

AN ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF HAWK-MOTHS (LEPIDOPTERA: SPHINGIDAE) OF CROATIA WITH THEIR DISTRIBUTION AND COMMON NAMES

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The first checklist of hawk-moths (Sphingidae) of Croatia is presented. The checklist is based on the examination of museum collections and published records. So far, 22 species have been recorded in Croatia, of which two, *Hippotion celerio* (Linnaeus, 1758) and *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades* (Hübner, 1819) have not been confirmed during recent studies, and their current occurrence in the country needs confirmation. For each species, a distribution map is provided comprising all the available published records as well as records from museum collections in Croatia. For all confirmed and two potential hawk moth species, suggested Croatian common names are provided.

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Predstavljen je prvi popis ljiljaka (Sphingidae) Hrvatske. Popis se temelji na pregledu muzejskih zbirki i objavljenih literaturnih nalaza. Do sada su u Hrvatskoj zabilježene 22 vrste, od kojih dvije vrste, *Hippotion celerio* (Linnaeus, 1758) i *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades* (Hübner, 1819) nisu potvrđene tijekom recenčnjih istraživanja te njihovu prisutnost u zemlji treba potvrditi. Za svaku vrstu daje se karta rasprostranjenosti koja sadrži sve dostupne objavljene literaturne nalaze, kao i nalaze iz muzejskih zbirki u Hrvatskoj. Za sve potvrđene i dvije potencijalne vrste ljiljaka navedeni su nazivi na hrvatskom jeziku.

Ključne riječi: popis, karte, fauna, entomološke zbirke, Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Gradski muzej Varaždin

INTRODUCTION

The hawk moths (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae) are a widely distributed family, present in every continent except Antarctica. They are medium to large moths with the exception of a few smaller species in the genera *Microsphinx* and *Sphingoneopsis*, they display robust hairy bodies and forewing sizes between 16 to 90 mm (PITTAWAY, 1993). Most species in Europe are nocturnal with some exceptions like *Macroglossum stellatarum* (Linnaeus, 1758) or the genus *Hemaris*, members of which are diurnal. The majority of species feed as adults and have a well-developed proboscis which is sometimes extre-

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mely long, even longer than their body. This enables them to collect nectar from flowers while in flight. They are fast and strong fliers, their wings being narrow and tapering down basally to enable such flight. Many hawk moth species are regular migrants reaching great distances, in a few examples even migrating between different continents (LERAUT, 2006). The caterpillars of hawk moths are usually easily recognizable due to their hairless body, large size and the presence of a curved horn on the eighth abdominal segment, missing, or reduced only in a few groups (SKINNER, 2009). Due to their size and usually easy identification, they have been used as models for studies of genetics, physiology and development, functional morphology, plant-herbivore interactions, pollination biology, biogeography, and habitat quality assessment studies (KAWAHARA *et al.*, 2009).

So far more than 1400 species and about 200 genera of Sphingidae have been described (KITCHING & CADOU, 2000). In Europe, 40 species have been recorded so far (PITTAWAY, 1993; LERAUT, 2006; DE JONG *et al.*, 2014). While the general distribution across Europe has been known for some time (PITTAWAY, 1983, 1993) for most eastern European countries no checklists or recent overviews of species distribution or status exist. With the compilation of such a list, the basis for all future works on any other Lepidoptera family becomes easier. A good recent example is North Macedonia for which a detailed checklist was published using several museum collections and all the available literature (KRPAČ *et al.*, 2019).

For Croatia, no such comprehensive work was previously compiled, and only overviews were given for three hawk-moth species, *Hemaris croatica* (Esper, 1800) (KOREN *et al.*, 2011), *Proserpinus proserpina* (Pallas, 1772) (KOREN, 2019) and *Hyles vespertilio* (Esper, 1780) (KOREN *et al.*, 2022).

Here we present the first checklist of the hawk-moths of Croatia along with the distribution, and the proposed Croatian vernacular names for all species.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the available literature regarding Lepidoptera of Croatia was consulted to gain an overview of the distribution and more accurate occurrences of Sphingidae in the country. For each species, all references that mention the occurrence records of the species in the country are provided. Systematics are in accordance with Fauna Europaea (DE JONG *et al.*, 2014).

During the preparation of this manuscript several museum collections were consulted; the Košćec Collection, deposited in the Varaždin City Museum, and several Lepidoptera collections stored in the Croatian Natural History Museum in Zagreb. Of those, the largest is the Central Lepidoptera Collection, which contains material from the former collections of Grund (coll. Gru.), Gušić (coll. Guš.), Igalfy (coll. Igal.), Koča (coll. Koč.), Kozulić (coll. Koz.), Locke (coll. Loc.), Taborski (coll. Tab.), Valjavec (coll. Valj.). Aside from the Central Collection, three other collections were consulted: the Maretić Collection, the remaining material from the Igalfy Collection, and the Kučinić Collection. For each specimen, dates, and localities from the labels are presented.

All literature and museum records are georeferenced to the highest possible precision and marked on maps. The only exceptions are the old citations of wide and vaguely-defined areas like "Slavonia" or "Croatia". For each species, a distribution map is

provided with their presence in the three biogeographical regions of Croatia (continental, alpine, Mediterranean).

As Sphingidae are large, and usually easily recognizable moths, often noted by the general public, many species already have vernacular names. For others, names were given in connection with their ecology, biology, larval food plant, distribution or if possible, via translation from other European languages.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 22 Sphingidae species have been recorded in Croatia so far (Tab. 1). For each of them, available museum and literature records are provided, and if necessary, additional comments. For each species, a distribution map is provided (Figs 1-19).

Mimas tiliae (Linnaeus 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Cmrok (1.07.1908, 30.04.1913, 27.7.1915, 10.08.1917; coll. Guš.), Osijek (13.06.1892), Trnjani (21.05.1909; coll. Guš.), Trnovec (4.06.1938; coll. Igal.), Vinkovci (1899, 1908), Zagreb (25.06.1908, coll. Tab.; 13.05.1929, coll. Valj.; 1960, 1961, 1979, 1980).

Igalffy Collection: Zagreb (6.05.1976, coll. Igal.; 12.05.1980, 14.05.1980)

Košćec Collection Varaždin (16.08.1925, 16.06.1928, 28.07.1928, 9.06.1929, 4.08.1930, 6.08.1937, 25.05.1945, 28.07.1947, 23.05.1952, 20.04.1959, 24.08.1960)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), VUKOTINović (1879), JURINEC (1884), ŠLOSER (1890), KOČA (1900), KOČA (1901), REBEL (1904), ABAFY-AIGNER (1910), REBEL (1912), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958), MLADINOV (1976), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRANJČEV (1978), KRANJČEV (1985), WITT (1987), HABELER (2003), VIGNJEVIĆ *et al.* (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

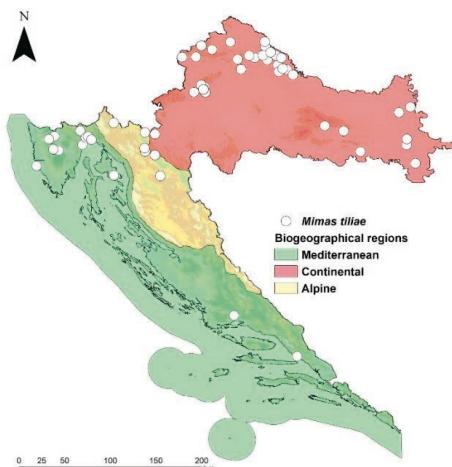


Fig. 1. The distribution of *Mimas tiliae* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

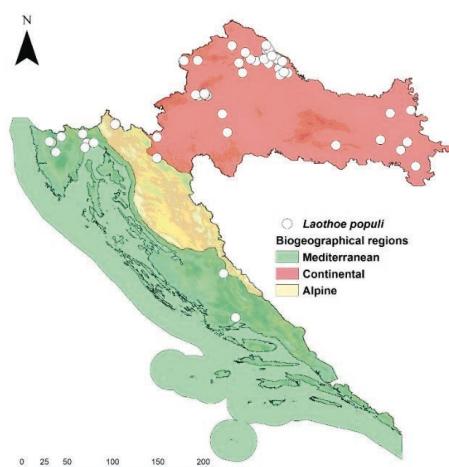


Fig. 2. The distribution of *Laothoe populi* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Laothoe populi (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Cmrok (16.07.1918, coll. Koz.), Đakovo (22.07.1893, coll. Guš.), Hrvatsko (13.06.1981), Trnovec (05.1959, 28.05.1978, coll. Igal.), Vinkovci (1.08.1902, coll. Guš.), Zagreb (7.06.1926, 19.07.1927, 20.04.1929, 15.07.1929, 18.08.1932, coll. Valj., 1954, 12.08.1969, 9.06.1974)

Koščec Collection: Varaždin (24.05.1930, 6.06.1935, 10.06.1935, 5.07.1936, 3.06.1954)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), JURINAC (1884), KOČA (1900, 1901), REBEL (1904, 1913), GRUND (1918), SCHAWERDA (1921), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958, 1983), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRANJČEV (1985), HAFNER (1994), VIGNJEVIĆ *et al.*, (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2015)

Sphinx ligustri Linnaeus, 1758

Museum collections:

Central collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Cmrok (4.06.1911, 4.06.1921; coll. Guš.), Vinkovci (1889, coll. Koč.; 20.07.1908, coll. Guš.), Zagreb (10.07.1925, 7.07.1926, coll. Valj.)

Other collections: Lička Plješevica/Kapela (5.07.1975, coll. Igal.)

Koščec Collection: Varaždin (21.08.1936, 5.06.1939, 17.05.1940)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), JURINAC (1884), WERNER (1895), KOČA (1901), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), REBEL (1904, 1913, 1914), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRANJČEV (1985), WITT (1987), HABELER (2003), VIGNJEVIĆ *et al.* (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2018)

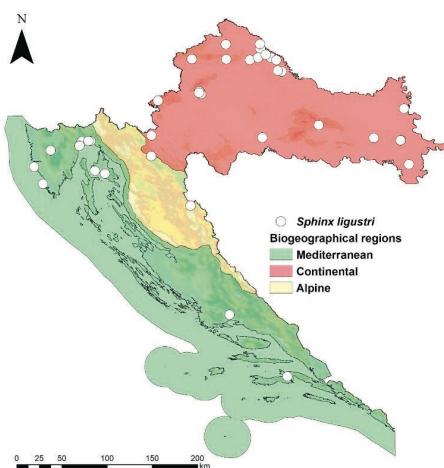


Fig. 3. The distribution of *Sphinx ligustri* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

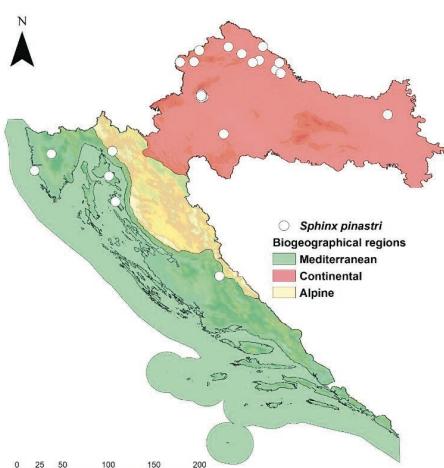


Fig. 4. The distribution of *Sphinx pinastri* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Sphinx pinastri Linnaeus, 1758

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Cmrok (20.06.1910, 17.05.1913, 24.04.1915, 6.05.1915, 8.05.1917, coll. Guš.), Zagreb (29.07.1909, coll. Loc.; 8.05.1925, 22.05.1925, 11.06.1925, 29.07.1932, coll. Valj.), Trnovec (06.1917, 06.1956, 4.07.1958, 25.06.1959, coll. Igal.)

Košćec Collection: Varaždin (18.06.1937, 14.05.1959)

Other collections: Lička Plješevica/Kapela (7.07.1974, 4.07.1975, 6.07.1975, coll. Igal.); Trnovec (17.05.1970, 13.07.1974, coll. Igal.)

Literature: VUKOTINović (1879), KočA (1901), REBEL (1904), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), Kranjčev (1985), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2018)

Marumba quercus (Denis & Schiffermüller, [1775])

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Glina (20.06.1891, coll. Guš.), Macelj (06.1948, coll. Igal.), Trnjani (10.05.1910, coll. Koč.), Zagreb (3.05.1914, coll. Tab.; 3.07.1924, 6.06.1929, 12.07.1932, coll. Valj.; 06.1939)

Košćec Collection: Korčula (16.06.1981)

Literature: GEIGER (1873), VUKOTINović (1879), ABAFY-AIGNER ET AL. (1896), KOČA (1901), GALVAGNI (1909), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), REBEL (1904, 1913, 1914), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), SEYER (1938), MLADINOV (1958), BARTOL ET AL. (1964), BURGERMEISTER (1964), HABELER (1976), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

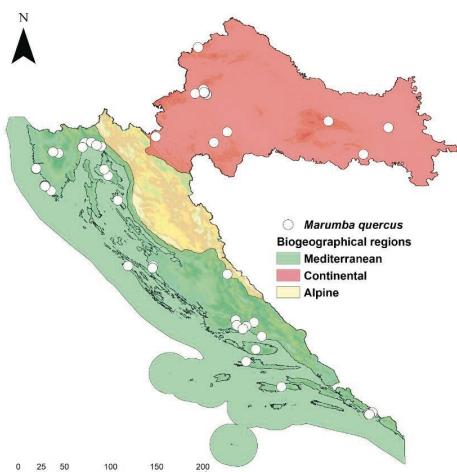


Fig. 5. The distribution of *Marumba quercus* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

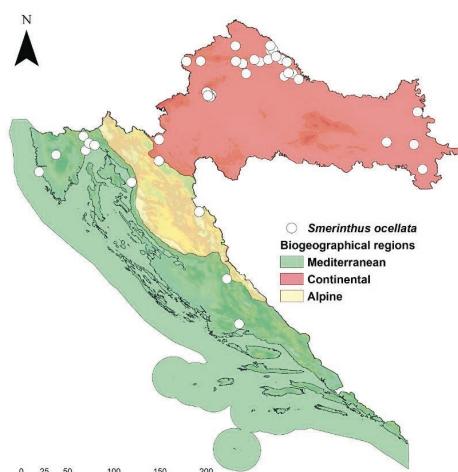


Fig. 6. The distribution of *Smerintuhs ocellata* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Smerinthus ocellata (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Trnovec (08.1957, coll. Igal.), Zagreb (17.05.1913, 27.05.1913, 3.05.1914, 1921, coll. Guš; 9.05.1929, 28.06.1929, 2.05.1930, coll. Valj.)

Other collections: Lička Plješevica/Kapela (5.07.1975, coll. Igal.)

Košćec Collection: Varaždin (29.08.1925, 21.05.1929, 8.06.1929, 15.04.1931, 23.05.1931, 26.05.1932, 17.06.1932, 12.05.1934, 5.06.1940)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINović (1879), JURINAC (1884), KOČA (1900, 1901), REBEL (1904, 1913), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), Kovačević & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), MLADINOV (1958), KRANJČEV (1978, 1985), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), VIGNJEVIĆ *et al.* (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2015, 2018)

Acherontia atropos (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Dubrovnik (10.09.1976), Đakovo (09.1902), Palagruža (4.05.1913, coll. Guš.), Trnovec (10.1940, 1.10.1940, coll. Igal.), Vinkovci (15.05.1900, coll. Koč.), Zagreb (28.09.1940, 18.08.1956)

Košćec Collection: Paukovec (7.09.1903); Varaždin (28.09.1929, 18.10.1931, 26.08.1936, 17.10.1936, 11.10.1938, 23.11.1938, 6.10.1940, 14.10.1940, 20.10.1940, 27.09.1943, 13.09.1951, 5.10.1960, 18.09.1961)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1869), BOHATSCH (1892), WERNER (1895), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINović (1879), JURINAC (1884, 1887), KOČA (1900, 1901), GALVAGNI (1909, 1921), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), REBEL (1912, 1914), HOFBAUER (1916), GRUND (1918),

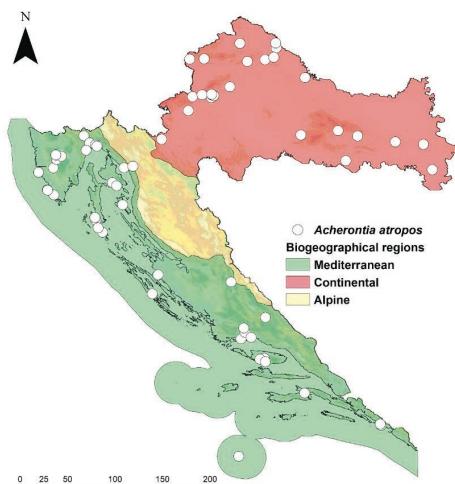


Fig. 7. The distribution of *Acherontia atropos* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

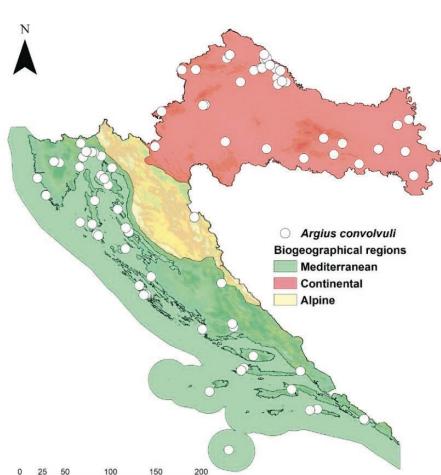


Fig. 8. The distribution of *Agrius convolvuli* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

MÜLLER (1921), SCHAWERDA (1921), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), STAUDER (1923), HAFNER (1930), MLADINOV (1958), BURGERMEISTER (1964), DANIEL (1971), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRAJNČEV (1978, 1985), WITT (1987), HABELER (2003), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

Agrius convolvuli (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Caska VK93 (15.08.1960), Crikvenica (25.09.1966), Dubrovnik (3.09.1975, 16.09.1978), Đakovo (22.08.1897; 24.08.1909, coll. Guš.), Malinska (6.09.1973), Osijek (27.09.1897, coll. Koč.), Palagruža (4.05.1913, coll. Guš.), Stara Novalja (13.06.1958), Trnovec (09.1940, coll. Igal.), Trnjani (coll. Koč.; coll. Guš.), Zagreb (6.07.1914, 13.08.1917, coll. Guš.; 17.08.1924, 4.08.1931, coll. Valj.)

Other collections: Brseč/Golovik (10.1976, coll. Igal.), Nova Gradiška (08.1935), Lička Plješevica/Kapela (19.09.1974, coll. Igal.), Zagreb (07.1971)

Košćec Collection: Poljana (21.09.1966), Varaždin (26.09.1925, 27.09.1932, 17.09.1936, 27.09.1938, 3.10.1940, 16.05.1943, 14.09.1949, 28.10.1950, 10.10.1953, 25.09.1959, 28.09.1960, 25.07.1968)

Literature: GERMAR (1814, 1817), MANN (1857, 1869), JURINAC (1884), VUKOTINOVIĆ (1879), WERNER (1895), KOČA (1900, 1901), GALVAGNI (1902, 1909, 1921), REBEL (1904, 1912, 1914), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), HOFBAUER (1916), GRUND (1918), SCHAWERDA (1920, 1921), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), HAFNER (1930), NOVAK (1940), MLADINOV (1958, 1968), BARTOL *et al.* (1964), BURGERMEISTER (1964), IGALFFY *et al.* (1965), MOUCHA (1965), DANIEL (1971), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRAJNČEV (1985), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), FUNDURULJA (2006), KAZIMIERCZAK (2009), VIGNJEVIĆ *et al.* (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2015, 2018)

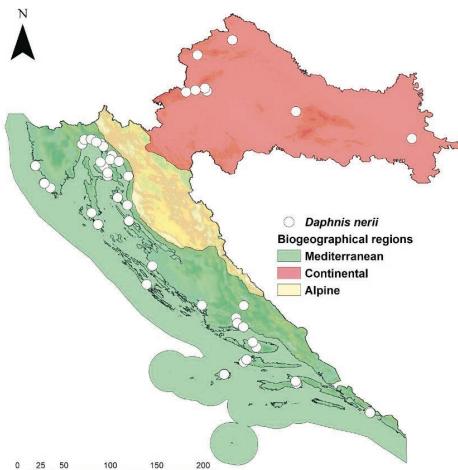


Fig. 9. The distribution of *Daphnis nerii* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

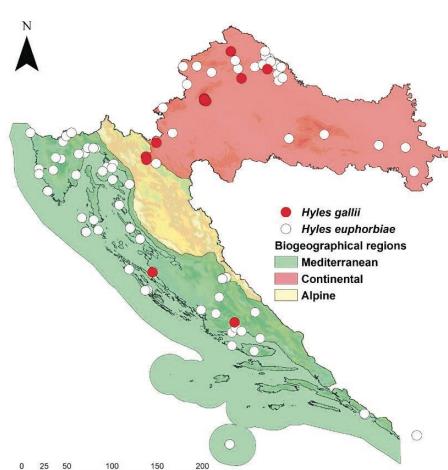


Fig. 10. The distribution of *Hyles euphorbiae* and *Hyles gallii* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Daphnis nerii (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Caska (24.08.1960, 25.08.1960), Crikvenica (5.07.1916, coll. Guš.), Kraljevica (1901, 1904, coll. Koč.), Sušak (coll. Koz.)

Koščec Collection: Varaždin (17.09.1926, 22.10.1926, 30.08.1930, 27.09.1937, 7.11.1926, 19.09.1940, 26.09.1940, 5.10.1940, 16.10.1946)

Literature: MANN (1869), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), WERNER (1895), ABAFY-AIGNER *et al.* (1896), KOČA (1901), REBEL (1904, 1913, 1914), GALVAGNI (1909), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), HOFBAUER (1916), GRUND (1918), SCHAWERDA (1920, 1921, 1927), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), HAFNER (1930), NOVAK (1940), NEUSTETTER (1956), MLADINOV (1958, 1968), BARTOL *et al.* (1964), BURGERMEISTER (1964), IGALFFY *et al.* (1965), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), WITT (1987), HABELER (2003), HARBICH (2003).

Hyles euphorbiae (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Caska (31.08.1960, 16.07.1962), Cmrok (4.07.1912, 7.07.1912, 17.07.1915, coll. Guš.), Đakovo (10.1809, coll. Guš.; 19.08.1909), Malinska (1.-6.09.1973, 2.07.1981), Susak (1.09.1962), Trnovec (07.1914, coll. Igal.), Unije (3.09.1963, 5.09.1963), Virkovci (9.07.1888, coll. Koč.; 4.07.1905, coll. Guš.), Zagreb (18.07.1912, 28.07.1915, coll. Guš.), Zlatar (24.07.1922, coll. Valj.)

Other collections: Caska (17.08.1962), Unije (07.1967), Zagreb (1932, coll. Maretić; 16.06.1965, 10.07.1980)

Koščec Collection: Varaždin (23.07.1919, 21.07.1929, 17.06.1930, 15.08.1935, 14.06.1936, 9.07.1936, 30.05.1946)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), JURINAC (1884), KOČA (1900, 1901), GALVAGNI (1902, 1909, 1921), REBEL (1904, 1912, 1913, 1914), ABAFI-AI-

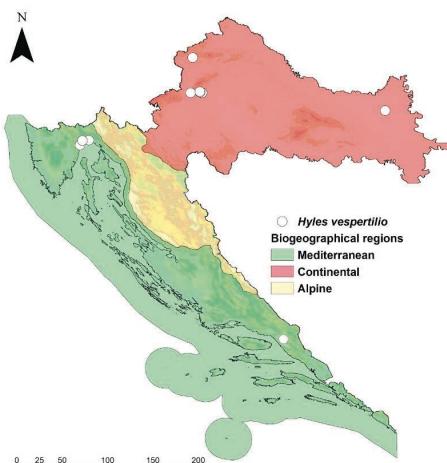


Fig. 11. The distribution of *Hyles vespertilio* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

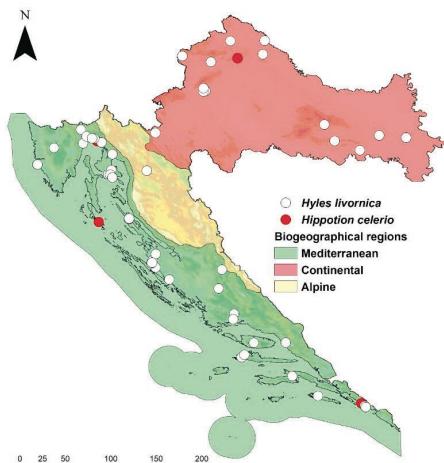


Fig. 12. The distribution of *Hyles livornica* and *Hippotion celerio* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

GNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), HAFNER (1930), MLADINOV (1958, 1968), LIPSCOMB (1961), BURGERMEISTER (1964), MLADINOV & HERMAN (1964), HABELER (1976), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRAJNČEV (1985), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

Hyles gallii (Rottemburg, 1775)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Zagreb (28.06.1908, coll. Guš.; 10.08.1909, 2.09.1909, coll. Tab.)

Košćec Collection: Varaždin (11.06.1938, 30.05.1946)

Literature: MANN (1869), VUKOTINović (1879), KočA (1901), REBEL (1904), GALVAGNI (1909), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRAJNČEV (1985)

Hyles vespertilio (Esper, 1780)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Zagreb (17.04.1908, 7.05.1909, coll. Guš.; 2.09.1909, coll. Tab.)

Literature: VUKOTINović (1879), KočA (1901), ABAFI-AIGNER (ABAFI-AIGNER, 1902) (1902), GRUND (1918), MLADINOV (1958), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978)

Hyles livornica (Esper, 1780)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Biograd n. m. (27.08.1961), Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Caska (4.07.1962, 5.07.1962), Cmrok (7.08.1908, coll. Guš.), Đakovo (28.08.1914), Križpolje (10.08.1894,

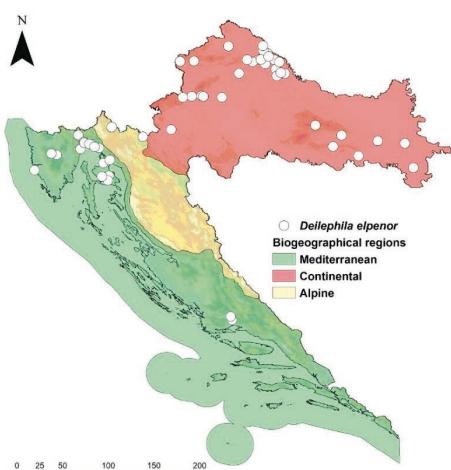


Fig. 13. The distribution of *Deilephila elpenor* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

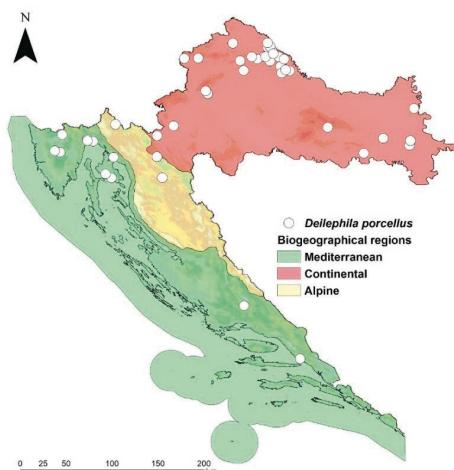


Fig. 14. The distribution of *Deilephila porcellus* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

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Other collections: Biokovo/Vošac (17.06.1990, 29.08.1990, coll. Kučinić), Crikvenica VL70 (23.07.1931)

Košćec Collection: Varaždin (25.07.1928)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1869), VUKOTINović (1879), WERNER (1895), ABAFY-AIGNER ET AL. (1896), KOČA (1900, 1901), REBEL (1904, 1912), GALVAGNI (1909), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), MLADINOV (1958, 1968), BURGERMEISTER (1964), IGALFFY *et al.* (1965), DANIEL (1971), KRAJČEVIĆ (1985), WITT (1987), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KAZIMIERCZAK (2009), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

Hippotion celerio (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Sušak VL51 (coll. Koz.)

Literature: ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINović (1879), GALVAGNI (1909), STAUDER (1923)

Deilephila elpenor (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Dugo Selo (07.1959, coll. Igal.), Đakovo (14.09.1914, 24.09.1914), Osilnica (19.07.1974, 23.07.1976), Sušak (coll. Koz.), Trnovec (08.1937, 07.1958, 2.07.1958, coll. Igal.), Trnjani (coll. Koč.), Vinkovci (23.06.1894, coll. Koč.), Zagreb (22.07.1909, coll. Tab.; 10.06.1909, 23.07.1909, 10.08.1917, 1918, coll. Guš.; 15.07.1925, 27.07.1925, coll. Valj.; 23.05.1959)

Košćec Collection: Varaždin (25.06.1930, 20.06.1959)

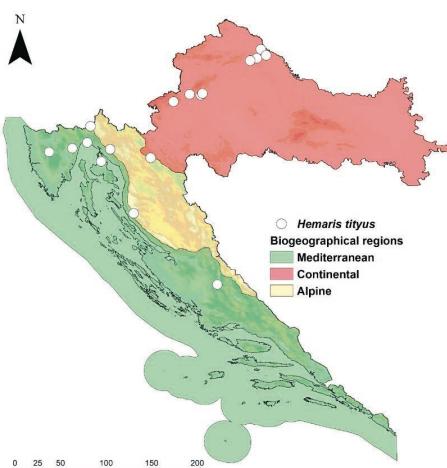


Fig. 15. The distribution of *Hemaris tityus* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

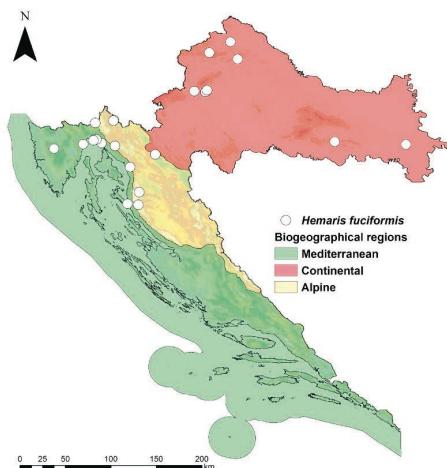


Fig. 16. The distribution of *Hemaris fuciformis* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Literature: MANN (1857, 1869), VUKOTINović (1879), JURINAC (1884), Koča (1900, 1901), REBEL (1904, 1912), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958, 1976), BARTOL *et al.* (1964), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), Kranjčev (1985), WITT (1987), HABELER (2003), FUNDURULJA (2006), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2018)

Deilephila porcellus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central collection: Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Cmrok (15.05.1909, coll. Guš.), Đakovo (24.08.1909; 20.07.1914, coll. Guš.), Trnovec (08.1914; 22.08.1918, 07.1928, coll. Igal.), Trnjani (21.08.1909, coll. Guš.), Vinkovci (06.1894, coll. Koč.; 9.06.1909, coll. Guš.), Zagreb (16.04.1906; 27.07.1925, coll. Valj.; 5.06.1910, 4.06.1911, coll. Tab.; 9.05.1974)

Koščec Collection: Varaždin (26.06.1930, 31.05.1946)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINović (1879), JURINAC (1884), Koča (1900, 1901), REBEL (1904, 1912), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958, 1976), Kranjčev (1985), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), HABELER (2003), VIGNJЕVIĆ *et al.* (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN (2015, 2018), VELJKOVIĆ (2019)

Hemaris tityus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Zagreb (11.05.1906, coll. Gru.)

Literature: ABAFY-AIGNER *et al.* (1896), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), REBEL (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), MLADINOV (1958), BERRA (1982), Kranjčev (1985), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

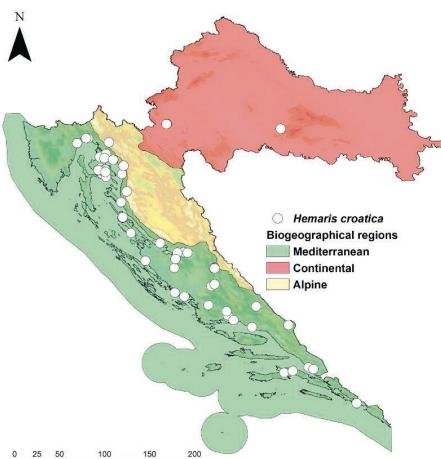


Fig. 17. The distribution of *Hemaris croatica* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

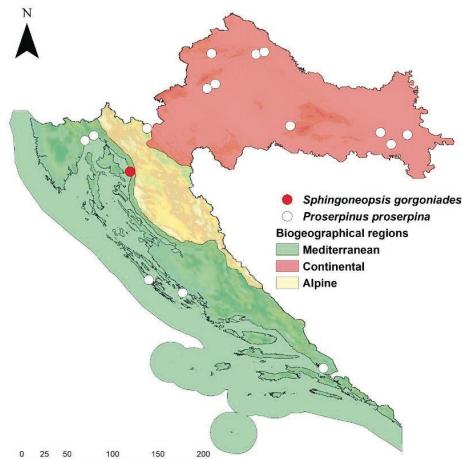


Fig. 18. The distribution of *Proserpinus proserpina* and *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Hemaris fuciformis (Linnaeus, 1758)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Crni Vrh (5.06.1916, coll. Guš.), Hrvatsko (12.06.1976), Ivanščica (6.06.1918, coll. Valj.), Zagreb (06.1906, coll. Gru.; 8.05.1925, coll. Valj.)

Literature: MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), JURINAC (1884), REBEL (1904), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), KOČA (1925), MLADINOV (1958, 1978), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013)

Hemaris croatica (Esper, 1800)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Caska (24.06.1960, 27.06.1960, 28.06.1960, 8.08.1960, 27.06.1962), Fužine (1913, coll. Tab.), Jablanac (29.07.1916, coll. Guš.), Kornić - Krk (31.07.1916, coll. Guš.), Starigrad (1.08.1922, coll. Guš.)

Other collections: Caska (26.06.1960)

Literature: GERMAR (1814, 1817), MANN (1857, 1869), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), WERNER (1895), ABAFY-AIGNER *et al.* (1896), DE LA NICHOLL (1899), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), REBEL (1913), GRUND (1918), ZERNY (1920), SCHAWERDA (1921), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSC-HUSS & WAGNER (1925), SEYER (1938), BARTOL *et al.* (1964), BURGERMEISTER (1964), MLA-DINOV (1968), HABELER (1976), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), KOREN *et al.* (2011)

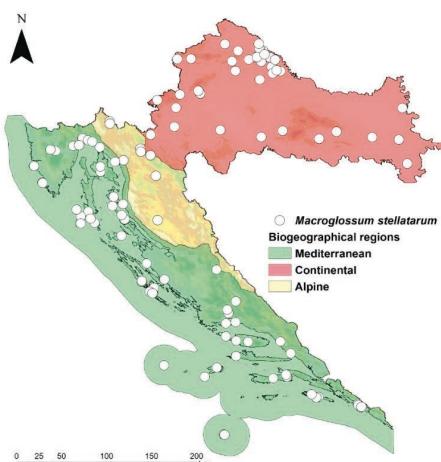
Proserpinus proserpina (Pallas, 1772)

Museum collections:

Central Collection: Đakovo (30.08.1892), Vinkovci (14.06.1905, coll. Guš.; 10.07.1909, coll. Koč.), Kunjevci (23.05.1908, coll. Gušić)

Literature: MANN (1869), VUKOTINOVIC (1879), BOHATSCH (1892), ABAFY-AIGNER *et al.* (1896), KOČA (1901), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), STAUDER (1923), KRANJČEV (1985), KOREN (2019)

Comment: The distribution and the status of the species has been summarised in KOREN (2019). No further records known from Croatia since the publication of that work.



Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades (Hübner, 1819)

Literature: ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), GRUND (1918), ZERNY (1933)

Fig. 19. The distribution of *Macroglossum stellatarum* in Croatia based on literature data and museum collections.

Macroglossum stellatarum* (Linnaeus, 1758)*Museum collections:**

Central collection: Biograd n.m. (29.08.1970), Bosiljevo (coll. Koz.), Caska (6.10.1955, 14.10.1955, 26.06.1960, 28.06.1960), Cmrok (24.04.1909, 5.05.1909, coll. Guš.), Đakovo, Hrvatsko (16.08.1975), Jablanac (4.10.1916, coll. Guš.), Lokrum (10.08.1969), Ogulin, Petrinja (7.09.1912, coll. Guš.), Srakani Veli (15.09.1961), Stara Novalja (12.10.1955), Trnovec (07.1958, coll. Igal.), Trsat (5.06.1916, coll. Guš.), Vinkovci (coll. Koč.), Zagreb (12.09.1912, 4.08.1915, 20.07.1916, coll. Guš.; 7.09.1912, 11.10.1923, coll. Valj.)

Other collections: Caska (26.06.1960); Jabuka (7.06.1979.); Kraljevica (07.1939); Vošac/Biokovo (23.07.1994, coll. Kučinić); Unije (Mladinov, 1967) gornji tok rijeke Kupe VL74 (Mladinov, 1976)

Literature: GERMAR (1814, 1817), MANN (1857, 1867, 1869), ŠLOSER (1870), VUKOTINOVIĆ (1879), JURINAC (1884), BOHATSCH (1892), WERNER (1895), KOČA (1900, 1901), ABAFI-AIGNER (1910), TÁBORSKY (1910), GALVAGNI (1902, 1909, 1921, 1935), REBEL (1910, 1912, 1914), PUSCHNIG (1914), HOFBAUER (1916), GRUND (1918), ZERNY (1920), SCHAWERDA (1921), STAUDER (1923), SCHWINGENSCHUSS & WAGNER (1925), HAFNER (1930), SZENTIVÁNY (1944), NEUSTETTER (1956), MLADINOV (1958, 1968, 1976), BARTOL *et al.* (1964), BURGERMEISTER (1964), DANIEL (1971), KOVAČEVIĆ & FRANJEVIĆ-OŠTRC (1978), KRANJČEV (1985), WITT (1987), WARING & THOMAS (1989), REINHARDT (1990), HAFNER (1994), HABELER (2003), FUNDURULJA (2006), KAZIMIERCZAK (2009), KOREN & BJELIĆ (2010), KOREN & LADAVAC (2013), KOREN & LAUŠ (2012), KOREN (2018), VELJKOVIĆ (2019)

Altogether 22 species have been, with certainty, recorded from Croatia (Tab. 1). As most Sphingidae are strong flyers and some are even migratory, the number of species per country in the wider surroundings of Croatia is more or less the same. The numbers of recorded species in the neighboring countries are as follows: 21 in Slovenia (CARNELUTTI, 1992), 19 in Bosnia & Herzegovina (HANJALIĆ & LELO, 2015, 2015), 17 in Hungary (VARA & GYULAI, 2012), and 25 in North Macedonia (KRPAČ *et al.*, 2019).

Two species, *Hippotion celerio* and *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades*, have not been recorded recently.

Hippotion celerio is an occasional migrant in Europe, arriving from tropical Africa and India to the western Palaearctic region. In the Mediterranean, two or three migration-induced generations could occur between June and October (PITTAWAY, 2022). It was recorded in Croatia only four times (ŠLOSER, 1870; VUKOTINOVICIĆ, 1879; GALVAGNI, 1909; STAUDER, 1923) and a single specimen is stored in the collections of CNHM in Zagreb. While the species can establish temporary populations in the warmer parts of the country, most probably along the coastline, the lack of recent records indicates it is only an irregular visitor to the area.

Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades is the smallest hawk-moth in Europe with a very sporadic and poorly understood distribution. In Europe, it occurs from Croatia, across Albania, Northern Macedonia, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania across southern Ukraine, and Crimea (PITTAWAY, 2022). In Croatia it was recorded from a single locality near Senj (Zenng), collected by Dobiasch (ABAFI-AIGNER, 1910; GRUND, 1918). A series of the species exists in the Natural History Museum, London, and one male is found in the Natural History Museum in Vienna (ZERNY, 1933). The authors of this work are not aware that the species has been recorded since the early 20th century in Senj or at any other locality

in Croatia. However, the area around Senj has not been a target of any recent lepidopterological surveys so it is not impossible that a population of the species still exists in the area. The nearest known populations are found in North Macedonia (KRPAČ *et al.*, 2019).

Aside from the 22 recorded species, two additional hawk-moths might still be expected; *Hyles hippophaes* (Esper, 1789) and *Hyles nicea* (de Prunner, 1798).

H. hippophaes is an easily recognizable species, with the forewing mostly lacking the typical black marking present in similar species like *H. gallii* and *H. euphorbiae* while the median area is distinctly lighter in color. It is distributed from northern Spain and France to Germany, Italy, and the Black Sea coast (LERAUT, 2006). Again, the distribution on the maps also includes parts of Croatia (LERAUT, 2006). According to our data, it has never been recorded in the country. However, this species tends to wander, and individuals may turn up at great distances from known breeding grounds (PITTAWAY, 2022), so this possibility cannot be excluded. The typical habitat of the species is river islands and sand banks overgrown with *Hippophae rhamnoides*, its preferred host plant (PITTAWAY, 2022). *H. rhamnoides* was historically present in northern Croatia at several localities along the Drava River according to herbarium material that dates from the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century (NIKOLIĆ & TOPIĆ, 2005; FRANJIĆ *et al.*, 2016). Due to the extensive hydro-technical interventions on the watercourse, natural habitats have been drastically altered along the Drava River, and the majority of known localities have been destroyed (NIKOLIĆ & TOPIĆ, 2005). Recently, the plant was rediscovered in one locality in Podravina with additional individuals planted in order to regenerate the colony (FRANJIĆ *et al.*, 2016). In neighboring Hungary, the *H. rhamnoides* is slightly more widespread but *H. hippophaes* has not been recorded so far (SÁFIÁN & HADARICS, 2005).

The second potential species, *Hyles nicea*, is very similar to *H. euphorbiae*, but it is distinctly larger, with a wingspan of 70–80 mm in comparison with 58–65 mm in *H. euphorbiae* (LERAUT, 2006). Also, the hindwing in *H. nicea* is more strongly marked with black. While in some publications the whole eastern Adriatic coastline is marked as part of the distribution range for this species (LERAUT, 2006; PITTAWAY, 2022), there are no known records from Croatia. The range of this species extends from Portugal and Spain, across southern Europe to Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan (PITTAWAY, 2022). The closest populations to Croatia are located in North Macedonia (KRPAČ *et al.*, 2019). According to PITTAWAY (2022), it is a local and scarce species, disappearing from known areas for many years and appearing in others. According to Pittaway (2022), the habitats are sunny, drained, stony limestone slopes with clumps of *Euphorbia* especially *Euphorbia nicaeensis* also present in Croatian flora. Thus, the species may also appear in Croatia.

On the vernacular names of Sphingidae of Croatia

With the growing interest of the local communities in amateur Lepidoptera surveys and citizen science data collection, there is also an increasing need and also a demand for the establishment of systematic lists of vernacular names for various insect groups. Sphingidae, being large and attractive moths are one of such groups for which names are needed. With the rise of open data platforms like Biologer (POPOVIĆ *et al.*, 2020), iNaturalist and others, citizen scientists contribute to data collection with accurately georeferenced photographs. However, the scientific community is not fulfilling its role in supporting the work of citizen scientists by establishing Croatian vernacular names.

As a minor contribution, we have prepared the list given below for all the recorded Sphingidae species as well as for the two potential ones (Tab. 1).

Sphingidae, play an important role in the entomology history of Croatia. This is particularly true of *H. croatica* as it has been for more than 20 years the symbol of the Croatian Entomological Society as well as of the journal *Entomologia Croatica*.

In the available literature, the most common name used for the family Sphingidae is "ljiljci" (MLADINOV, 1976; KOREN & GOMBOC, 2017; DURBEŠIĆ *et al.*, 2018). Another name can be found on some internet sites "sumračnjaci", reflecting the crepuscular activity of many species. However, "ljiljci" is a commonly used name throughout the literature and the general public.

For each species, common names have appeared in publications on only a few occasions. This is mostly because the papers at the beginning of the 20th century were

Tab. 1. List of hawk-moths present or potentially present (*) in Croatia with their English and Croatian vernacular names.

	Latin name	English name	Croatian name
1	<i>Hemaris croatica</i> (Esper, 1800)	Olive Bee hawkmoth	hrvatska golupka
2	<i>Hemaris fuciformis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Broad-bordered bee hawk-moth	širokorubi bumbarasti ljiljak
3	<i>Hemaris tityus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Narrow-bordered bee hawk-moth	uskorubi bumbarasti ljiljak
4	<i>Deilephila elpenor</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Large Elephant hawkmoth	veliki vinski ljiljak
5	<i>Deilephila porcellus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Small Elephant hawkmoth	mali vinski ljiljak
6	<i>Hippotion celerio</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Silver-striped hawkmoth	srebrenopruži ljiljak
7	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Spurge hawkmoth	mlječikin ljiljak
8	<i>Hyles gallii</i> (Rottemburg, 1775)	Bedstraw hawkmoth	broćikin ljiljak
9	<i>Hyles hippophaes</i> (Esper, 1789)*	Seathorn hawk-moth	pasjetnji ljiljak
10	<i>Hyles livornica</i> (Esper, 1780)	Striped hawkmoth	prugasti ljiljak
11	<i>Hyles nicaea</i> (de Prunner, 1798)*	Mediterranean hawk-moth	sredozemni ljiljak
12	<i>Hyles vespertilio</i> (Esper, 1780)	Bat hawkmoth	sivokrili ljiljak
13	<i>Daphnis nerii</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Oleander hawkmoth	oleandrov ljiljak
14	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Hummingbird hawkmoth	obična golupka
15	<i>Proserpinus proserpina</i> (Pallas, 1772)	Willowherb hawkmoth	vrbolikin ljiljak
16	<i>Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades</i> (Hübner, 1819)	Gorgon hawkmoth	gorganin ljiljak
17	<i>Laothoe populi</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Poplar hawkmoth	topolin ljiljak
18	<i>Marumba quercus</i> (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775)	Oak hawkmoth	hrastov ljiljak
19	<i>Mimas tiliae</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Lime hawkmoth	lipin ljiljak
20	<i>Smerinthus ocellata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Eyed hawkmoth	okati ljiljak
21	<i>Acherontia atropos</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Death's Head hawkmoth	mrtvačka glava
22	<i>Agrius convolvuli</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Convolvulus hawkmoth	slakov ljiljak
23	<i>Sphinx ligustri</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Privet hawkmoth	kalinin ljiljak
24	<i>Sphinx pinastri</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Pine hawkmoth	borov ljiljak

mostly written in Hungarian (ABAFY-AIGNER *et al.*, 1896; ABAFI-AIGNER, 1910) or in German (GRUND, 1918). VUKOTINOVIC (1879) listed a vernacular name for each Lepidoptera species he recorded around Zagreb, including hawk-moths, with names being most probably translations from other languages adjusted for the easier use in Croatian. He lists a total of 21 species that he named as follows: *A. atropos* "smrtoglavac", *A. convolvuli* "slakar", *S. ligustri* "zimolezinar", *S. pinastri* "jelvar", *H. vespertilio* "šišmičar", *H. gallii* "brošikar", *H. euphorbiae* "mliečikar", *H. livornica* "vinikar", *H. celerio* "lozar", *D. elpenor* "slonar", *D. porcellus* "zlolepar", *D. nerii* "zlolepar", *M. tiliae* "lipar", *M. querqus* "hrastar", *S. ocellata* "očinar", *L. populi* "zubar", *P. proserpina* "vrboličar", *M. stellatarum* "zviezdar", *H. tityus* "kušar", *H. fuciformis* "dronjar", *H. croatica* "hrvat". After the original publication these names were never used in the literature as far as we know, which has been confirmed by colleagues in oral communication. Indeed, many of them are not in the spirit of the modern Croatian language, although many similar names are actually used even today: e.g. 'mrvicačka glava' for *A. atropos*, 'mlječikin ljiljak' for *H. euphorbiae*, 'hrvatska golupka' for *H. croatica* etc.

When available, we proposed these commonly known and used names, altogether for 17 out of the 22 species. For the remaining ones, new names were established with explanations follow.

Hemaris fuciformis and *H. tityus* were collectively called 'bumbarasti ljiljci', but without distinction. Accordingly, we proposed new names based on their wing coloration, širokorubi bumbarasti ljiljak for *H. fuciformis* due to the wide black wing border and uskokrili bumbarasti ljiljak for *H. tityus* due to its thin black border on the wings. For *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades* we proposed a translation of the English name Gorgon hawkmoth, "gorgonin ljiljak". For *Hyles vespertilio* we proposed "sivokrili ljiljak" meaning grey-winged hawkmoth, due to the predominantly grey forewings. *Hippotion celerio* was named "srebrenopruži ljiljak" meaning silver-striped hawkmoth due to the silver coloration of the forewings. In all other cases it was proposed that commonly used names become official names.

CONCLUSIONS

This work aims to be a baseline for future studies of Sphingidae in Croatia. While not all the existing literature may be presented in this work, a vast majority of references were consulted. In terms of species distribution, further field surveys, as well as the publication of existing data, will further contribute to the knowledge of this family in Croatia, but no major discoveries are to be expected. Still, the open question remains in respect to *Sphingoneopsis gorgoniades*, but to solve this, targeted field surveys are needed in the future.

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