NEW DISTRIBUTION RECORDS FOR LYCAENIDAE (LEPIDOPTERA) FROM NORTHERN QUEENSLAND

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Abstract
Distributional extensions for Jalmenus ictinus Hewitson, Deudorix epirus agimar Fruhstorfer, Ogyris abrota Westwood and Paralucia pyrodiscus pyrodiscus (Rosenstock) are given. The latter two species are recorded from northern Queensland for the first time.

New Records
Paralucia pyrodiscus pyrodiscus. A series of specimens was collected during late June 1990, flying around Bursaria sp. (black-thorn, Pittosporaceae) on the Walsh River, 5 km north-west of Herberton. The previous northern-most records for this species were Duaringa and Expedition Range, central Queensland (Common and Waterhouse 1981). This record extends the known distribution of this species by approximately 900 km.

Ogyris abrota. A single female of this species was collected at Herberton on 25 August, 1987. Previously unknown north of southern Queensland (Common and Waterhouse 1981), this record extends the known distribution by approximately 1400 km.

Jalmenus ictinus. Larvae of this species were observed at Davies Creek, 17 km south-west of Kuranda on an Acacia sp (Mimosaceae) on 12 March, 1985. A series of adults was raised from pupae collected at Mt Garnet in February, 1990. The previous northern-most record for this species was 96 km west of Bowen (Common and Waterhouse 1981). The Davies Creek record extends its known distribution approximately 400 km northwards.

Deudorix epirus agimar. A single male of this species was collected on Mount White, near Coen on 2 March, 1988. Previous southern-most record was Rocky River (Common and Waterhouse 1981), 30 km to the east-north-east of Coen.

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