

GENUS 38. **OSMODES** Holland

Osmodes Holland (1892: 291): genotype, fixed by author, *Hesperia laronia* Hewitson.

Antennae over half length of the costa: club hooked beyond middle to apiculus as long as width of club. Palpi inconspicuous, porrect. Forewing vein 2 equidistant between wing base and the end of the cell: origin of vein 3 midway between origins of veins 2 and 4: vein 5 decurved at origin. Hindwing vein 5 faint and arising nearer to vein 6 than to vein 4: vein 2 arising opposite to vein 7. ♂ hindwing above with a conspicuous waxy brand in or below the lower end of the cell: forewing below with an upturned tuft of hairs on the dorsum. The species all very much alike in general appearance. The twisted uncus in several species is peculiar.

KEY TO SPECIES

- A. ♂ hindwing above, the brand below the cell.
- (a) Forewing above, cell and discal orange areas separated by a dark band.
- (a¹) Forewing above, discal and apical areas conjoined 1. *omar*
- (b¹) These areas separate, no orange spots in spaces 4 and 5 2. *lux*
- (b) Forewing above, cell and discal areas conjoined.
- (a¹) Hindwing above, costal area only dark at apex in ♂. Hindwing below, dorsum pale . . . 3. *laronia*

(b¹) Hindwing above, costal area broadly dark;
below, dorsum usually dark.

(a²) Forewing above, cell spot equally wide
throughout.

(a³) Hindwing below, outer half pale
yellow.

(a⁴) Hindwing below, cell spot larger
than the spot in space 7 . 4. *minchini*

(b⁴) These spots of equal size 5. *hollandi*

(b³) Hindwing below, uniformly dark
6. *thora*

(b²) Forewing above, upper part of cell spot
reduced.

(a³) ♂ forewing above, outer edge of
orange area irregular and excavate in
space 1B: ♀ forewing below, cell spot
separate 7. *adon*

(b³) ♂ forewing above, outer edge of
orange area even: ♀ forewing below,
cell spot united to discal area, which
narrows dorsally 8. *distincta*

B. ♂ hindwing above, the brand in the cell.

(a) Hindwing above, costa only dark at apex in ♂.
♀ forewing below, discal orange area widening
dorsally and conjoined to the cell spot . . . 9. *adosus*

(b) Hindwing above, costa broadly black.

(a¹) Forewing above, veins on disc black, dark
border $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 10. *costatus*

(b¹) Forewing above, veins on disc not dark, dark
border 1 mm. 11. *banghaasi*