

BOOK REVIEW

BROWN J.W.: *TORTRICIDAE (LEPIDOPTERA) – IN: WORLD CATALOGUE OF INSECTS 5*. Apollo Books, Stenstrup, 2005, 741 pp. ISBN 87-88757-41-2. Price DKK 960.00.

The present catalogue of the family Tortricidae lists over 9,000 species. The family Tortricidae is one of the most important groups of Lepidoptera not only in terms of species richness, but also due to important pests of agricultural, forest, and ornamental plants. Therefore, this inventory of all the names is a very important first step for studying this large family. John W. Brown has realized this difficult and time-consuming work, completing the catalogue with the assistance of several other tortricid experts: Joaquin Baixeras, Richard L. Brown, Marianne Horak, Furumi Komai, Eric H. Metzler, Józef Razowski and Kevin R. Tuck. The catalogue proper is co-authored with these collaborators.

The book consists of a brief introductory chapter, systematic catalogue of Tortricidae, index and notes, which provide explanations for some of the taxonomic decisions. The introductory sections contain, e.g., information on the sources and arrangement of the catalogue, institutional abbreviations and abbreviated references. The main part of the book, the systematic

catalogue, includes all scientific names of tortricids published before 31 December 2004. All genera of Tortricidae are arranged alphabetically. For each genus the author, year of publication, abbreviated reference to original publication and type species are presented. Following each genus, the generic synonyms, subgenera and generic misspellings are presented. Similarly within each genus all the included species are listed alphabetically. The species entries include author, year of publication, original genus in parenthesis, abbreviated reference to original publication, type locality, type designation, sex of the type and where is the type deposited, if known. Following each species, its synonyms, misspellings, subspecies, forms, aberrations, emendations, and other infraspecific and infrasubspecific names are listed alphabetically.

This catalogue compiled by John W. Brown and his collaborators is an essential basic book for all entomologists working on the family Tortricidae. This well arranged and nicely printed book is available at Apollo books entomological booksellers (for more informations see website: www.apollobooks.com and e-mail: apollobooks@vip.cybercity.dk).

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