NOTE

AN UNUSUAL FORM OF HELICONIUS CYDNO FROM COSTA RICA

(LEPIDOPTERA: NYMPHALIDAE: HELICONIINAE)

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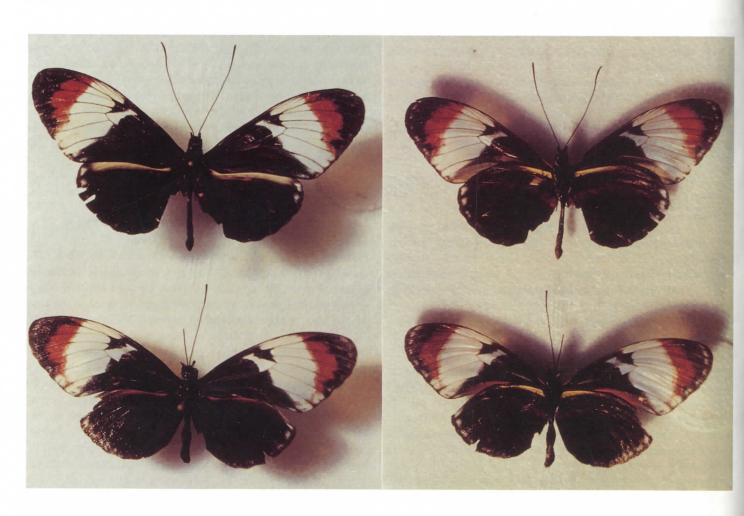


Fig. 1. Heliconius cydno forms captured at Sarapiqui River, Costa Rica: left pair dorsal surface, right pair ventral surface (& above, & below).

Two specimens of an unusual form of *Heliconius cydno* Doubleday were captured at the Sarapiqui River, northern Costa Rica: a female on February 4, 1993, and a male on February 12, 1993. The female subsequently laid 7 eggs in tendrils of *Passiflora vitifolia* (Passifloraceae) in captivity.

The differences between these specimens and the normal form of *H. cydno* that occurs in the Sarapiqui area (*galanthus*) is the straight red-brown distal band of the front wings.