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CHAPTER 4

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The main purpose of this catalogue was to improve our knowledge of the Lepidoptera fauna of Iran and acquire a better knowledge of the patterns of distribution of this large insect order within the country. These patterns not only show the large-scale structure of the faunal elements of this order in Iran, but also highlight research gaps and other needs in Iranian lepidopterology, which should be addressed before we lose more habitats and species.

This chapter addresses questions such as: How many lepidopteran species are reported from Iran? How many of them are truly present in Iran? I.e., how many need further confirmation and how many have been erroneously reported? How many of the reported species are regarded as synonyms today? How are they systematically distributed (e.g., how many species are known per family)? How are they geographically distributed, both horizontally and vertically? Which taxonomic groups are especially in need of additional sampling efforts and taxonomic revisions? Finally, how many are endemic to Iran?

Species diversity

In total, 6,191 species-level names are listed in this catalogue as reported from Iran in the literature or for the first time in the present catalogue. Of these, 1,262 are regarded as junior synonyms and 117 as erroneously reported, although 24 are considered likely to occur in the country (see Appendix 1). Of the 4,812 remaining valid species, 4,517 are regarded as definitely resident in Iran, whereas 295 need further confirmation [see Fig. 1 and notes in RAJAEI et al. (2023)].

In total, we list 892 endemic species for Iran, corresponding to an endemism rate of 19.7% (Appendix 2). As can be observed in Fig. 2, over 70% of the endemic species have been collected at altitudes between 1,000 and 3,000 m. Isolation, by reducing gene flow, is an important driver of speciation, and higher per-species speciation rates caused by increasing isolation with elevation are assumed to be one of the most plausible explanations for the globally consistent pattern of higher endemism at

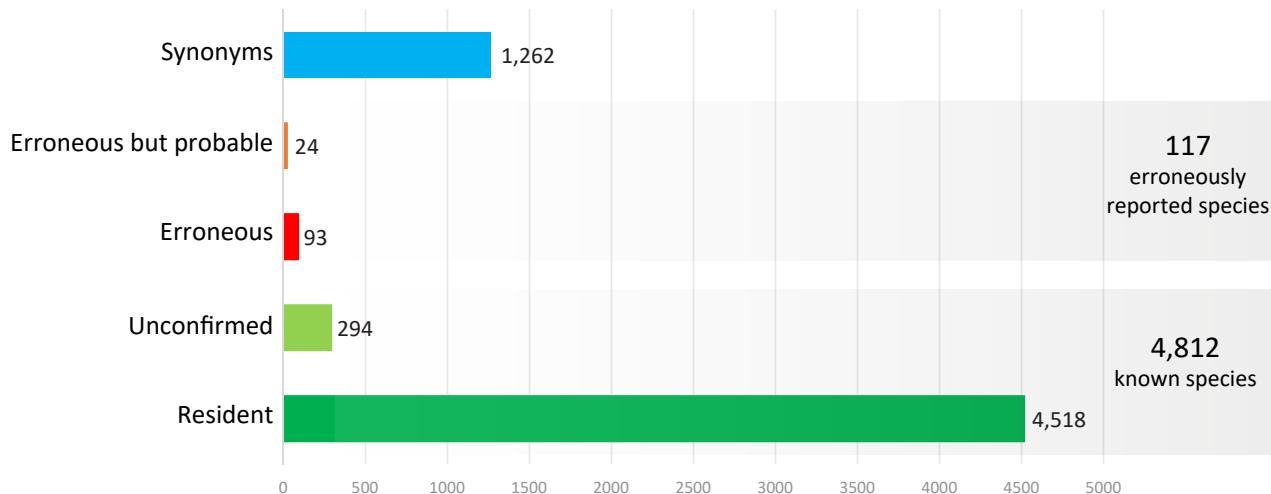


Fig. 1. Summary of the statuses in Iran of the lepidopteran species listed in this catalogue.

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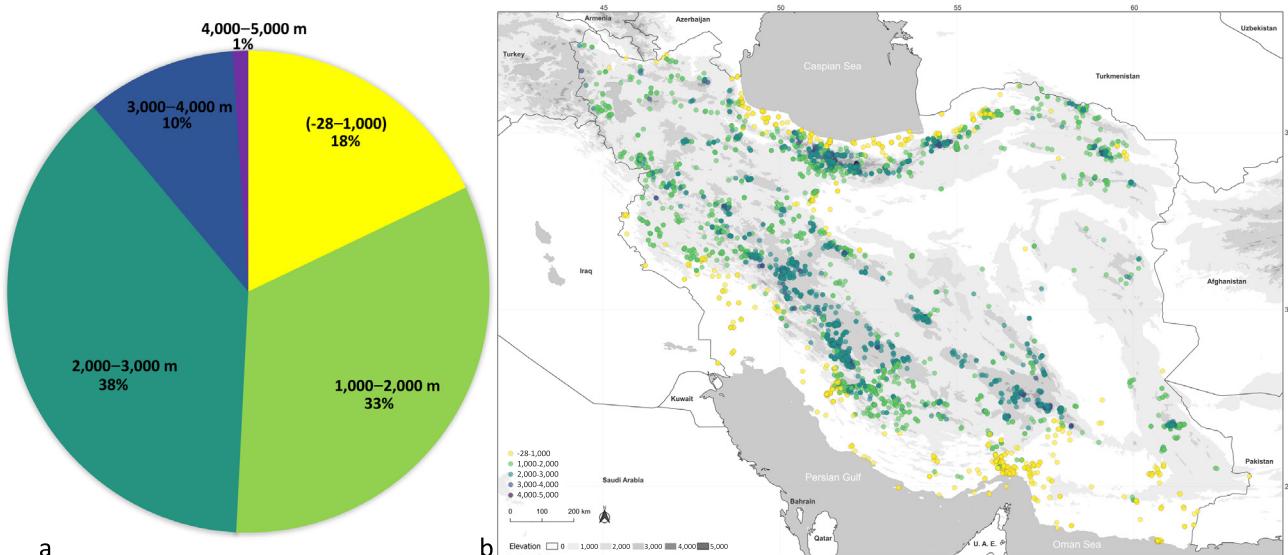
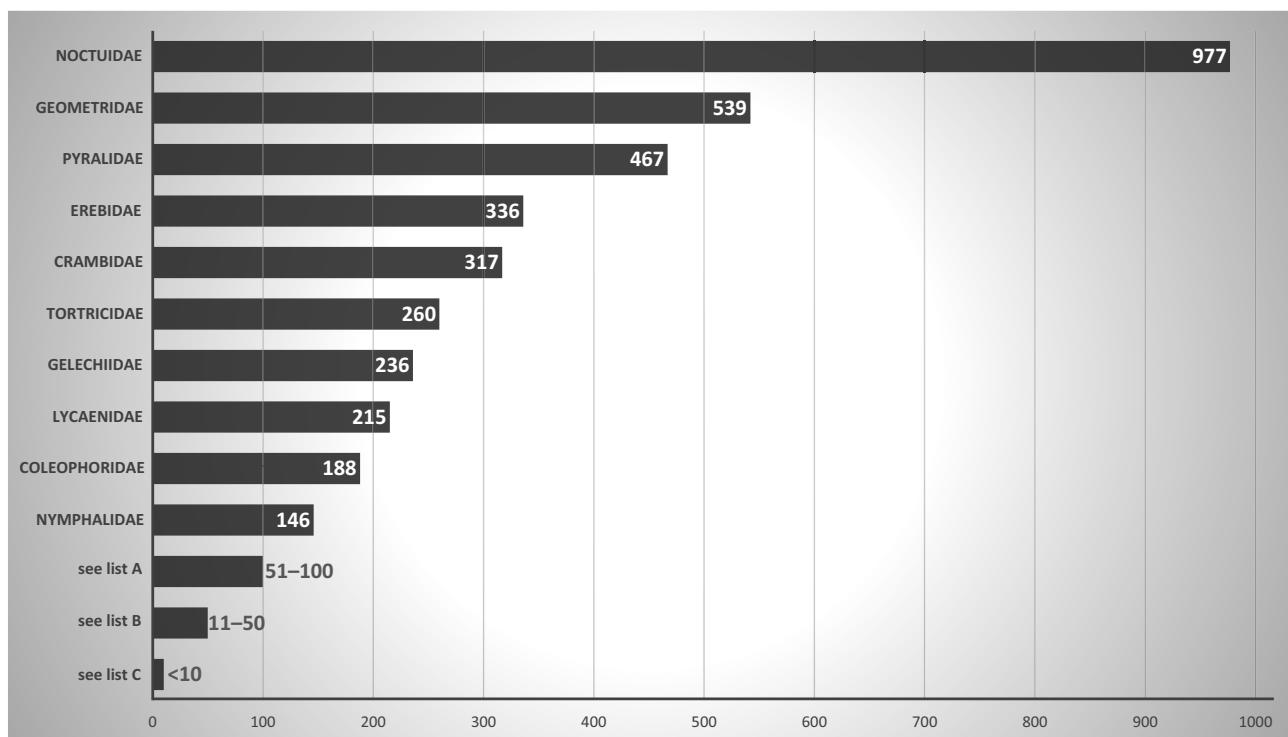


Fig. 2. Elevational diversity gradients of the endemic Lepidoptera species of Iran. In (b), each dot represents a species record.



List A: AUTOSTICHIDAE, COSSIDAE, DEPRESSARIIDAE, GRACILLARIIDAE, PIERIDAE, PTEROPHORIDAE, SESIIDAE, TINEIDAE, ZYGAENIDAE.

List B: ALUCITIDAE, AUTOSTICHIDAE, BRACHODIDAE, BUCCULATRICIDAE, COSMOPTERIGIDAE, COSSIDAE, DEPRESSARIIDAE, ELACHISTIDAE, GRACILLARIIDAE, HESPERIIDAE, LASIOCAMPIDAE, MESSIIDAE, NEPTICULIDAE, NOLIDAE, NOTODONTIDAE, OECOPHORIDAE, PAPILIONIDAE, PIERIDAE, PSYCHIDAE, PTEROPHORIDAE, SCYTHRIDAE, SESIIDAE, SPHINGIDAE, TINEIDAE, YPSOLOPHIDAE, ZYGAENIDAE.

List C: ADELIDAE, ARGYRESTHIIDAE, BATRACHEDRIDAE, BEDELLIIDAE, BLASTOBASIDAE, BOMBYCIDAE, BRAHMAEIDAE, CARPOSINIDAE, CHOREUTIDAE, CIMELIIDAE, DOUGLASIIDAE, DREPANIDAE, EPERMENIIDAE, EPIPYROPIDAE, ERICOTTIDAE, EUTELIIDAE, GALACTICIDAE, GLYPHIPTERIGIDAE, HELIODINIDAE, HELIOZELIDAE, HEPIALIDAE, LECITHOCERIDAE, LIMACODIDAE, LYONETIIDAE, LUPYSIDAE, MICROPTERIGIDAE, MOMPHIDAE, PLUTELLIDAE, PTEROLONCHIDAE, SATURNIIDAE, STATHMOPODIDAE, TISCHERIIDAE, USTYURTIIDAE, YPONOMEUTIDAE.

Fig. 3. Number of known Lepidoptera species per family in Iran.

higher elevations (STEINBAUER et al. 2016). Phylogenetic evidence indicates that many high-elevation endemics across the globe are phylogenetically young taxa resulting from recent rapid diversification, e.g., in the New Zealand Alps (WINKWORTH et al. 2005), the Andes (HUTTER et al. 2013) and East Malaysia (MERCKX et al. 2015). These localized areas (i.e., type localities) can be used as a reference for future conservation initiatives.

Distribution of species within families

As can be observed in Appendix 1, some families are more species-rich than others. However, this pattern could simply be an artefact due to some taxonomic groups being less studied (e.g., the microlepidopteran families) when compared to other parts of the world (e.g., Europe or North America). In contrast, some families (e.g., Zygaenidae, Cos-

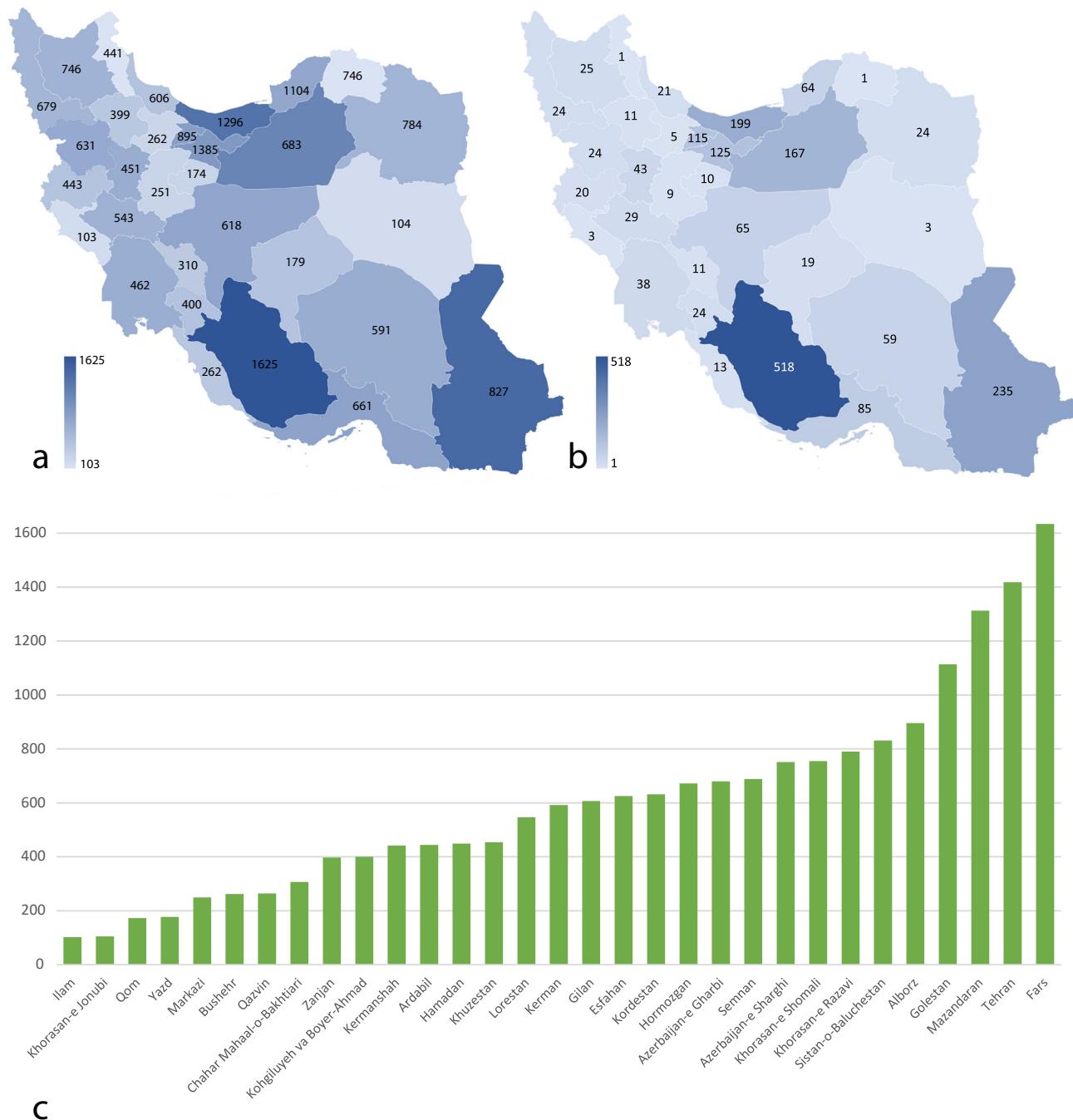


Fig. 4. Data on Iranian Lepidoptera, subdivided by province. **a.** Map showing number of recorded species per province. **b.** Map showing number of type localities per province. **c.** Bar chart showing number of recorded species per province.

sidae and nearly all Papilioidea) are much better known. Fig. 3 shows the number of species per family in Iran.

Horizontal and vertical distribution of Lepidoptera species in Iran

Not only have some lepidopteran lineages been incompletely studied in Iran (e.g., most microlepidopteran families), but some provinces have been insufficiently explored overall. The number of recorded species per province is shown in Appendix 3 and Fig. 4, where it is clear that several provinces (e.g., Ilam and Khorasan-e Jonubi) have been largely neglected in past taxonomic surveys. Of note, the Ilam province is located in a transitional zone between the Zagros Mts. and the desert plains of Iraq, and potentially contains a rich Lepidoptera fauna. Some other provinces (e.g., Ardabil and Khorasan-e Shomali), although much better studied, show a low number of type localities (Fig. 4b), which could be explained by intensive taxonomic studies on the other side of the national borders of Iran, e.g., in the Kopet-Dagh Mts. (Turkmenistan) and Azerbaijan Mts. (Azerbaijan).

Most lepidopterous larvae feed on living plants, many of them on a single plant species (monophagous) or a few related species (oligophagous), and their distribution is therefore dependent on the distribution of their host plants. Areas with a high diversity of plants have, in most cases, a correlatively high diversity of Lepidoptera. In some families of Lepidoptera (e.g., Gracillariidae, Tortricidae and Geometridae), the larvae of a majority of species feed on the leaves of deciduous trees. These families are thus most diverse in forested areas such as mountains and north-facing hills. The larvae of many species of Gelechiidae, Pyralidae and Noctuidae feed on low plants, often in dry areas, and these families are most diverse in steppes and semi-deserts.

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Appendix 1. Number of resident species (R) within each Lepidoptera family in Iran. Species requiring further confirmation (U) are also listed, together with erroneously reported species (E) and species erroneously reported but possibly occurring in the country (EP). Endemic species are listed in the last column.

Nr.	Family	R	U	E	EP	Endemic
1	Micropterigidae	2	-	-	-	-
2	Hepialidae	1	-	-	-	-
3	Nepticulidae	33	2	-	1	-
4	Heliozelidae	-	1	-	-	-
5	Adelidae	4	-	-	-	-
6	Tischeriidae	4	1	-	-	-
7	Meessiidae	11	-	-	-	4
8	Psychidae	14	1	1	-	7
9	Eriocottidae	1	-	-	1	-
10	Tineidae	66	7	-	1	9
11	Bucculatrigidae	12	2	1	-	1
12	Gracillariidae	57	1	-	-	4
13	Bedelliidae	2	-	-	-	-
14	Heliodinidae	1	-	-	-	-
15	Lyonetiidae	3	-	-	-	1
16	Argyresthiidae	5	1	-	-	1
17	Yponomeutidae	4	-	-	-	-
18	Ypsolophidae	12	1	-	1	3
19	Plutellidae	5	1	-	-	3
20	Glyptopterigidae	4	-	-	-	-
21	Douglasidae	6	-	-	-	-
22	Ustyurtiidae	1	-	-	-	1
23	Choreutidae	5	2	-	-	-
24	Galacticidae	2	-	-	-	1
25	Tortricidae	211	49	2	1	30
26	Cossidae	82	-	3	1	15
27	Sesiidae	55	4	4	-	12
28	Brachodidae	12	2	-	-	3
29	Zygaenidae	74	-	2	-	38
30	Limacodidae	2	-	-	-	-
31	Epipyropidae	1	-	-	-	1
32	Lecithoceridae	3	-	-	-	1
33	Autostichidae	59	1	1	-	36
34	Oecophoridae	9	8	-	-	5
35	Lypusidae	-	2	-	-	-
36	Depressariidae	65	10	-	1	8

Nr.	Family	R	U	E	EP	Endemic
37	Cosmopterigidae	32	1	-	-	4
38	Gelechiidae	209	27	2	-	25
39	Pterolonchidae	1	-	-	-	-
40	Elachistidae	12	-	1	-	5
41	Coleophoridae	181	7	-	-	35
42	Batrachedridae	1	-	-	-	-
43	Scythrididae	32	7	2	1	7
44	Stathmopodidae	5	-	-	-	1
45	Blastobasidae	1	-	-	-	-
46	Momphidae	1	1	-	-	-
47	Alucitidae	11	1	-	-	2
48	Pterophoridae	93	2	1	1	5
49	Carposinidae	2	1	1	-	2
50	Epermeniidae	7	-	-	-	-
51	Hesperiidae	41	1	3	-	-
52	Papilionidae	10	1	-	-	2
53	Pieridae	53	2	4	1	6
54	Lycaenidae	208	7	10	2	61
55	Nymphalidae	140	6	7	-	13
56	Pyralidae	455	12	3	-	130
57	Crambidae	315	2	4	1	66
58	Cimeliidae	1	-	-	-	-
59	Drepanidae	7	-	2	-	-
60	Lasiocampidae	38	1	4	-	8
61	Brahmaeidae	4	1	-	-	1
62	Bombycidae	1	-	-	-	-
63	Saturniidae	4	3	-	-	-
64	Sphingidae	33	-	1	-	-
65	Geometridae	474	65	9	4	114
66	Notodontidae	24	1	7	1	3
67	Erebidae	324	12	6	4	55
68	Euteliidae	2	-	-	-	-
69	Nolidae	26	2	-	-	1
70	Noctuidae	941	36	12	2	161
Totals		4,517	295	93	24	891

Appendix 2. List of endemic Lepidoptera species in Iran, sorted by family.

MEESIIDAE (4)	<i>Infurcitinea fasciella</i> Gaedike, 1983 <i>Infurcitinea megalopterella</i> Petersen, 1964 <i>Infurcitinea obscuroides</i> Gaedike, 1983 <i>Infurcitinea teheranensis</i> Petersen, 1971	<i>Cydia persica</i> (Kuznetsov, 1968) <i>Diceratura keredjana</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Diceratura teheranica</i> Razowski, 1970 <i>Dichrorampha iranica</i> Danilevsky & Kuznetsov, 1968 <i>Epinotia safiana</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Eucosma persiae</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Gypsonoma ochrotona</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Hedya tritofa</i> Alipanah & Baixeras, 2011 <i>Pammene caliginosa</i> Kuznetsov, 1972 <i>Pammene festiva</i> Kuznetsov, 1972 <i>Phtheochroa purissima</i> (Ostheder, 1938) <i>Thiodia confusana</i> Kuznetsov, 1972 <i>Thiodia elbursica</i> Kuznetsov, 1972 <i>Zeiraphera smaragdina</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Zelotherves conscia</i> (Razowski, 1981)
PSYCHIDAE (7)	<i>Amicta davarica</i> (Solyanikov, 2002) <i>Amicta lutensis</i> Arnscheid, Rajaei & Sobczyk, 2021 <i>Kalliesia irana</i> Sobczyk, 2004 <i>Oiketicoides schahkuhensis</i> (Heylaerts, 1885) <i>Oiketicoides villosa</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Placodoma eberti</i> Arnscheid, 2020 <i>Placodoma sobczyki</i> Arnscheid, 2020	
TINEIDAE (9)	<i>Anomalotinea iranica</i> (Petersen & Gaedike, 1984) <i>Ateliotum confusum</i> Petersen, 1966 <i>Edosa xerxes</i> (Petersen & Gaedike, 1984) <i>Euplocamus schaeferi</i> Amsel, 1959 <i>Kermania pistaciella</i> Amsel, 1964 <i>Neurothaumasia brandti</i> Petersen, 1966 <i>Neurothaumasia maculata</i> Petersen & Gaedike, 1996 <i>Perissomastix falcata</i> Petersen, 1988 <i>Perissomastix laricola</i> Gaedike, 2019	
BUCCULATRICIDAE (1)	<i>Bucculatrix iranica</i> Deschka, 1981	
GRACILLARIIDAE (4)	<i>Acrocercops iraniana</i> Triberti, 1989 <i>Aspilapteryx magna</i> Triberti, 1985 <i>Phyllonorycter iranica</i> Deschka, 1979 <i>Polymitia laristana</i> Triberti, 1986	
LYONETIIDAE (1)	<i>Phyllobrostis farsensis</i> Mey, 2006	
ARGYRESTHIIDAE (1)	<i>Argyresthia mirabiella</i> Toll, 1948	
YPSOLOPHIDAE (3)	<i>Ochsenheimeria chorasanica</i> Zagulajev, 1988 <i>Ypsolopha kotzschi</i> (Toll, 1948) <i>Ypsolopha nervosellum</i> (Zerny, 1940)	
PLUTELLIDAE (3)	<i>Baerenischenka lamasi</i> Mey, 2022 <i>Deryaxenistis nekrutenkoi</i> Mey, 2022 <i>Paraxenistis ammolofon</i> Mey, 2022	
USTYURTHIIDAE (1)	<i>Karwandania chimabacchella</i> Amsel. 1959	
GALACTICIDAE (1)	<i>Zarcinia</i> sp.	
TORTRICIDAE (30)	<i>Aethes destituta</i> Razowski, 1983 <i>Aethes eberti</i> Sutter & Karisch, 2004 <i>Aethes kandovana</i> Alipanah, 2009 <i>Aethes luteopictana</i> (Kennel, 1900) <i>Aethes persica</i> Razowski, 1963 <i>Aethes shakibai</i> Huemer & Wieser, 2004 <i>Argyrolope rhetorica</i> Meyrick, 1920 <i>Argyrolope vandarvana</i> Ostheder, 1938 <i>Choristoneura jecorana</i> (Kennel, 1899) <i>Cnephiasia razowskii</i> Alipanah, 2019 <i>Cochylimorpha brandti</i> (Razowski, 1963) <i>Cochylimorpha elegans</i> (Razowski, 1963) <i>Cochylimorpha pirizanica</i> (Razowski, 1963) <i>Cochylimorpha scrophulana</i> (Razowski, 1963) <i>Cochylimorpha wiltshirei</i> (Razowski, 1963)	
COSSIDAE (15)		
SESIIDAE (12)		
BRACHODIDAE (3)		
ZYGAENIDAE (38)		

<p><i>Zygaena seitzi</i> Reiss, 1938 <i>Zygaena sengana</i> Holik & Sheljuzhko, 1956 <i>Zygaena speciosa</i> Reiss, 1937 <i>Zygaena tenhagenova</i> Hofmann, 2005 <i>Zygaenoprocris duskei</i> (Grum-Grshimailo, 1902) <i>Zygaenoprocris efetovi</i> Mollet & Tarmann, 2007 <i>Zygaenoprocris fredi</i> (Alberti, 1939) <i>Zygaenoprocris hasarani</i> Keil, 2020 <i>Zygaenoprocris hofmanni</i> Mollet & Tarmann, 2007 <i>Zygaenoprocris khorassana</i> (Alberti, 1939) <i>Zygaenoprocris kliri</i> Keil, 2002 <i>Zygaenoprocris molleti</i> Keil, 2020 <i>Zygaenoprocris persepolis</i> (Alberti, 1938) <i>Zygaenoprocris puschnanni</i> Keil, 2020 <i>Zygaenoprocris rjabovi</i> (Alberti, 1938) <i>Zygaenoprocris schahdadiani</i> Keil, 2020 <i>Zygaenoprocris taftana</i> (Alberti, 1939) <i>Zygaenoprocris valii</i> Keil, 2020</p>	<p><i>Ethmia alba</i> (Amsel, 1949) <i>Ethmia derbendella</i> Sattler, 1967 <i>Ethmia persica</i> Kun, 2007 <i>Ethmia sattleri</i> Kun, 2007</p>
<p>EPIPYROPIDAE (1) <i>Epimesophantia dlabolai</i> Krampl, 1983</p>	
<p>LECITHOCERIDAE (1) <i>Lecithocera persica</i> Gozmány, 1978</p>	
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<i>Metasia comealis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Metasia farsalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Metasia laristanalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Metasia sefidalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Metaxmesta elbursana</i> (Amsel, 1961) <i>Metaxmesta staudingeri</i> (Christoph, 1872) <i>Mukia nigroanalis</i> Amsel, 1954 <i>Palpita persicalis</i> (Amsel, 1951) <i>Pyrausta laristanalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Pyrausta nanalis</i> (Christoph, 1888) <i>Pyrausta pionalis</i> Toll, 1948 <i>Pyrausta taftanalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Scoparia saerdabella</i> Osthelder, 1938 <i>Sitochroa urmiensis</i> Alipanah, 2020 <i>Syrianarpia elburzalis</i> Alipanah & Gianti, 2017 <i>Syrianarpia kasyi</i> Leraut, 1984 <i>Tegostoma marginalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Titania ecbataniella</i> Amsel, 1958 <i>Titania hyrcanella</i> Amsel, 1950 <i>Tulaya marelana</i> (Bethune-Baker, 1893) <i>Tulaya staudingeri</i> (Bethune-Baker, 1893) <i>Udea ardekanalis</i> Amsel, 1961 <i>Udea mechedalis</i> (Amsel, 1950) <i>Udea pyraustiformis</i> (Toll, 1948)	<i>Eupithecia elbursi</i> Vojnits, 1988 <i>Eupithecia elbursiata</i> Schütze, 1960 <i>Eupithecia forsterata</i> Schütze, 1960 <i>Eupithecia frontosa</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Eupithecia fuscopunctata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia harenosa</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia husseini</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia inexercita</i> Vojnits, 1982 <i>Eupithecia keredjana</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia laterata</i> Dietze, 1904 <i>Eupithecia mahomedana</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia montanata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia persidis</i> Mironov & Ratzel, 2012 <i>Eupithecia pfeifferata</i> Schütze, 1960 <i>Eupithecia problematicata</i> Schütze, 1960 <i>Eupithecia prouti</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Eupithecia ridiculata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia sectila</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia siata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia tarensis</i> Schwingenschuss, 1939 <i>Eupithecia truschi</i> Mironov & Ratzel, 2012 <i>Eupithecia undulifera</i> Schwingenschuss, 1939 <i>Eupithecia zagrosata</i> Mironov & Ratzel, 2012 <i>Gnopharmia kasrunensis</i> Wehrli, 1939 <i>Gnophosema palumba</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Heterobapta plumellata</i> Wiltshire, 1943 <i>Heteroculpinia pasargades</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Heteroculpinia prouti</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Idaea persica</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Idaea persidis</i> (Wiltshire, 1966) <i>Idaea wiltshirei</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Isturgia sengana</i> (Brandt, 1940) <i>Isturgia soleiman</i> (Wehrli, 1936) <i>Isturgia tengistanica</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Isturgia wehrlii</i> (Brandt, 1940) <i>Lithostege buxtoni</i> Prout, 1920 <i>Lithostege kiabii</i> Rajaei, 2011 <i>Lithostege samandooki</i> Rajaei, 2011 <i>Lithostege stadiel</i> Lehmann, 2011 <i>Nebula longipennis</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Nebula reclamata</i> (Prout, 1914) <i>Nebula saidabadi</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Nebula vartianata</i> (Wiltshire, 1970) <i>Neognopharmia horhammeri</i> (Brandt, 1838) <i>Nychiodes admirabilis</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Nychiodes farinosa</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Nychiodes levata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Nychiodes mirzayansi</i> Wanke, Hausmann & Rajaei, 2020 <i>Nychiodes subfuscata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Nychiodes subvirida</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Nyssiodes rhodopolitis</i> Wehrli, 1939 <i>Ourapteryx meinekei</i> Rajaei & Kollhorst, 2021 <i>Pasiphila palaearctica</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Photoscotosia antitypa</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Protorhoe tangaba</i> (Wiltshire, 1952) <i>Rhodostrophia iranica</i> Schwingenschuss, 1939 <i>Rhodostrophia nesam</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Rhodostrophia tabestana</i> Trusch & Hausmann, 2007 <i>Rhodostrophia tumulosa</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Rhodostrophia vahabzadehi</i> Rajaei, Hausmann & Trusch, 2022 <i>Sabzia graminaria</i> (Kollar, 1850) <i>Scodionista gyulai</i> Weisert, 2009 <i>Scopula benigna</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Scopula bullata</i> (Vojnits, 1986) <i>Scopula chalcographata</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Scopula gracilis</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Scopula hoerhammeri</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Scopula iranaria</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Scopula lactarioides</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Scopula orbeorum</i> (Hausmann, 1996) <i>Scopula origalis</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Scotopteryx decolor</i> (Schwingenschuss, 1939) <i>Scotopteryx fuscofasciata</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Scotopteryx kurmaniana</i> Rajaei & László, 2014 <i>Scotopteryx sterilis</i> (Prout, 1938)
LASICAMPIDAE (8) <i>Chilena laristana</i> Daniel, 1949 <i>Chondrostega darius</i> Wiltshire, 1952 <i>Giselea pistaciae</i> (Wiltshire, 1952) <i>Pachygastria herzi</i> (Christoph, 1888) <i>Pachypasa hausmanni</i> Prozorov et al., 2022 <i>Phyllodesma farahae</i> Lajonquière, 1963 <i>Poecilocampa neka</i> Zolotuhin & Zahiri, 2010 <i>Sena cuneata</i> (Brandt, 1938) (Chilena)	
BRAHMAEIDAE (1) <i>Lemonia tamara</i> Antoshin & Zolotuhin, 2013	
GEOMETRIDAE (114) <i>Abraxas wehrlii</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Alcis fredi</i> (Wehrli, 1941) <i>Charissa ali</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Charissa argillata</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Charissa asymmetra</i> (Wehrli, 1936) <i>Charissa pelengi</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Charissa subtila</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Charissa taftana</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Crocallis mirabica</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Dicronophos anophaea</i> (Wehrli, 1939) <i>Dicronophos culminata</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Dicronophos elahi</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Dicronophos eurytiches</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Dicronophos gorgata</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Dicronophos snelleni</i> (Christoph, 1887) <i>Docirava palumbata</i> Mentzer, 1981 <i>Ecleora brandti</i> (Wehrli, 1941) <i>Ennomos fraxineti</i> Wiltshire, 1947 <i>Ennomos vartianae</i> László, 2018 <i>Ennomos zandi</i> Wiltshire, 1947 <i>Entephria catchra</i> (Prout, 1939) <i>Epitherina rhodopoleos</i> Wehrli, 1938 <i>Eriannis caspica</i> Laszlo, 2003 <i>Euphyia chalusata</i> Wiltshire, 1970 <i>Euphyia farsica</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Euphyia khorassana</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Euphyia obvallata</i> (Lederer, [1871]) <i>Euphyia scopulata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia aduncata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia aequabilis</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia aradjouna</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia asperata</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia basurmana</i> Mironov & Ratzel, 2012 <i>Eupithecia brandti</i> Mironov & Ratzel, 2012 <i>Eupithecia cheituna</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Eupithecia edaphopteryx</i> Vojnits, 1988	

<p><i>Selidosema jowzakensis</i> Weisert, 2009 <i>Synopsis centralis</i> (Wiltshire, 1966) <i>Thetidia recta</i> (Brandt, 1941)</p>	<p><i>Actebia opisoleuca</i> (Staudinger, 1881) <i>Aegle porphyrinoides</i> Gaal-Haszler et al., 2012 <i>Agrotis psamnocharis</i> Boursin, 1950 <i>Agrotis sardzeana</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Allophyes renalis</i> (Wiltshire, 1941) <i>Amphipoea maryamae</i> Zahiri & Fibiger, 2006 <i>Amphipyra micra</i> Gyulai & Ronkay, 2008 <i>Anagnorisma chamrani</i> Gyulai et al., 2013 <i>Anarta halophila</i> (Gyulai & Ronkay, 2008) <i>Anchoscelis elbursica</i> (Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006) <i>Anchoscelis fuscomixta</i> (Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006) <i>Apamea minor</i> Babics & Benedek, 2011 <i>Armada gelida</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Armada maritima</i> Brandt, 1939 <i>Atethmia sinuata</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006 <i>Benshirachia paradoxa</i> Gyulai, Varga & Ronkay, 2002 <i>Boursinia ferdovsi</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Boursinia oxygramma</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Brachygalea kamalii</i> Shirvani, Ronkay & Talebi, 2008 <i>Brachygalea miskoi</i> Ronkay, 1996 <i>Brandtina albonigra</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Bryomima avajensis</i> Gyulai, 2022 <i>Bryomima rosea</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Bryomima vartianorum</i> Gaal-Haszler et al., 2012 <i>Bryophila argenteacea</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Bryophila eucharista</i> (Boursin, 1960) <i>Bryophila petricolor</i> Lederer, 1870 <i>Bryophila salomonis</i> (Boursin, 1954) <i>Bryophila thamanaea</i> Hampson, 1908 <i>Bryophila thamanaea</i> Hampson, 1908 <i>Calamia metamorpha</i> (Boursin, 1960) <i>Caradrina altissima</i> Hacker, 2004 <i>Caradrina boursini</i> (F. Wagner, 1936) <i>Caradrina inopinata</i> Hacker, 2004 <i>Caradrina isfahanica</i> Hacker, 2004 <i>Caradrina khorassana</i> (Boursin, 1942) <i>Caradrina panurgia</i> (Boursin, 1939) <i>Caradrina parthica</i> Hacker, 2004 <i>Caradrina phanosciera</i> (Boursin, 1939) <i>Caradrina poecila</i> (Boursin, 1939) <i>Caradrina pseudalbina</i> (Boursin, 1942) <i>Caradrina pulvis</i> (Boursin, 1939) <i>Caradrina sarhadica</i> (Boursin, 1942) <i>Caradrina stenoptera</i> (Boursin, 1939) <i>Caradrina zagrobi</i> Hacker, 2004 <i>Caradrina zandi</i> Wiltshire, 1952 <i>Cardepia halophila</i> Hacker, 1998 <i>Cardepia oleagina</i> Hacker, 1998 <i>Chersotis binaloudi</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Chersotis cryptographa</i> Varga & Gyulai, 2002 <i>Chersotis hoppei</i> Varga et al., 2013 <i>Chersotis lehmanni</i> Varga et al., 2013 <i>Chersotis nitens</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Chersotis sterilis</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Chersotis zaghros</i> Gyulai & Varga, 2006 <i>Chlaanthia elbursica</i> (Boursin, 1968) <i>Ctenoceratoda lupa</i> (Christoph, 1893) <i>Cucullia khorassana</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Dasypolia mazandarana</i> Benedek et al., 2014 <i>Deltote iranica</i> (Kotzsch, 1940) <i>Diadochia sacrimima</i> Shirvani & Ronkay, 2012 <i>Dichagyris gyulaiivani</i> Gyulai & Varga, 2002 <i>Dichagyris haczi</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2009 <i>Dichagyris ilseae</i> Stangelmaier & Fibiger, 2003 <i>Dichagyris lupinus</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Dichagyris paisa</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Dichagyris taftana</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Dichagyris zagroica</i> Hacker & Ebert, 2002 <i>Discalerodes discalis</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Drasteriodes leprosa</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Dryoboroides glaucus</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006 <i>Dysmilichia gigantea</i> Brandt, 1941 <i>Eremohadena afzalipouri</i> Shirvani, Sheyknejad & Shoghali, 2012 <i>Eremohadena toerpexa</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006</p>
<p>NOTODONTIDAE (3) <i>Cerura kautti</i> Schintlmeister, 2008 <i>Furcula turbida</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Ptilophora</i> sp. n.</p> <p>EREBIIDAE (55) <i>Amata aserbeidjana</i> (de Freina, 1982) <i>Amata beluchistana</i> de Freina, 2008 <i>Amata dinara</i> de Freina 2010 <i>Amata harandii</i> de Freina & Naderi, 2008 <i>Amata hyrcana</i> (Bang-Haas, 1912) <i>Amata kamarana</i> de Freina, 2010 <i>Amata kordestana</i> de Freina & ten Hagen, 2003 <i>Amata naderii</i> de Freina, 2010 <i>Amata persica</i> (Kollar, 1849) <i>Anydrophila banghaasi</i> Brandt, 1939 <i>Anydrophila distincta</i> Brandt, 1939 <i>Anydrophila hoerhammeri</i> Brandt, 1939 <i>Autophila cinnamonea</i> Ronkay, 1989 <i>Autophila clara</i> Wiltshire, 1952 <i>Autophila deleta</i> Benedek & Ronkay, 2001 <i>Autophila eurytaenia</i> Boursin, 1963 <i>Autophila iranica</i> Ronkay, 1989 <i>Autophila plattneri</i> Boursin, 1955 <i>Autophila sinesafida</i> Wiltshire, 1952 <i>Autophila umbrifera</i> (Kollar, 1848) <i>Catephia cana</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Catocala fredi</i> Bytinski-Salz & Brandt, 1937 <i>Catocala luscinia</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Chionoxantha margarita</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Chionoxantha minutissima</i> Hacker & Ebert, 2002 <i>Chionoxantha nobilis</i> Hacker & Ebert, 2002 <i>Clytie devissima</i> Hacker & Gyulai, 2013 <i>Eberactria nordstroemi</i> (Brandt, 1947) <i>Eublemma astob</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Eublemma agnella</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Eublemma argenteanea</i> Hacker, 2019 <i>Eublemma caelestis</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Eublemma fugitiva</i> (Christoph, 1877) <i>Eublemma jocularis</i> (Christoph, 1877) <i>Eublemma microptera</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Eublemma murati</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Eublemma nives</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Eublemma popovi</i> (Wiltshire, 1953) <i>Eublemma pseudepistrota</i> (Brandt, 1938) <i>Eublemma pseudoviridis</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Eublemma taftana</i> (Brandt, 1941) <i>Hyrcahyena schwengenschussi</i> Wagner, 1937 <i>Lygephila fereidun</i> Wiltshire, 1961 <i>Micronola irani</i> Fibiger, 2011 <i>Micronola zahrii</i> Fibiger, 2011 <i>Ocnerogyia pasargadae</i> de Freina, 2012 <i>Odice keyserlingi</i> (Bienert, 1869) <i>Parocneria audeoudi</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Parocneria insolita</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Pelosia uniformis</i> Rothschild, 1921 <i>Zanclostathme elbursalis</i> Draudt, 1937 <i>Zethes brandti</i> Janson, 1977 <i>Zethes naghisa</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Zethes nemea</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Zethes zahedanica</i> Gyulai, 2022</p> <p>NOLIDAE (1) <i>Nola venusta</i> (Brandt, 1938)</p> <p>NOCTUIDAE (162) <i>Abrostola hyrcanica</i> Hacker, 2002 <i>Acrobyla draudti</i> (Brandt, 1939) <i>Acronicta saadi</i> Brandt, 1938 <i>Acronicta solimana</i> (Draudt, 1938) <i>Actebia damnata</i> (Draudt, 1937)</p>	

<i>Euchalcia chalcophanes</i> Dufay, 1963	<i>Metopoceras solituda</i> (Brandt, 1938)
<i>Euchalcia hyrcanica</i> Dufay, 1963	<i>Metopodicha leily</i> Gyulai & Ronkay, 2008
<i>Euchalcia incredibilis</i> Hacker & Ebert, 2002	<i>Metopolplus boursini</i> Brandt, 1938
<i>Euchalcia stilpna</i> Dufay, 1969	<i>Mniotype fabulosa</i> Benedek & Ronkay, 2002
<i>Eulocastra bryophiloides</i> Brandt, 1938	<i>Oligia suleiman</i> Rezbanyai-Reser, 1997
<i>Euxoa abutilusina</i> Varga & Gyulai, 2002	<i>Oligia vandarban</i> Rezbanyai-Reser, 1997
<i>Euxoa adjemi</i> Brandt, 1941	<i>Omphalophana serrulata</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006
<i>Euxoa aneucta</i> Brandt, 1938	<i>Opigena khorassana</i> Varga et al., 2015
<i>Euxoa dsheiron</i> Brandt, 1938	<i>Orthosia habeleri</i> Wiesmair, Shirvani & Ronkay, 2020
<i>Euxoa ebadhadiani</i> Gyulai & Varga, 2002	<i>Oxytrypia stephania</i> Sutton, 1964
<i>Euxoa emamrezaei</i> Gyulai & Ronkay, 2006	<i>Ozarba tamsina</i> (Brandt, 1947)
<i>Euxoa inclusa</i> Corti, 1931	<i>Paracentropus cyrus</i> (Brandt, 1938)
<i>Euxoa mustelina</i> (Christoph, 1877)	<i>Perigrapha mithras</i> (Wiltshire, 1941)
<i>Euxoa perierga</i> Brandt, 1938	<i>Perigrapha benedeki</i> Ronkay et al., 2010
<i>Euxoa shahabbasi</i> Gyulai & Varga, 2002	<i>Photedes macroductus</i> Gyulai, 2020
<i>Evisa reisseri</i> Wiltshire, 1952	<i>Polymixis alborsa</i> Babics & Benedek, 2011
<i>Frivaldszkyola elami</i> (Ronkay, 2001)	<i>Polymixis dubiosa</i> (Brandt, 1938)
<i>Gortyna golestanensis</i> Fibiger & Zahiri, 2006	<i>Polymixis fibrillata</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006
<i>Griposia jahannamah</i> (Fibiger et al., 2008)	<i>Polymixis hedygramma</i> (Brandt, 1941)
<i>Hada persa</i> (Alphéraky, 1897)	<i>Polymixis pirkadatka</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006
<i>Hadena cimelia</i> (Brandt, 1938)	<i>Polymixis scrophulariae</i> (Wiltshire, 1952)
<i>Hadena drangiana</i> Gyulai & Hacker, 2013	<i>Polymixis zagrobia</i> (Wiltshire, 1941)
<i>Hadena haczi</i> Gyulai & Hacker, 2013	<i>Pseudohadena magnitudinis</i> Hacker & Ebert, 2002
<i>Hadena mediana</i> Gyulai & Hacker, 2013	<i>Pseudohadena zahedana</i> Shirvani & Ronkay, 2009
<i>Hadena mesolampra</i> (Brandt, 1938)	<i>Pseudoligia lucifer</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006
<i>Hadena montana</i> (Brandt, 1941)	<i>Rezahiria marmota</i> Ronkay, Ronkay & Gyulai, 2014
<i>Hadena phaeoscripta</i> Gyulai & Hacker, 2013	<i>Rhodocatera rhodocharis</i> (Brandt, 1938)
<i>Hadena pyrrhotatos</i> Gyulai & Hacker, 2013	<i>Shargacucullia faucicola</i> (Wiltshire, 1943)
<i>Hadena thecaphaga</i> (Draudt, 1937)	<i>Shargacucullia kasyi</i> (Wiltshire, 1976)
<i>Hadena vulpecula</i> (Brandt, 1938)	<i>Shargacucullia szeokekalmani</i> Ronkay, Ronkay & Gyulai, 2011
<i>Iranada venusta</i> (Brandt, 1939)	<i>Standfussiana benedeki</i> Gyulai, 2021
<i>Iranada versicolor</i> Brandt, 1939	<i>Sympistis idioglypha</i> Brandt, 1938
<i>Karmanica bandarabbassa</i> Hacker & Eebert, 2002	<i>Synthymia dubiosa</i> Brandt, 1938
<i>Karmanica chosroes</i> (Brandt, 1938)	<i>Synthymia dubiosa</i> Brandt, 1938
<i>Karmanica cyros</i> Hacker & Eebert, 2002	<i>Thargelia attila</i> Ronkay & Gyulai, 2006
<i>Karmanica magnifica</i> Hacker & Eebert, 2002	<i>Valeria wassalberti</i> Gyulai, 2019
<i>Lasionhada draudti</i> Wagner, 1936	<i>Valerietta forsteri</i> Draudt, 1938
<i>Leptologia malaqai</i> Esfandiari, Gyulai, Shahreyari-Nejad & Rabieh, 2022	<i>Victrix macrosema</i> (Boursin, 1957)
<i>Lophoterges marianna</i> Fibiger, 2000	<i>Victrix sassanica</i> Wiltshire, 1961
<i>Luperina farsiensis</i> Fibiger & Zahiri, 2005	<i>Wiltshireola disrupta</i> (Wiltshire, 1952)
<i>Margelana brunnea</i> Fibiger, Zahiri & Kononenko, 2007	<i>Xestia kecskerago</i> Gyulai & Ronkay, 2006
<i>Masalia philbyi</i> (Brandt, 1941)	

Appendix 3. Numbers of recorded Lepidoptera species, per family, for each Iranian province.

Family	Azerbaijan-e-Gharbi	Azerbaijan-e-Sharghi	Kordistan	Kermanshah	Lorestan	Ardabil	Gilan	Mazandaran	Goletan	Semnan	Khorasan-e-Shomali	Khorasan-e-Baravi	Hamadan	Zanjan	Qazvin	Alborz	Tehran	Markazi	Qom	Yazd	Esfahan	Chahar Mahal-o-Bakhtiari	Fars	Kohgiluyeh va Boyer-Ahmad	Ilam	Khuzestan	Bushehr	Hormozgan	Kerman	Sistan-e-Baluchestan	Khorasan-e-Ionubi	
01. MICROPTERIGIDAE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
02. HEPALIDAE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
03. NEPTICULIDAE	1	4	1	--	--	4	7	10	2	1	2	--	--	--	1	9	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	1	2	1	--	--			
04. HELIOZELIDAE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
05. ADEUIDAE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
06. TISCHERIIDAE	--	2	--	--	--	--	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
07. MESSIONIIDAE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
08. PSYCHIDAE	1	2	4	3	--	--	4	--	3	1	1	--	--	1	3	1	--	--	1	--	3	1	--	--	1	1	2	--	--			
09. ERIOCOTTIDAE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
10. TINEIDAE	12	5	11	5	6	1	6	19	20	3	4	7	2	5	2	12	9	2	2	3	5	8	24	5	1	8	7	13	13	10	1	
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12. GRACILLARIIDAE	2	25	5	2	3	5	16	30	21	2	3	4	2	2	2	7	19	5	3	2	3	4	7	2	2	2	2	4	4	3	2	
13. BEDELLIIDAE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	
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25. TORTRICIDAE	25	29	19	11	7	18	39	70	70	20	12	30	15	13	8	31	52	9	2	7	16	7	46	11	1	9	2	3	12	9	2	
26. COSSIDAE	17	17	16	10	14	12	7	12	16	11	23	24	9	8	2	15	18	11	6	1	21	8	26	11	2	10	2	12	12	17	2	
27. SESIIDAE	9	7	7	--	18	2	5	19	10	3	4	3	10	11	--	9	16	1	--	5	22	10	23	15	--	--	10	1	2	--	--	
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38. GELECHIIDAE	20	10	30	13	11	4	5	27	45	27	42	28	11	11	4	40	38	6	21	3	18	5	56	3	2	19	4	33	21	41	3	
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47. ALUCITIDAE	1	--	1	2	1	1	--	3	2	1	3	1	--	--	2	4	--	--	1	2	2	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--		
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54. LYCAENIDAE	98	93	68	45	59	72	75	82	64	71	50	47	43	60	58	70	83	40	20	26	65	43	66	46	14	25	16	21	39	27	23	
55. NYMPHALIDAE	86	88	56	52	54	75	67	68	64	62	59	40	53	53	66	72	32	9	21	52	40	43	38	22	28	15	14	23	25	18		
56. PYRALIDAE	14	8	20	9	11	7	18	60	35	64	11	60	40	7	6	122	115	7	13	13	7	4	221	5	2	45	21	57	37	141	3	
57. CRAMBIIDAE	41	33	15	24	13	29	58	87	88	56	35	64	35	16	11	99	85	7	13	12	18	13	131	13	1	48</td						