

SHORT COMMUNICATION

NEW RECORD OF ZALISSA ALBIFASCIA (WALKER)
(LEPIDOPTERA : AGARISTIDAE) FROM ASSAM AND
WEST BENGAL

While studying the material received for identification from North Bengal University, Darjeeling and also a named specimen lying in the old collections of Zoological Survey of India the authors encountered the species, *viz.*, *Zalissa albifascia* (Walker) which is reported here for the zoo-geographical interest.

Since the discovery of the species by Walker (1865) the occurrence of the species has been reported by several authors including Cotes & Swinhoe (1888), Hampson (1894) and Jordan (1914) from different countries, namely, North China, Burma (Rangoon & Moulmein) and India.

The perusal of literature reveals the existence of the species in Karnataka (Canara), Sikkim and Andamans in India. So, presently, the species constitutes new locality records both from Assam and West Bengal and has extended the range of distribution. It is therefore, likely that with intensive explorations the species may be available from other states of India.

The material examined from Assam and West Bengal conform with the description given by Hampson in all details. However, the wing expanse in female is 52mm and in the male specimen it varies from 52 to 54 mm. instead of 60 mm. as recorded by Hampson (*loc. cit.*).

Material examined : 1 ♂ : India : Assam, 19.iii.1957 (Reg. no. 898/H₁₀), coll. B. K. Tikader ; 1 ♂, 1 ♀ : West Bengal, North Bengal University campus and Sukna forest, coll. D. B. Khawas (collected as larvae ; moths emerged after rearing on 8.6.85).

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