

ECPANTHERIA.

Ecpantheria, Hübner, Verz. bek. Schmett. p. 183; Clemens, Proc. Acad. Phil. xii. p. 523.

The species of this genus are extremely variable; in fact it is difficult to find two specimens exactly alike. In some examples before me the spots on the primaries are quite different on one side from what they are on the other. M. Oberthür has named a large number of specimens as distinct, which, without doubt, belong to one species; and also many others that have already been described by Cramer and Walker, whose descriptions appeared to be unknown to him; and some he has omitted to put into his list altogether.

1. *Ecpantheria eridane*.

Ecpantheria eridane, Hübn. Verz. bek. Schmett. p. 183; Oberthür, Etudes d'Entomologie, vi. p. 105, t. 12. f. 2, 3.

Hypercompa eridane, Hübn. Samml. exot. Schmett. f. 1-4.

Ecpantheria muzina, Oberthür, loc. cit. f. 4.

Ecpantheria abscondens, Oberthür, loc. cit. p. 106, t. 12. f. 7.

Ecpantheria garzoni, Oberthür, loc. cit. p. 107, t. 13. f. 3.

Ecpantheria yukatanensis, Oberthür, loc. cit. p. 107, t. 13. f. 4.

Ecpantheria alpha, Oberthür, loc. cit. p. 108, t. 14. f. 2.

Ecpantheria icasia?, Cram. Pap. Exot. ii. t. 181. f. E.

Ecpantheria cunigunda, Walk. Cat. iii. p. 694; Clemens, Proc. Acad. Phil. xii. p. 525.

Hab. MEXICO, Valladolid in Yucatan (*Gaumer*); HONDURAS (*Dyson, mus. B.*); GUATEMALA, Coban (*Champion*); BRITISH HONDURAS (*Blancaneaux*); HONDURAS; NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Belt*); COSTA RICA, Irazu, Cache (*Rogers*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Ribbe*).—COLOMBIA; BRAZIL.

The specimen named by Walker as *E. cunigunda*, Cram., from Honduras, is identical with this species. I have only dealt with M. Oberthür's species so far as those from Central America are concerned, and of which I have specimens before me agreeing well with his figures. I cannot see the slightest reason for separating them; neither can I find any characters of specific value whereby to distinguish one from the other. I believe *E. albicollis*, *E. thiemei*, and *E. depauperata* of Oberthür also belong to this species; and I think that it is most likely when we receive specimens from Surinam they will prove to be the same, and that Hübner's name will have to give place to that of Cramer. Cramer's figure being a very bad one, I have little doubt that such will prove to be the case; but without further material I cannot determine this point with absolute certainty.

2. *Ecpantheria caudata*.

Ecpantheria caudata, Walk. Cat. iii. p. 689¹; Clemens, Proc. Acad. Phil. xii. p. 523.

Ecpantheria mexicana, Oberthür, Etudes d'Entomologie, vi. p. 109, t. 15. f. 1, 3².

Hab. MEXICO^{1 2}.

The type specimens in the British Museum agree well with M. C. Oberthür's figures.