



Six new species of the genus *Bellulia* Fibiger, 2008 from China and Cambodia (Lepidoptera, Erebidae, Hypenodinae). Taxonomic study of *Micronoctuini*. Contribution III

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Abstract

Six species of the genus *Bellulia* Fibiger, 2008: *B. tenebrosa* sp. n., *B. clara* sp. n., *B. jiaxuanae* sp. n., *B. jiayiae* sp. n., *B. fuscis* sp. n. and *B. diannana* sp. n. are described from China and Cambodia. Two species, *Bellulia suffusa* Fibiger, 2008 and *B. basalia* Fibiger, 2010 are reported for the first time from Cambodia. Keys for identifying species in the *kareni*, *bella* and *suffusa* species-groups and a complete checklist of the genus *Bellulia* are presented.

Key words: Lepidoptera, Erebidae, Hypenodinae, *Micronoctuini*, *Bellulia*, new species, China, Cambodia

Introduction

The genus *Bellulia* Fibiger, 2008 was erected with *B. bella* Fibiger, 2008 as the type species. Originally the genus was placed to the tribe Belluliini, subfamily Belluliinae, family Micronoctuidae (Fibiger 2008). However, since the Micronoctuidae was reduced to tribal status (Erebidae: Hypenodinae: (Erebidae: Hypenodinae: Micronoctuini) (Zahiri *et al.* 2011a, 2011b), the subfamily Belluliinae (sensu Fibiger 2008) is here recognized as the tribe Bellulini, and Belluliini (sensu Fibiger 2008) as the subtribe Bellulina.

According Fibiger (2008) the genus *Bellulia* contains 20 described species grouped into eight or nine species-group (Fibiger 2008: 12–13, 19, 23). The majority of species are distributed in China, Nepal, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam. Fibiger (2008: 13) erected the *Bellulia suffusa* group with *B. suffusa* Fibiger, 2008 (in the text), but he wrongly placed the species into the *B. wui* species-group in the list of species (Fibiger 2008: 23). Here we correct this error and treat *B. suffusa*, *B. basalia* Fibiger, 2010 and two newly described species (*B. fuscis* sp. n. and *B. diannana* sp. n.) as the members of *B. suffusa* species-group.

We treat *Bellulia kareni*, *B. bella* and *B. suffusa* species groups, confirm the status of a ninth species-group (including *B. suffusa* group), and describe six new species: *B. fuscis* sp. n. and *B. diannana* sp. n. (*B. suffusa* species-group), *B. tenebrosa* sp. n. and *B. clara* sp. n. (*B. kareni* species-group), *B. jiaxuanae* sp. n. and *B. jiayiae* sp. n. (*B. bella* species-group) from China and Cambodia. Two species, *Bellulia suffusa* Fibiger, 2008 and *B. basalia* Fibiger, 2010 are reported from Cambodia for the first time. Keys for identifying species in the *kareni*, *bella* and *suffusa* species-groups and a checklist of the genus *Bellulia* follow.