

**TRANSFER OF FOUR NEW ZEALAND GEOMETRIDS FROM
THE GENUS AZELINA**
(LEPIDOPTERA: GEOMETRIDAE)

Several species of geometrids from New Zealand have been placed in the genus *Azelina*, a synonym of the large American genus *Pergama*. These species are not conspecific with *Pergama*, and because *Pergama* has now been revised (Poole, MS), it is necessary to remove them from *Azelina*.

Several generic names have been proposed for this group, but the earliest available name is *Ischalis* Walker, 1862. The new classification is as follows:

Ischalis Walker

Ischalis Walker, 1862, List Spec. Lepid. Coll. Brit. Mus. 26:1749. Type-species:

Ischalis thermochromata Walker by monotypy.

Polygonia Guenée, 1868, Ent. Mon. Mag. 5:41. Preoccupied by *Polygonia* Hübner (1819). Type-species: *Polygonia fortinata* Guenée by monotypy.

Phyllodoce Meyrick, 1883, New Zealand J. Sci. 1:530. Preoccupied by *Phyllodoce* Ranzani, 1817. Type-species: *Phyllodoce nelsonaria* (Felder) by monotypy.

Stratocleis Meyrick, 1883, New Zealand J. Sci. 1:530. Type-species: *Stratocleis gallaria* Walker (*Selenia*) by present designation.

Gonophylla Meyrick, 1886, Trans. New Zealand Institute 18:184. New name for *Phyllodoce* Meyrick.

1. *variabilis* (Warren). **New combination**
ophiopa (Meyrick)
2. *fortinata* (Guenée). **New combination**
ziczac (Felder)
3. *gallaria* (Walker). **New combination**
palthidata (Felder)
thermochromata Walker
4. *nelsonaria* (Felder). **New combination**
felix (Butler)

Further information on this group of four species may be found under the generic name *Azelina* in Hudson (1928, Butterflies and Moths of New Zealand).—
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