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british leafminers website

We are now renewing our website hosting and enter our sixth year in operation.

We are very grateful to you for your continued support and also to Paul Talbot of Pennine Books (www.penninebooks.co.uk) - an enthusiastic member of the leafmine team - for his continuing sponsorship of the site.

Why not try Paul's site? He stocks a wide range of books and not just Natural History.

The National Encyclopedia of the Swedish Flora and Fauna - Nationalnyckelyn Till Sveriges Flora Och Fauna

Lepidoptera: Micropterigidae - Psychidae / Fjärilar: Käkmalar - säckspinnare. by B. A. Bengtsson & G. Palmqvist. 2008.

This large and heavy book consists of 646 beautifully illustrated pages, covering many of the leaf miners.

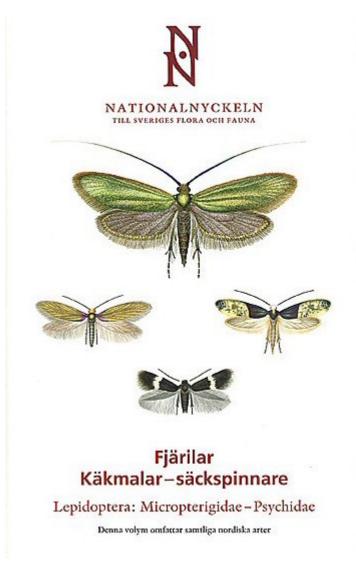
The text is in Swedish, but it has brief English summaries and usefully illustrated English keys to each group.

These keys cover the identification features of the adults, including genitalia diagrams, where appropriate (and e.g. larval morphology in the Eriocraniidae).

At the back of the book are 25 pages of diagrams of leaf mines and also 30 pages of beautifully painted adult moths.

The photographs in the book are also of high quality.

Leaf miner books are uncommon and one of this quality is to be welcomed - particularly when the price (for a book on microlepidoptera) is so reasonable at only 49€.(around £50).



Appendix to the leaf mine keys

Steven Teal has produced a species summary as an appendix to Barry Dickerson's leaf mine keys on the website.

He has arranged the leaf miners in Bradley (and Fletcher) number order and given brief summaries of their food plants.

This is now available, courtesy of Steven, as a Word or Adobe PDF download:

http://www.leafmines.co.uk/html/Mine_Guide.htm

Sawfly Recording Scheme

The updated sawfly nomenclature (courtesy of Liston and Sheppard, 2008) has been passed to Mapmate so that they can update their programme.

Watch out for when it is released!

Guy Knight, who runs the National Sawfly Recording Scheme says: 'the scheme is active and I would welcome all records of leafmining (and other) sawflies in just about any format, although Excel sheets including at least a four figure grid reference are the ideal.'

He would also be pleased to add anyone interested to the scheme newsletter circulation.

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