

## SHORT COMMUNICATION

**A. N. Streltsov. *ARICIA CHINENSIS* MURRAY, 1874 NEWLY RECORDED SPECIES OF THE BUTTERFLIES (LEPIDOPTERA, LYCAENIDAE) FROM THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST. – Far Eastern Entomologist. 2000. N 91: 10.**

**А. Н. Стрельцов. *Aricia chinensis* Murray, 1874 – новый для Дальнего Востока вид дневных бабочек (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae) // Дальневосточный энтомолог. 2000. N 91. С. 10.**

The record of *Aricia chinensis* for Primorskii krai [1] is based on of A.I. Kurentzov's data [2], who mentioned one female from Middle Sikhote-Alin Range (Ternej district, 5.VIII 1935). The untypical coloration of the specimen was mentioned [2]. V.V. Dubatolov studied Kurentzov's collection and discovered that this specimen appeared to be a female of *Polyommatus tsvetajevi* Kurentzov, 1970. Thus, authentic data on the findings of *A. chinensis* in the Russian Far East were absent.

### ***Aricia chinensis* Murray, 1874**

**MATERIAL.** Russia: Blagoveshchensk, left-hand bank of Zeya River, 9.IX1999, 2 ♂ (Streltsov). The butterflies flew in agricultural biotopes and visited blossoming plants.

**DISTRIBUTION.** *A. chinensis*, the East-Palaearctic steppe species, widely distributed in Northern, North-Eastern and Central China, Korea and Mongolia. In Russia it is known from South-Eastern Transbaikalia, vicinities of Ulan-Ude, Khakassia, Minusinsk's hollow, and Novosibirsk [3]. Here it is firstly recorded from Amurskaya oblast'.

**NOTES.** *A. chinensis* differs from the similar *A. allous* (Hubner, 1819) and *Eumedonia eumedon* (Esper, 1780) by strongly developed red-orange spots forming almost confluent band on a general brown background at the top of wings. On the underside of wings the orange spots are united in a broad band.

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