

BOOK REVIEW

HANNEMANN H.-J.: KLEINSCHMETTERLINGE ODER MICROLEPIDOPTERA IV. FLACHLEIBMOTTEN (DEPRESSARIIDAE). Die Tierwelt Deutschlands, 69. Teil. G. Fischer Verlag, Jena, Stuttgart, 1995, 192 pp., 86 Figs, 88 Maps, 13 Tables. ISBN 3-334-60959-6. Price DM 148.00.

This monograph dealing with Depressariidae appears as the fourth volume of Microlepidoptera of the well-known series dedicated to German fauna. The book is divided into 2 parts – general and special. The general part deals with systematics, geographic distribution and conservation of Depressariidae. The major second part of the book is a systematic treatment. Keys to the genera and species are included. The compact text provides a current assessment of the status, habits, and distribution of 88 species recorded not only from Germany, but also from other parts of Europe. Maps of distribution in Europe, figures of male and female genitalia, black and white and colour photographs of adults are included in 86 figures, 88 maps and 13 tables. Additional features are a list of

references, and an index of families, subfamilies, genera, species and subspecies.

The book is concise, the reproduction of highly professional figures and plain photographs is excellent, but the standard of 3 colour plates is poor. Data on distribution of some species are not particularly accurate or complete, e.g., the occurrence of 14 species previously published from the Czech Republic and Slovakia (formerly Czechoslovakia) was omitted in the text and in the maps of distribution. Among the omitted species, which were repeatedly recorded and published from Czech Republic and Slovakia are *Agonopterix nanatella* (Stainton), *A. subpropinquella* (Stainton), *Exaeretia alisella* Stainton, *Levipalpus hepatoriella* (Lienig & Zeller) and *Depressaria weirella* Stainton.

The book will be of value not only for specialists on Microlepidoptera, but also for all lepidopterologists interested in the fauna of Europe.

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