

# *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) and *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 confirmed for Albania, with a list of species observed in June 1995 (Lepidoptera: Papilionoidea)

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**Samenvatting.** *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) en *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 met zekerheid vastgesteld in Albanië, met een lijst van de waargenomen soorten in juni 1995 (Lepidoptera: Papilionoidea) Na een afwezigheidsperiode van meer dan 60 jaar kon de aanwezigheid van *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) en *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 in Albanië bevestigd worden. Het artikel bevat een lijst van de 26 soorten dagvlinders die tussen 23 en 27 juni 1995 in Zuid-Albanië werden waargenomen.

**Résumé.** *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) et *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 confirmés pour la faune d'Albanie, avec une liste des espèces observées en juin 1995 (Lepidoptera: Papilionoidea) Après une période d'absence de plus de 60 ans la présence en Albanie de *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) et *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 pouvait être confirmée. Une liste des espèces observées entre le 23 et le 27 juin 1995 dans le sud d'Albanie est donnée.

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Continuing our butterfly studies in Albania from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 1995 we visited the southern provinces of the country. On 24<sup>th</sup> June we collected in the area above Jorgucati (Province of Gjirokastra); on 25<sup>th</sup> June near Butrinti (Province of Saranda) and on 26<sup>th</sup> in the surroundings of Dhërmi (Province of Vlora). At several other sites occasional observations were done. *Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847) and *Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860 are confirmed for Albania after a period of more than 60 years. A list of all the 26 species observed is given here.

## Papilionidae

*Iphiclides podalirius* (Linnaeus, 1758). Observed in Butrinti and Saranda.

*Papilio machaon* Linnaeus, 1758. Single specimens were seen in Butrinti and Saranda.

## Pieridae

*Leptidea sinapis* (Linnaeus, 1758). Abundant in the surroundings of Dhërmi.

*Colias crocea* (Fourcroy, 1785). Often seen near Jorgucati.

*Gonepteryx farinosa* (Zeller, 1847). A single male was taken on 24<sup>th</sup> June near Jorgucati in the same habitat as *Pieris krueperi*. Subsequently this specimen was presented to the Natural History Museum in Tirana. First reported for Albania by Rebel & Zerny (1931: 67) from Shkodra and Bojana (Province of Shkodra).

*Gonepteryx cleopatra* (Linnaeus, 1767). Numerous in Saranda (nectaring on *Nerium oleander*), Butrinti and Dhërmi. In the last two localities observed flying in olive plantations.

*Aporia crataegi* (Linnaeus, 1758). Very common on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in orchards and along roads near Pogradeci, Çerrava (Province of Pogradeci) and Mollasi (Province of Erseka).

*Pieris krueperi* Staudinger, 1860. Uncommon and fresh in the area above Jorgucati (Province of Gjirokastra) - 5 males, 1 female. The presence of this species on the territory of Albania is hereby confirmed. The habitat consists of an arid limestone formation, where *krueperi* flies along cliffs, commonly visiting flowers for nectaring.

Recorded by Rebel & Zerny (1931: 65) only from the Province of Librazhdi: Shkumbini Valley: Dhura, 700m, 27.VII.1917, 1 male (Bartha leg.).  
*Pieris mannii* (Mayer, 1851). Single specimens observed in Jorgucati, Dhërmi.  
*Pieris rapae* (Linnaeus, 1758). Common in places with secondary vegetation near Dhërmi.  
*Pieris napi* (Linnaeus, 1758). Specimens found in Mollasi.  
*Pontia edusa* (Fabricius, 1777). Quite common in Mollasi, Butrinti and Dhërmi.

#### Lycaenidae

*Lampides boeticus* (Linnaeus, 1767). In the coastal cliffs near Dhërmi, 1 male.  
*Tarucus balkanicus* (Freyer, [1844]). Found along bushes of *Paliurus* near Butrinti, 2 males (in coll. Beshkov).  
*Pseudophilotes vicrama* (Moore, 1865). Found in Dhërmi, 1 male.  
*Polyommatus icarus* (Rottemburg, 1775). Common in Dhërmi.

#### Nymphalidae

*Kirinia roxelana* (Cramer, [1777]). Rarely found in Dhërmi, where it was flying along olive trees, sometimes resting on the trunks.  
*Lasiommata megera* (Linnaeus, 1767). Common in rocky terrains near Jorgucati and Dhërmi.  
*Pyronia cecilia* (Vallantin, 1894). Common and fresh in bushy places near Jorgucati, 8 males; Nivicë-Bubar (Province of Saranda), 1 male.  
*Hipparchia syriaca* (Staudinger, 1871). Seen in rocky terrains near Jorgucati, 1 male, and along olive trees in the surroundings of Dhërmi, 2 females (in coll. Beshkov).  
*Hipparchia senthes* (Fruhstorfer, 1908). Found near Vora (Province of Tirana), 1 female.  
*Melanargia larissa* (Geyer, [1828]). Abundant in areas near Jorgucati, Saranda, Butrinti, Dhërmi.  
*Vanessa cardui* (Linnaeus, 1758). Common in rocky terrains near Dhërmi.  
*Polygonia c-album* (Linnaeus, 1758). Single specimen observed in Mollasi.  
*Polygonia egea* (Cramer, [1775]). Only one seen near Nivicë-Bubar.  
*Argynnis pandora* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775). Single specimens seen in Dhërmi.

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