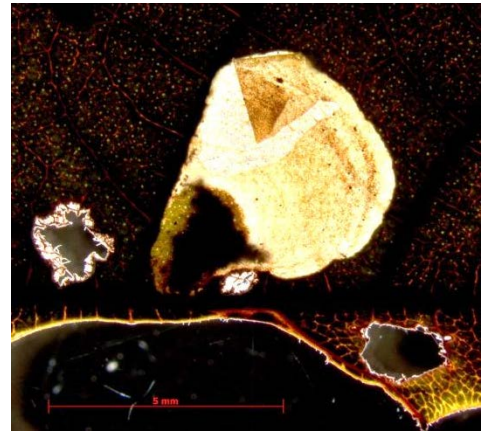
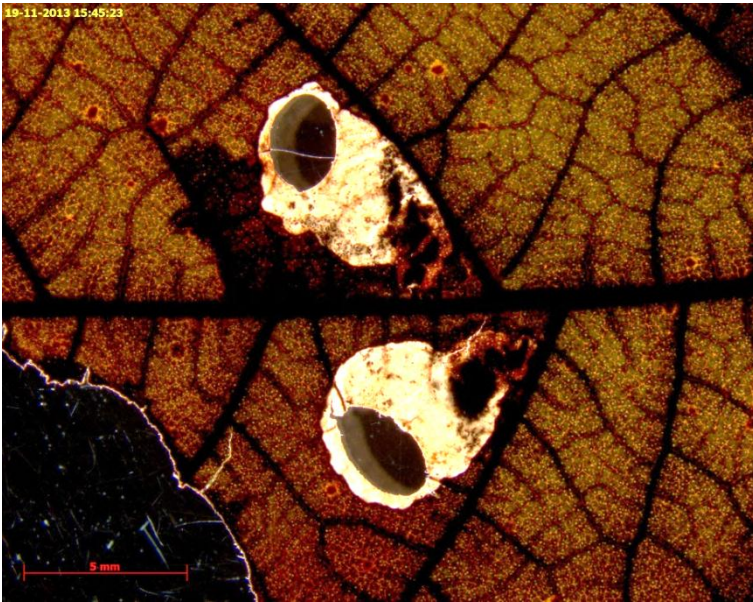
Coptodisca arbutiella male. Canada, BC,
West Vancouver. Coll. RMNH. Genitalia
Slide EJvN 4466



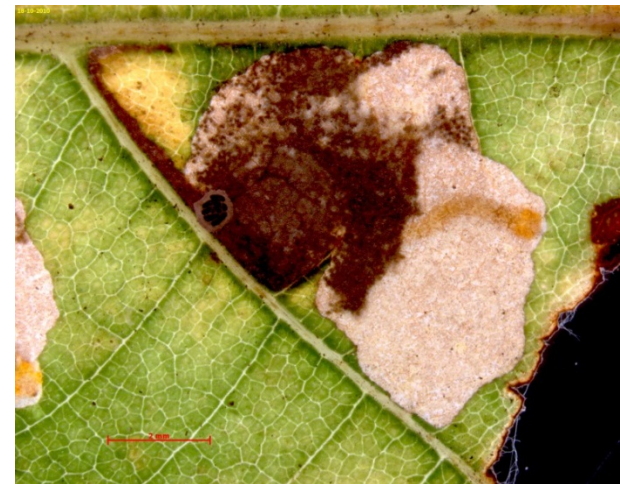
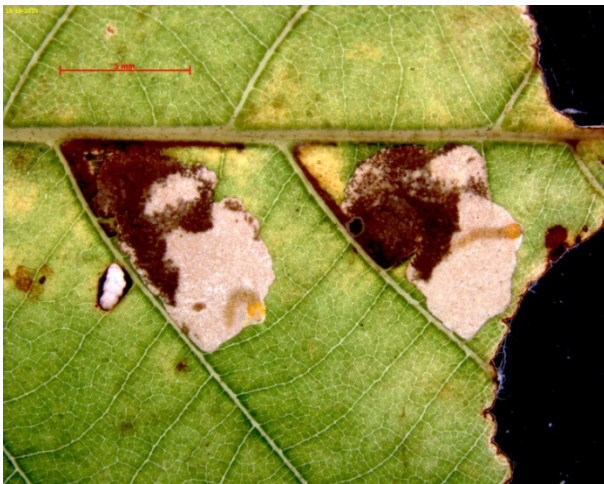
Coptodisca kalmiella males. VT, Franklin Co.
Coll. RMNH. Genitalia Slide EJvN 4467



Coptodisca splendoriferella female. CT,
Tolland Co., DLW89G7. Coll. RMNH



Coptodisca juglandiella
USA (NC), Swain Co., NP Great Smoky Mts, Smokemound Campground. 29.ix.2010, Evn2010094-1. *Juglans nigra* (top right: sequenced, no RMNH.INS.18240)



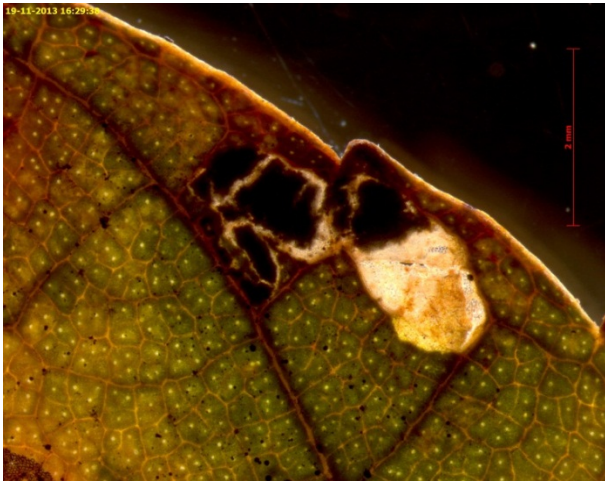
Coptodisca "Carya Georgia"

USA (GA), Murray Co., Chattahoochee Nat. Forest, Cohutta Overlook. 14.x.2010, EvN2010273-2 .

Below with live larvae, top right dried mines (left larva sequenced), same as photos below.



Coptodisca lucifluella
 USA (TN), Blount Co., NP Great Smoky Mts,
 Cades Cove N.. 1.x.2010, *Carya alba*
 EvN 2010102-4 RMNH.INS. 18264 (left and
 below)



Coptodisca lucifluella
 USA (TN), Blount Co., NP Great Smoky Mts,
 Cades Cove N. 1.x.2010, *Carya glabra*
 EvN 2010107-3 RMNH.INS. 18269 (left)



Coptodisca lucifluella
 USA (CT), Tolland Co, Mansfield, Hunters Run 22, 21.ix.2011, *Carya glabra*
 EvN 2010306