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Abstract

Clepsis coriacana (Rebel, 1894) is reported for the first time in Europe from Gibraltar, along with further records of the North American *Clepsis peritana* (Clemens, 1860) from Europe.

KEY WORDS: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae, *Clepsis coriacana*, *Clepsis peritana*, Gibraltar.

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Resumen

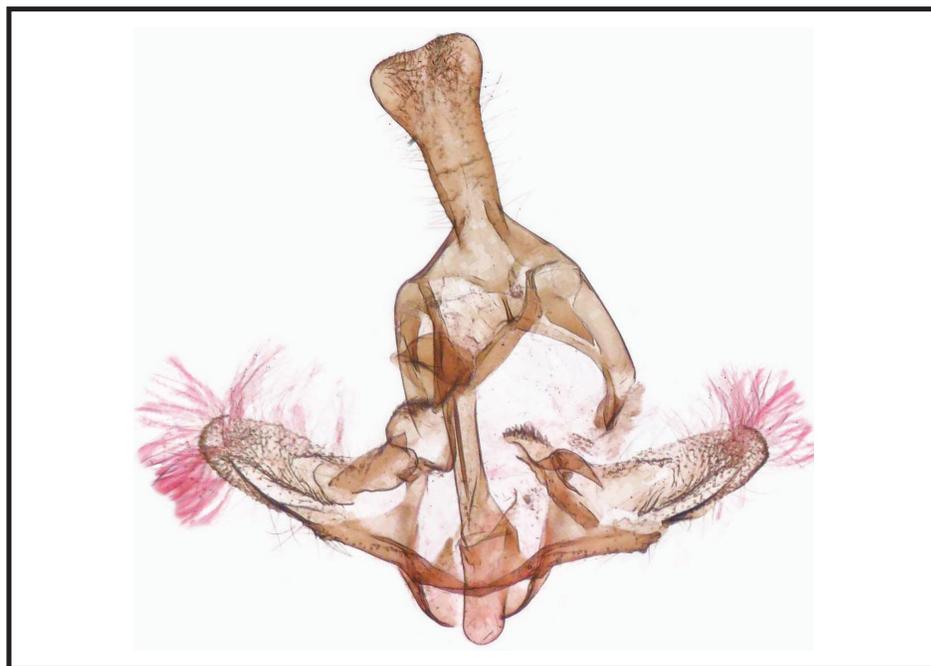
Clepsis coriacana (Rebel, 1894) se cita por primera vez en Europa de Gibraltar, además con nuevas citas de la norteamericana *Clepsis peritana* (Clemens, 1860) para Europa.

PALABRAS CLAVE: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae, *Clepsis coriacana*, *Clepsis peritana*, Gibraltar.

A *Clepsis* species was taken from the newly installed Rothamsted Insect Survey Light Trap (RIS) in the Gibraltar Botanical Gardens by myself on 9-III-2006. It resembled *C. consimilana* (Hübner, [1817]) in general appearance, but was a paler ochreous colour so thought I would examine it further back at home. On dissecting the specimen it was found to be a male, but I was initially confused as to which species it belonged. After correspondence with Dr. Jozef Razowski it was found to be Europe's first *Clepsis coriacana*, a species known from the Canary Islands (Tenerife) and Morocco. There are several food plants such as *Artemisia argentea*, *Cytisus monspeliensis*, *Rumex*, *Rubus*, and *Lotus*.

I had a feeling that this species might well be already established in Gibraltar so I asked the operator of the Rothamsted Trap, Charles Perez, to collect any further *Clepsis* and to send to me for further examination. This he did and I was able to work on these later in the year. Of the 185 specimens of *Clepsis* collected from 17-III-2006 to 24-V-2006, nine were indeed *C. coriacana* (all males), 174 were the very similar *C. consimilana* and quite surprisingly two specimens were *Clepsis peritana* (both male) taken on 9-V-2006. This latter species is known from North America from Nova Scotia to Southern California; in Europe there are records from Denmark and in Spain from Fuengirola [Málaga province nec Granada] in 1998 and 2000 (NUPPONEN *et al.*, 2003)

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