

A FEMALE *AGRIAS BEATA* WITH ANOMALOUS HINDWINGS FROM PERU (LEPIDOPTERA: NYMPHALIDAE)

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The female *Agrias beata beata* Staudinger, collected by the author near Tingo Maria, Peru (8km west), on 10 October 1984, shows interesting anomalies in the hindwing venation. The specimen was taken using banana traps along the bank of a stream. This unusual specimen has 11 hindwing inter-vein discs, while normal butterflies have only 10 discs. Over 10 years of collecting in Peru has resulted in only one such anomaly.

Fig. 2 shows the specimen in dorsal view (45mm forewing length), with its exemplary coloration. Fig. 1 and 3 show the specimen in ventral view: 1) is a drawing to highlight the anomalous venation on the hindwings, and 3) is an actual photograph of the ventral side. This female has one disc (inter-vein area) more than normally found in the hindwings: vein 6 branches to veins 6a and 6b, separating disc 5 into 5a and 5b, each with black spots along the outer margin. The submarginal ocellus (second row after the subterminal bars) can be seen only in disc 5a, whereas a black powdery mark in disc 5b seems to be the only remnant of the ocellus there. Vein 7 (left) shows an unusual lenticular bulge near its middle, with a black line therein.

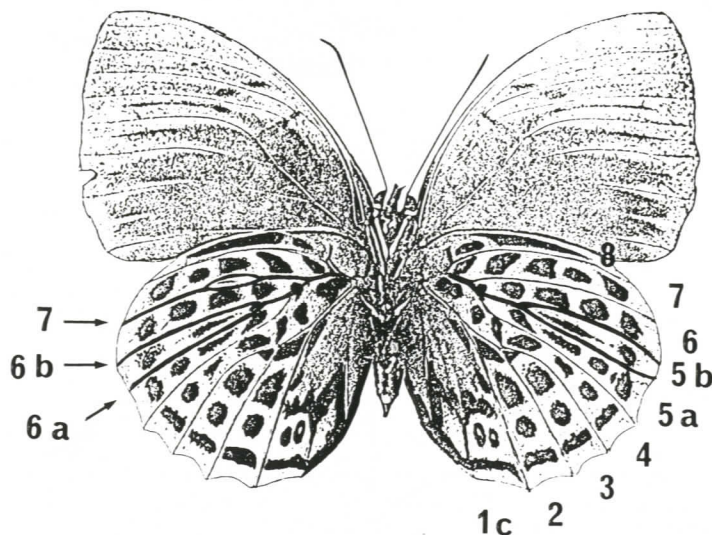
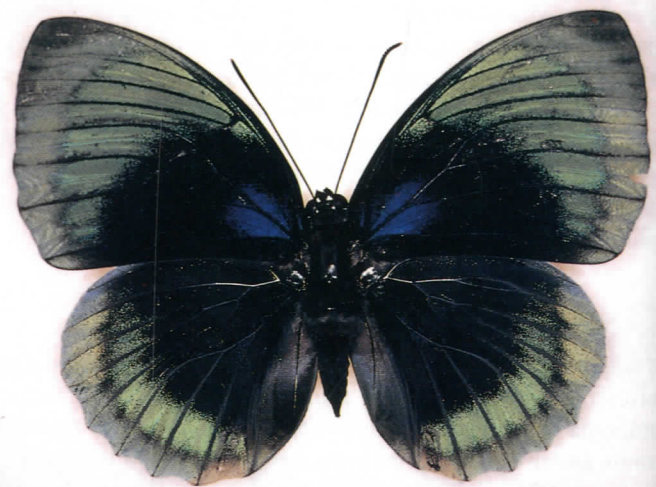


Fig. 1-3. *Agrias beata beata* Staudinger (Tingo Maria, Peru): 1) Drawing highlighting vein and disc anomalies. 2) Dorsal view of female. 3) Ventral view of female.