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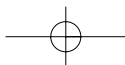
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Abstract

Yponomeuta evonymella (Linnaeus, 1758) is recorded for the first time in the Maltese Islands. In Malta the Genus *Yponomeuta* Latreille, [1796] is only represented by another species: *Yponomeuta padella* (Linnaeus, 1758) (SAMMUT, 2000). Notes on the distribution and the habitat of the adult and the food plants of the larva are included. A Maltese name is proposed for the new record.

KEY WORDS: Lepidoptera, Yponomeutidae, *Yponomeuta evonymella*, Malta.

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Resumen

Yponomeuta evonymella (Linnaeus, 1758) se cita por primera vez para Malta. En Malta el género *Yponomeuta* Latreille, [1796] está sólo representado por otra especie: *Yponomeuta padella* (Linnaeus, 1758) (SAMMUT, 2000). Se incluyen notas sobre la distribución y el hábitat del adulto y la planta nutricia de las larvas. Se propone un nombre maltés para esta nueva cita.

PALABRAS CLAVE: Lepidoptera, Yponomeutidae, *Yponomeuta evonymella*, Malta.

Introduction

A Genus of over 80 species distributed chiefly through the Old World (MAITLAND, 1996). On the Maltese Islands only one species apart from this one is recorded so far *Yponomeuta padella* (Linnaeus, 1758) (SAMMUT, 2000).

Material Studied

Yponomeuta evonymella (Linnaeus, 1758)

Phalaena (Tinea) evonymella Linnaeus, 1758

Syst. Nat. (Edn 10), I: 534.

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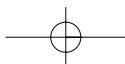
Hyponomeuta padi Zeller, 1844

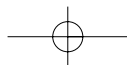
Isis von Oken, 1844: 225.

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MALTA, 1 ♂, Naxxar, 22-VI-1999 [at light], leg. A. Seguna (in coll. Seguna).

The distribution of this moth is from Europe to eastern Siberia: India to China and Japan (MAIT-





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LAND *et al.*, 1996). The local larval host plant has not been identified yet but elsewhere it is found on Rosaceae: *Prunus sp.*, overwinters as a young larva: in the spring first mines a shoot, causing it to droop. In later stages the larvae then feed externally gregariously on the foliage in a web. (MAITLAND, 1996). The specimen was collected near a mature tree of *Prunus dulcis*. This species is new to the lepidoptero fauna of the Maltese Islands.

I propose the Maltese name “Bahrijja irqiqa tal-Lewz” after its food plant.



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