
The annual meeting took place at the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, organized by Jacqueline Y. Miller and Deborah L. Matthews with the help of the organizing committee (Charles V. Covell, Jr., Christine Eliazar, Peter Eliazar, Thomas C. Emmel, Marc C. Minno, Thomas M. Neal, Brian Scholtens, Jeff Slotten, J. D. Turner, Nancy Turner). There was a field trip to Yankeetown and Gulf Hammock and a night collecting trip to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. The following presentations were given at the meeting:

**Andrew D. Warren:** “Life on the Edge: an introduction to the East Coast’s only endemic sand dune obligate butterfly, *Atrystonopsis* sp. undescribed 1, the Crystal Skipper (Lepidoptera: Hesperiidae: Hesperiinae)”

**James Hayden:** “*Penestola* and *Sufetula* in Florida”

**Stephanie D. Stocks:** “A New Emerging Pyralid Pest in the United States: European Pepper Moth (*Duponchelia fovealis*)”

**Brian Scholtens, John Snyder, Joe Culin & Tom Smith:** “Moth Survey of Congaree National Park”

**Thomas M. Neal & Jeffrey Slotten:** “Life History Notes on North American *Euerythra* spp. (Erebidae: Arctiinae)”

**John Calhoun:** “A Year in the Life of a Young Lepidopterist: Theodore L. Mead’s journal of 1871”

**Charles V. Covell, Jr.:** “The Oldham County, Kentucky, July 4th Butterfly Count: An Update, with Possible Evidence of Climate Change”

**Deborah L. Matthews & Jacqueline Y. Miller:** “Lepidoptera Associated with *Melanthera* in Northern Honduras”

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FIRST REPORT OF SAROBA MACULICOSTA
AND BARSINE LINEATUS
FROM ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS, INDIA

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The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are known for rich biodiversity resources. The archipelago comprises 572 islands and extending over 800 km. The Andaman Islands are the extension of the submerged Arakan Yoma Mountain range of Myanmar and the Nicobars are the continuation of the Mentawai Islands to the south and southeast of Sumatra. The topography of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is hilly and undulating, the elevation in Andamans is from 0 to 732 m and Saddle Peak is the highest in North Andaman Islands. In the Nicobars the elevation rises from 0 to 568 m, Mt Thullier being the highest peak on Great Nicobar Island. The habitats represented in the islands include bays, mangroves, moist deciduous forests and evergreen forests. These islands are tropical, that is, warm, moist and equable. The proximity of the sea and the abundant rainfall prevent extremes of heat. The mountainous parts of the southern group of islands get about 300 cm of rain annually whereas the islands of north get lesser rainfall. Flora and fauna in Andaman bear close biogeographical affinities with Myanmar and Thailand while Nicobar has affinities with Indomalayan regions.

During the regular field surveys, as a part of major studies on the terrestrial fauna of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, we have recorded noctuid moth Sarooba maculicosta Walker 1903 and arcticid moth Barsine lineatus Walker 1855, which is the first report for these moths in India. Swinhoe (1888) and Hampson (1894b) have reported Sarooba maculicosta from Ceylon in the Catalogue of Moths of India and Fauna of British India respectively. Sarooba maculicosta and Barsine lineatus have not been reported in the recent studies on the moth fauna of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and India by Bhunmanawar et al. (1991), Chandra and Kumar (1992), Chandra and Rajan, (1995), Chandra (1993, 1994, 1996, and 1997), Srivastava, (2002). The identified specimens were deposited in the National Zoological Collection at Zoological Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The data on specimens are as follows:

Sarooba maculicosta: Material examined: 1ex., Collected from Sippighat South Andaman (Lat.: 11° 36.501’ N; Long.: 92° 40.564’E), Wing expanse: 37 mm. Date of collection: 25.07.2009; Collected by: Suresh Kumar Shah; Registration Number: 2398. This species differs from Sarooba finipalis and Sarooba trimaculata in their wing pattern (Rothschild et al., 1903).

Barsine lineatus: Material examined: 3exs, collected from Great Nicobar Island (Lat.: 06°59.353’ N; Long.: 93° 52.388’ E). Wing expanse: 24mm. Date of collection: 18.01.2009; Collected by: C. Sivaperuman and party. Registration Number: 2405.

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Fig. 1. Dorsal view of Sarooba maculicosta

Fig. 1. Dorsal view of Barsine lineatus
The 2011 photo contest attracted 64 entries from 12 photographers. As usual, it was judged by three independent judges in three categories (Butterflies, Moths, and Immatures) based on scientific and aesthetic merits of the pictures. An overwhelming majority of pictures were, once again, submitted in the ‘Butterflies’ category. It is important to keep in mind for the future contests that submissions in the ‘Moths’ and ‘Immatures’ categories are most likely to win. The photographs submitted to the contest were on display throughout the ATL/SLS annual meeting. All winners received monetary prizes as well as one-year free ATL membership, including all its annual publications. All winning entries are published in this issue of the ATL Notes. The next photo contest will be held in September 2011.
(A) Moth 2nd place **Lary Reeves** *Xylophanes tersa* (Florida); (B, C) Moth and Immatures 1st places **Alexandr Chuvinin** *Daphnis nerii* (Israel); (D) Immatures 2nd place **Joshua Feingold** *Eumaeus atala* on *Zamia* (Florida); (E) Immatures 3rd place **Lary Reeves** (Costa Rica).

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