

BOOK REVIEW

ZHANG B.-C. (ed.): INDEX OF ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT LEPIDOPTERA. CAB International, Wallingford, 1994, 600 pp. ISBN 0-85198-903-9. Price GBP 49.95 (USD 85.- Americas only).

The Index has been derived from the comprehensive Arthropod Index (ANI) database of CAB International (= Commonwealth Agriculture Bureau, London-Wallingford). This database provides a check-list of about 95,000 scientific names and synonyms, with details of systematic position of each economically important Lepidopteran species within the hierarchy of arthropod classification. Common English names, geographical distribution, food plants and economic importance of each

species are given. All the information and its accuracy are based on publications over the past 80 years and abstracted for inclusion in Review of Agricultural Entomology (= Review of Applied Entomology, RAE of CAB). The list of host plants and data on geographical distribution (geographical records of species of economical importance) emphasises the importance of species of Lepidoptera in plant protection and crop production. The handbook is pleasantly arranged and represents an essential reference, not only for students of agricultural entomology, but for all entomologists searching for information on Lepidoptera.

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