A review of the North American genus *Epimartyria* (Lepidoptera, Micropterigidae) with a discussion of the larval plastron

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Abstract

The indigenous North American micropterigid genus *Epimartyria* Walsingham, 1898 is revised. Three species are recognized, including *E. auricrinella* Walsingham, 1898 which occurs widely over much of the northeastern United States and Canada, a new species, *E. bimaculella* Davis & Landry from northwestern United States and Canada, and *E. pardella* (Walsingham, 1880) from northern California to northern Oregon. The larva of *E. auricrinella* is described in detail, supplemented with illustrations of the external structure of the larval integument. The larval plastron is described and illustrated for *Epimartyria*, and this is compared with the plastrons of *Neomicropterix* Issiki, 1931 and *Micropterix* Hübner, 1825. COI barcode sequences show that the three species are genetically distinct, congruent with morphological differences. Marked haplotype divergence within some *E. auricrinella* populations appears to be unrelated to morphology, geography or phenology.

Keywords

Distribution, DNA barcodes, genital morphology, larval morphology, plastron
Introduction

The archaic moth family Micropterigidae constitutes the only member of the suborder Zeugloptera and is one of three extant families whose adults are partially characterized as possessing articulated mandibles and in having never developed a coilable proboscis (Kristensen 1998). The oldest fossil remains of Micropterigidae are known from lower Cretaceous Lebanese amber of ~140 mya (Whalley 1977, 1978). Approximately 21 genera and 160 species of Micropterigidae are now known, with more than 100 additional species recognized but not described (Nieukerken et al. 2011). The family is widely distributed, with no records yet reported from Amazonia, or equatorial Africa. However, the recent discovery of two undescribed genera from lowland (and montane) Costa Rica indicates that the family can also occur in more equatorial, tropical rainforests.

Micropterigidae typically occur in humid habitats where their larvae frequently feed on foliose liverworts or possibly on fungi within rotten logs or soil (Gibbs 2010). Heath (1976) reported larvae of Micropterix Hübner, 1825 at depths down to 10 cm in loose soil. Occasionally fresh as well as decaying angiosperm leaves may be consumed by larval Micropterix. Lorenz (1961) reared larvae of Micropterix calthella (Linnaeus, 1761) on decayed plant detritus as well as upon fresh leaves of Veronica agrestis L. Carter and Dugdale (1982) found that successful rearing of two species of British Micropterix was dependent upon a supply of fresh, photosynthetic angiosperm tissue, particularly chickweed (Stellaria media (L.). The number of larval instars is known to vary between 3 in Epimartyria (Tuskes and Smith, 1894) and 4 in Micropterix (Klausnitzer et al., 2002), Kurokopteryx Hashimoto, 2006 and Neomicropteryx Issiki, 1931, (Hashimoto 2006). Adult Micropterigidae are known to feed on plant pollen from a broad range of angiosperm families (Zeller-Lukashort et al. 2007). Members of the southwestern Pacific Sabatinca group have also been reported feeding on fern spores (Kristensen 1998, Gibbs 2010). Adults of a few new species of Micropterigidae have been recently discovered in Costa Rica feeding on fern spores (Wagner and Davis in prep.).

Major portions of the larval integument of Epimartyria auricrinella have been found to be densely covered with minute, irregularly shaped micropapillae (Davis 1987). Because the minute size and distribution of these cuticular structures closely resemble those of other insects known to inhabit aquatic or occasionally flooded habitats, it is believed that portions of the integument of Epimartyria may also serve in assisting respiration as has been demonstrated in those species (Thorpe 1950, Hinton 1969, 1976). These specializations are discussed further under the larval morphology of E. auricrinella.

Five monophyletic lineages have been determined within the Micropterigidae based on analysis using the 16S rRNA gene (Kobayashi et al. 2000, Gibbs et al. 2004). Epimartyria is a member of the northern hemisphere group which is represented by five genera in Japan: Issikiomartyria Hashimoto, 2006, Kurokopteryx, Neomicropteryx, Palaeomicroides Issiki, 1931, and Paramartyria Issiki, 1931, with a single genus each known from Vietnam (Vietomartyria Hashimoto & Mey, 2000), and North America (Epimartyria) (Gibbs 2010).
Material

Specimens examined in this study are deposited in the following institutions:

BMNH  The Natural History Museum (formerly the British Museum (Natural History), London, United Kingdom.
BIO   Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
CZC   Collection of Christof Zeller-Lukashort, Thalgau, Austria.
CNC   Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
ONPS  Olympic National Park Service Collection, Port Angeles, Washington, USA.
UCB   Essig Museum of Entomology, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA.
USNM  Collections of the former United States National Museum, now deposited in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., USA.
WSDAC Washington State Department of Agriculture Collection, Olympia, Washington, USA.

Methods

Specimen preparation

Genitalic dissections were cleared by heating in hot 10% KOH for ~ 30 minutes, and subsequently cleaned and stained with either 2% chlorazol black E or mercuriochrome solutions. All genitalic illustrations were drawn from dissections temporarily stored in glycerine, which were later permanently embedded in Canada balsam or Euparal. Genitalic terminology follows Klots (1970) and Kristensen (1984b). Samples of alcohol-preserved larvae and pupae were gently washed in 409® detergent, then dried in a critical point drier, sputter coated with 20–25 gold palladium 60:40 alloy, and photographed with an Amray 1810 scanning electron microscope.

Molecular analysis

DNA barcodes were produced at the Canadian Centre for DNA barcoding at the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph following standard protocols (Hebert et al. 2003; Floyd et al. 2009). 1–2 legs were removed from adult moths for DNA extraction. All Voucher data, images, sequences, and trace files are publicly available on the Barcode of Life Database (BOLD) (Ratnasingham and Hebert 2007). Sequences were also deposited in GenBank. Sample IDs, Barcode IDs, and GenBank Accession
numbers are listed in Appendix 1. Neighbour-Joining (NJ) trees for all barcode data were constructed using the quicktree algorithm (Howe et al. 2002) and under the Kimura two-parameter (K2P) model of base substitution (Kimura 1980). Genetic distances were estimated with MEGA 5.05 (Tamura et al. 2011) using the K2P model. Maximum parsimony (MP) analyses was performed with PAUP* 4.0d100 (Swofford 2003) on selected sequences representing distinct haplotypes. Only full-length barcode sequences without ambiguous sites were analyzed. Heuristic searches for MP analysis were carried out with all positions equally weighted and under the tree bisection-reconnection (TBR) swapping algorithm with 100 random addition sequences. Bootstrapping of 1000 replicates was conducted under the parsimony criterion with the default setting starting with a random seed and the TBR branch-swapping algorithm. Bremer support values were calculated using Treerot v.3 (Sorenson and Franzosa 2007). Haplotype diagrams were constructed in TCS 1.21, with a 95% confidence limit for parsimony (Templeton et al. 1995). Shorter sequences or those with ambiguous bases were excluded from the haplotype analysis.

**Systematic account**

*Epimartyria* Walsingham

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**Type species.** *Micropteryx pardella* Walsingham, by original designation.

**Diagnosis.** *Epimartyria* appears closely allied to the Asian genus *Paramartyria* as suggested by the similar elongate process arising from the inner base of the male valvae (Fig. 78) and by similar larval chaetotaxy (Hashimoto 2006). More significantly, close affinities of these two northern genera were also indicated from the molecular study initiated by Kobayashi et al. (2000) and Gibbs et al. (2004), based on the 16S rRNA gene. At least one species of the Asian genus *Vietomartyria, V. nankushana* Hirowatari & Hashimoto (Hirowatari et al. 2009), also possesses a similar basal process on the valva, as pointed out by one reviewer. The forelegs of *Vietomartyria* also lack an epiphysis as do two species of *Epimartyria*. *Epimartyria* differs from all other micropterigid genera in possessing a deeply divided phallus, and from *Paramartyria* in particular by possessing a pair of lateral projections near the apical one third of the distal phallus and in having tergum X divided into dorsal and ventral processes (Hashimoto 2006). Hashimoto (2006) also mentioned the presence of an epiphysis in *Paramartyria* as one feature that distinguishes the latter from *Epimartyria*. Two
of the three species of *Epimartyria* lack an epiphysis, but an epiphysis is present in *E. pardella* (Fig. 17).

**Adult. Head** (Figs 13–15): Vestiture entirely hairy, scales erect and piliform with acute apices. Antenna (Figs 18–20) 0.75–0.9× length of forewing, slightly longer in male; pedicel enlarged, ~ 1.5× length of first flagellomere; flagellum moniliform, with 46–58 flagellomeres in male, 38–47 in female; flagellomeres mostly sparsely covered with long, piliform scales which exceed the length of their supporting flagellomere; basal 2–3 flagellomeres in male and 5–7 in female covered dorsally with moderately broad scales; a pair of large ascoid sensilla, opposite one another, with ~ 11–16 elongate, curved, sensory branches (Fig. 18) on each flagellomere; a single irregularly shaped and often bilobed multiporous sensillum placodeum (Faucheux 1997) arising between the ascoid sensillae from a shallow pit near the ventral anterior margin of the flagellomere. Compound eyes reduced, interocular index (Davis 1975) ~ 0.35–0.37; interfacetal setae absent. Ocelli present, base moderately elevated. Labrum approximately pentagonal, length ~ 2× that of clypeus. Mandible elongate triangular in form; distal edge truncate. Maxillary palpus elongate, 5-segmented, with main flexions between segments 1 and 2 and between 3 and 4; length ratio from basal segment 1: 1:2.7:2.7:0.9. Labial palpus short, total length ~ equal to that of basal segment of maxillary palpus; 2- segmented; sensory pit (organ vom Rath) present distally on apical segment enclosing numerous sensillae; apices of most sensillae terminating in a cluster of ~ 2-5 minute acute lobes (Figs 21–22). Proximal prelabial sclerite slender, crescentiform; distal prelabial sclerite broadly triangular. Occipital sulcus incomplete but distinct laterally.

**Thorax:** Scales of mesonotum broad, appressed. Metanotum mostly naked except for a few long, piliform scales. Tegulae rather sparsely covered with long piliform scales. Forewing length: 4.2–5.5 mm; forewing (Fig. 16) with humeral vein present; Sc deeply bifurcate; R simple; Sc-R crossvein present near fork of Sc; Rs with 4 veins; Rs3–4 fused to - basal 1/3; accessory cell present; M with 3 branches; 1A and 2A fused over distal half; 3A extending across base of moderately small jugal lobe. Wing scale morphology of the primitive, generally non-glossatan type (Kristensen and Simonsen 2003) consisting of fused dorsal and ventral surfaces (without internal chambers), and with a herringbone pattern formed by oblique-longitudinal crests overlying a dense layer of transverse microribs (Figs 28–31). Hindwing venation similar to forewing except with Sc and R fused; 1A and 2A completely fused; anal crossvein connecting to CuP near distal 2/3; scales over distal third of hindwing dark fuscous and nearly as broad and iridescent as in forewing; scales gradually becoming more slender, gray, and without iridescence over basal 2/3. Legs (Fig. 17) with tibial spur pattern of 0–0–4; a short epiphysis - 1/3 the length of tibia arising slightly beyond its midlength present in *E. pardella*; epiphysis absent in *E. auricrinella* and *bimaculella*; pretarsus (Figs 24–27) consisting of a pair of strongly curved claws; a lateral pair of pad-like pulvilli densely covered with long spinose setae; a median arolium with apical surface densely lined with minute grooves (Fig. 27); pseudempodial seta (Fig. 25) with longitudinal grooves.

**Abdomen:** Cuticle dark brown, sparsely covered with long, piliform scales. A pair of glands present, opening on sternum V in both sexes (Philpott 1925); glands similar to
those present in *Paleomicroides*, *Paramartyria*, and *Neomicropteryx* in not protruding and possessing a narrow slit-like opening within a smooth, hyaline area (Kristensen 1984a).

**Male genitalia:** Tergum X (uncus) ~ half the median ventral length of IX; apex deeply divided nearly half its length into two broad lobes. Sternum X (venter X) variously bilobed, with or without short lateral lobes. Segment IX a completely sclerotized ring, with dorsal median length ~ 1/6 of ventral length. Sternum IX (vinculum) a broad plate with subparallel lateral margins; anterior end as broad or broader than caudal end. Valva with a subacute to rounded apex; base of valva with a long digitate process from mesal surface. Medial plate (juxta) with a slender stalk-like base gradually expanding anteriorly to a small, flat, oval plate. Distal phallus divided into two slender branches ~ half the total length of phallus; shorter dorsal branch of phallus terminating in gonopore (phalbootre) with thickened radial folds; a pair of minute, acute spines present laterally near distal third of dorsal branch; apex of longer ventral branch densely covered with numerous minute flattened scutate processes with rounded apices directed basad; phallobase moderately inflated, as long as or slightly longer than divided branches.

**Female genitalia:** Abdominal segment IX a complete ring with mid dorsal length ~ 0.5–0.6× the mid ventral length. Segment X consisting of a pair of lateral, setose plates; cloaca ending terminally; X often telescoped into IX and VIII in repose. Apophyses absent. Genital chamber with thickened walls surrounding a variably shaped sclerite; caudal end of sclerite furcate. Ductus spermatheca with a moderately enlarged, spindle-shaped reservoir (utriculus) located at varying distances along ductus. Corpus bursae gradually enlarging anteriorly, membranous, with four tridentaform signa equally spaced around middle of corpus bursae; enlarged bases of signa projecting externally beyond wall of corpus bursae, with spinose branches projecting internally.

**Remarks.** For many years John Heath, formerly employed at the Experimental Research Station at Monks Wood in England, pursued research on the family Micropterigidae, resulting in about 20 papers on this group (Emmet 1987). Heath had partially completed a revision of the genus *Epimartyria*, but this was never published. We had not viewed a copy of this manuscript until our publication was in review. In his manuscript, Heath recognized an additional new species from New Jersey, based on specimens collected at Essex County Park by W. D. Kearfott. Our studies found no morphological justification for this species.

Because this is the first taxonomic revision of *Epimartyria*, there remain some gaps in our knowledge about their biology which cannot be answered with available material and evidence.

**Key to species of Epimartyria**

1. Forewing without spots, uniformly dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster (Fig. 1) ................................................................. *auricrinella*
   - Forewing with pale yellowish spots ................................................. 2
2  Forewing with 2 pale yellowish spots (Fig. 2); foretibia with epiphysis absent; caudal apex of male sternum X (gnathos) deeply divided, with apex of lobes acute (Fig. 82) ............................................................................ bimaculella
– Forewing with 4 pale yellowish spots (Fig. 3); foretibia with epiphysis present; caudal apex of male sternum X not deeply divided, with short, triangular, caudal lobes (Fig. 89) ............................................................................ pardella

**Epimartyria auricrinella** Walsingham
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Figs 1, 4–5, 10, 18–32, 33–59, 74–80

*Micropteryx Epimartyria auricrinella* Walsingham.– Forbes 1923:64.

**Diagnosis.** Adult *E. auricrinella* are easily distinguished from those of the other members of *Epimartyria* in possessing uniformly dark fuscous forewings without the yellowish spots present in those species.

**Adult** (Figs 1, 4–5). **Head:** Vestiture light orange brown. Antenna with vestiture of scape and pedicel concolorous with head; scales of flagellum dark brown to fuscous. Labial palpus cream.

**Thorax:** Dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster. Tegula concolorous with head. Forewing dark fuscous with coppery or golden to purplish luster dorsally, less iridescent ventrally; fringe paler, more gray. Forewing length: 4.2–5.6 mm. Hindwing with scales over distal third nearly as broad, dark fuscous and iridescent as in forewing; scales gradually becoming more slender, more gray, and less iridescent over basal 2/3; fringe gray. Legs medium to dark brown dorsally, light brown ventrally and at apices of tarsomeres; epiphysis absent.

**Abdomen:** Pileiform scales uniformly brown dorsally and ventrally. Paired glands of sternum 5 with muscle for opening glands originating on anterior edge of sternum 6 and inserted into each gland duct just inside aperture; gland reservoir slightly larger and more ovoid in female, but surrounding layer of secretory cells better developed and 2–3× thicker in female (Djernaes 2011, Djernaes and Sperling 2011).

**Male genitalia** (Figs 74–78): Caudal lobes of tergum X broadly rounded. Caudal apex of sternum X deeply divided, with apex of lobes acute, recurved; a pair of short, lateral lobes present near base. Valvae moderately long, ventral length nearly half the maximum length of segment IX; apex subacute and bearing a short, slender, recurved spine; a short, triangular, rounded process arising midway from mesal surface; elongate basal process ~ 4/5 the length of valva; distal margin of valva variable within populations from slightly concave to convex (Figs 78a-d). Dorsal branch of phallus cylindrical and smooth.
Figures 1–3. Adults. 1 ♂, *Epimartyria auricrinella*, (4.9 mm) Canada: Quebec 2 ♂, *Epimartyria bimaculella* (5.5 mm) Holotype, Canada: British Columbia 3 ♀, *Epimartyria pardella* (5.5 mm) USA: California. (Forewing length in parentheses).
Female genitalia (Figs 79–80): As described for genus. Caudal end of genital sclerite moderately furcate as in *E. bimaculella*; length of furcations ~ 0.2 that of relatively shorter, undivided base.

**Larva** (Figs 33–59). Mature larva up to 5 mm in length. Body approximately hexagonal in cross section; color generally brown, lighter brown ventrally. Integument over dorsal half of body with a honeycomb-like surface of raised ridges (Figs 52, 58); integument of ventral half densely covered with micropapillae (Fig. 56) with an exten-
sive plastron surface laterally (Fig. 52). Primary setae longitudinally ribbed, moderately slender, long, clavate.

**Head:** Prognathous and capable of being retracted into prothorax. Antenna elongate, slender, 3-segmented, arising posterior of clypeal margin and dorsal to stemmata;

**Figures 10–11.** Habitats of *Epimartyria* 10 Swampy forest at Lac Brûlé, Quebec where larvae and numerous adults of *E. auricrinella* were collected 11 Douglas fir forest where adults of *E. bimaculella* were observed swarming around the ferns (photo by Zeller-Lukashort).
Figure 12a. Neighbour-joining tree of genetic distances (K2P model) for cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) in species of *Epimartyria* (total = 44 specimens). End-branch labels are specimen Sample IDs followed by the geographic area in parentheses: BC = British Columbia; CA = California; MI = Michigan; QC = Quebec; TN = Tennessee; WA = Washington. Sequence lengths are 658 bp unless otherwise indicated (xn in square brackets indicates the number of ambiguous positions). Distinct haplotypes are designated by a capital letter and digit.
second segment the longest, ~ 2× the length of basal segment; all antennal segments without sensory setae except for elongate terminal spinose seta. Five stemmata present, arranged in a tight circle. Adfrontal sutures vestigial, not extending to vertex; adfrontal ridges similarly undeveloped. Ecdysial lines externally indistinct. Tubular spinneret absent; external opening of labial salivary gland circular, relatively large, diameter ~

13 Head (cl: clypeus; ga: galea; la: labrum; md: mandible) (0.5 mm)

14 Head, ventral view (pp: proximal prelabium; dp: distal prelabium; lp: labial palpus)

15 Right mandible

16 Wing venation, USNM slide 16613.

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equal to length of second segment of labial palpus. Cranial setae reduced in length and number and concentrated over anterior third of head; stemmatal setae absent; a single medial (M) seta arising midway between antennae, without homology in other Lepidoptera but possibly homologous to campaniform sensillum in Trichoptera larva (Kristensen 1998). Labrum with 6 pairs of primary setae and numerous spines along anterior margin; seta La 1 arising distad of anterior margin of labrum (Fig. 38). Mandible generally triangular in form with 3 acute cusps, the basal-most cusp the most reduced. Maxillary palpi relatively well developed, 3-segmented, with apical sensillae as in Fig. 46. Labial palpi reduced, 3-segmented with minute apical segment bearing a long sensillum (Fig. 47). Intersegmental membrane between head and thorax covered with flattened, multidentate, scutate outgrowths (Figs 41–42).

**Thorax**: Prothorax with 7 primary tactile setae and 4 peg-like microsetae, the latter located along anterior margin of prothorax near the head-prothoracic fold; XD1 and XD2 greatly reduced to peg-like microsetae along dorso-anterior margin of prothorax below D2; L1 posterior to XD1; L2 below L1 and anterior to spiracle. MV1 and MV2 short, peg-like, below SV2 and closer to anterior margin of prothorax; MV2 about 2 × length of MV1. Subdorsal setae absent on all body segments. Meso- and metathorax with 5 primary setae and one microseta (SV2); L1 and 2 well developed and equal in size. Legs with 3 well defined segments and large pretarsal segment; 4-segmented including reduced coxa; pretarsal claw curved, elongate, ~ 1/3 the length of remainder of leg; axial spine at base of claw well developed; femur and trochanter fused, as well as tibia and tarsus; coxa with a bilobed and possibly eversible tactile vesicle located posterior-mesally near base of femur (Figs 48–49);

**Abdomen**: Segments 1–8 with 4 primary setae and 2 peg-like (L2) to spherical microseta (SV2); segment 9 with only D1 and L1; segment 10 with 2 microsetae, possibly representing D1 and L1. Spiracles peripneustic, located anteriorly in intersegmental fold on segments 1–8; spiral raised to form a small dome with walls subdivided into ~ 10–12 fimbriated bands. Abdominal segments 1–8 with short, fleshy, nonmuscular prolegs with rounded apices (Fig. 50); crochets absent in all genera of Micropterigidae,

**Larval hosts.** Hepaticophyta: Lepidoziaceae: Bazzania trilobata (L.) S. Gray.

**Pupa.** Unknown.

**Biology** (Figs 9–10). The species occurs in shaded locations, in wet swampy woods, boggy ditches, or creek sides where leafy (moss-like) liverworts, the probable larval host, grow. Such habitats can be periodically or seasonally flooded. Larvae possess a plastron which indicates the capacity to live for short periods in a subaquatic environment or, at least in a habitat that is water-saturated. Adults are diurnal and are best obtained by gently sweeping the understory or clumps of liverworts (Landry and Landry 1992). They can be seen perched on low foliage during the day and can be active even in early morning after sunrise (Figs 1–2). Mating was observed in the afternoon between 1200–1700H (JFL pers. obs.). Larvae obtained (by JFL) by placing in a Berlese funnel clumps of the liverwort Bazzania trilobata collected on 3 September 2000 at Lac Brûlé (Quebec) yielded larvae of two different size classes (3.4 mm vs 1.8 mm overall body length). This supports the previous observations by Davis (1987)
that larval development probably spans over two years, at least in the northern part of the range, although adults emerge every year. One larva was found on the tip of a liverwort leaflet at the same locality in early October when the air temperature was around 5°C. Adults generally begin to emerge in mid May in the southern part of their range (Georgia, North Carolina) with April 30 being the earliest date recorded (from southern Maryland near Washington, DC). Further north the flight period is gradually delayed, with adults in northern New York and all of Canada active during the summer between mid-June and mid-July.

**Holotype.** ♂, USA: North Carolina, 1884, H. K. Morrison, Type No. 35325, slide BM 8947 (BMNH).

**Material examined.** CANADA: NOVA SCOTIA: Baddeck: 1 ♂, 23 Jun 1936; 1 ♂, 30 Jun 1936, T.N. Freeman, specimens # CNCLEP00077282–00077283, slide

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370 m: 1 ♂, 1 Jul 1996, sweeping ferns at forest edge in afternoon, J.-F. Landry, specimens # CNCLEP00076577 (CNC); Lac Brûlé, 46.0885°N, 74.2789°W, 370 m: 1 ♂, 30 Jun 1997; 1 ♂, 1 Jul 1997, day sweep in mixed forest, J.-F. Landry, specimen # CNCLEP00076578 (CNC); Lac Brûlé, 46.0812°N, 74.2833°W, 370 m: 2 ♀, 1 Jul 1997, sweep in forest trail ca 18:00H, sunny, J.-F. Landry, specimens # CNCLEP00076580–00076581 (CNC); Lac Brûlé, 46.0919°N, 74.2756°W, 370 m: 13 ♂, 5 ♀, 2 Jul 1997, in swampland wood perched on vegetation 11:30H–12:30H overcast just before thunderstorm, J.-F. Landry, specimens # CNCLEP00076582–00076599
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**Distribution** (Fig. 32). *Epimartyria auricrinella* occurs widely over eastern North America, in Canada from Nova Scotia to Ontario, and in the U.S. from Maine to Michigan and south to Tennessee and Georgia.

**Remarks on larval morphology. Chaetotaxy:** Because the larvae of Micropterigidae lack some thoracic and abdominal setae present in higher Lepidoptera, determining the homology of those setae present is subject to uncertainty. Various assumptions have been made as to which setae are present, based in part on their position to longitudinal muscle groups or to various body ridges (Hashimoto 2001, 2006; Gibbs 2010), as well as to the generally accepted chaetotaxy of glossatan Lepidoptera (Hinton 1946, Stehr 1987) which was followed by Davis (1987). Greatest uncertainty persists with the prothoracic chaetotaxy, where the number and relative development of setae can vary between different genera of Micropterigidae. Hashimoto (2001) concluded that the XD (of the prothorax) and the SD groups are absent in Micropterigidae, with the possibility that the two most dorsal of the four pairs of peg-like microsetae along the anterior margin of the prothorax in *Epimartyria* could be vestiges of one or more of these groups. The more ventral of the two microsetae along the anterior margin of the prothorax are believed to represent MV1 and MV2 present in most Lepidoptera, but homology of the dorsal pair is questionable. Because microsetae in this region are not known to occur on the prothorax of other Lepidoptera (Hinton 1946), we have considered the dorsal pair to be homologous to XD1 and XD2 as suggested by Hashimoto (2001). Hinton (1946) briefly discussed the possibility that the XD group in higher Lepidoptera might be homologous to the microsetae of other body segments, but he argued that long tactile setae along the front margin of the prothorax represented instead a special setal group essential for protecting larvae, especially in those species with prognathous, retractable heads. In Micropterigidae it appears as if this protection has been compensated by several of the prothoracic tactile setae being directed strongly forward (Fig. 33). It may also be possible that several proprioceptor (microscopic) setae homologous to those of higher Lepidoptera do not occur in Micropterigidae, and that all or most of the relatively stout microsetae present may represent greatly reduced tactile setae. Such reductions have occurred with the abdominal L2 and SV2 setae of *Epimartyria* (Fig. 33), D1 and D2 of *Austromartyria* (Gibbs 2010), and D2 of *Agrionympha* (Gibbs and Kristensen 2011). All microsetae of *Epimartyria auricrinella* are similar to the prothoracic microsetae in being relatively stout and greatly reduced in length (Fig. 33). Consequently, in this study we have largely followed the protothoracic chaetotaxy proposed by Hashimoto (2006) for the closely related genera *Paramartyria* and *Neomicropteryx*. The number and distribution of the prothoracic microsetae have not been well studied or illustrated in most genera of Micropterigidae.
Figures 52–57. *Epimartyria auricrinella*, larval morphology 52 Abdominal segments 1–4, lateral view, showing sculptured epicuticle of dorsal half and plastron region (shaded area) of lower half (arrow indicates spiracle) (200 µm) 53 Spiracle, apical view (5 µm) 54 Spiracle, lateral view (5 µm) 55 Plastron of lateral surface of abdomen with numerous, irregular micropapillae (10 µm) 56 Detail of fig. 55 showing parallel rows of microtubercules extending between micropapillae (1 µm) 57 View looking down on microtubules in fig. 56 showing cuticular openings between rows (1 µm). (Scale lengths in parentheses).
Better resolution of the prothoracic setal homology might become possible as larvae of more genera are discovered and studied.

**Prolegs:** The larval prolegs of Micropterigidae, which occur on abdominal segments 1–8 and 10, differ in their morphology from those of all other Lepidoptera where crochet-bearing prolegs are typically present only on segments 3–6 and 10. Hinton (1958) also reported muscles to be lacking in micropterigid prolegs, although this probably should be examined further in some genera such as *Micropterix* where the prolegs appear more developed and with more melanized, acute, clawlike apices (Figs 66–68). The anal prolegs of *Micropterix* are also distinct in forming a relatively broad, trilobed sucker (Fig. 66; Zeller-Lukashort et al. 2007).

**Integumental specializations:** Larvae of Micropterigidae often occur close to the ground in habitats more likely to be subjected to periodic flooding and drying. As an adaptation to such conditions, the larvae have developed an unusual cuticular morphology in the form of a physical gill, or plastron (Thorpe 1950, Davis 1987), which provides extensive air–water interface for gaseous exchange. The aquatic larvae of several species of Crambidae have also developed special gills and plastron cuticles for breathing underwater (Wichard et al. 2002).

An extensive plastron area has been observed in *Epimartyria* (Davis 1987), and similar cuticular structures with various modifications appear in other genera of Micropterigidae examined. The plastron in *Epimartyria auricrinella* extends as a broad band laterally around the body between the level of the lateral (L1) and subventral (SV1) setae and then dorsally over the posterior margin of the prothorax (Fig. 33). The abdominal spiracles are located near the dorsal margin of the band at the extreme anterior edge of the segment (Fig. 52). The surface of the integument within this zone is densely covered with minute, irregularly shaped micropapillae (Figs 52, 55). Radiating out between adjacent micropapillae are dense series of even smaller ridges, aligned ~ 0.4–1.0 µm apart. Each ridge bears a single row of elongate, erect, knobby microtubercules ~ 0.2–0.4 µm in diameter and ~ 0.8–1.2 µm in length (Fig. 56). These minute structures are believed to help form an air film around that portion of the body (when submerged) that excludes water under normal hydrostatic pressure. Minute openings in the epicuticle are visible between the ridges (Fig. 57). These lead internally into an unusually complex, multichambered exocuticle reported by Kristensen (1990, 1998) in the larvae of *Sabatinca* and *Micropterix*. The basal layer of the exocuticle was found in these genera to possess small pores in each chamber which opened into a fluid-filled space between the exo- and endocuticle. Kristensen hypothesized the function of these unique cuticular specializations may be to assist in maintaining a water balance for larvae in a habitat subjected to periodic drying. An extremely thin, extracuticular pellicle covers much of the dorsal, lateral, and part of the ventral larval trunk to which small particles may adhere. The function and origin of the pellicle remain unknown. Immediately beneath the abdominal pellicle of *E. auricrinella* the exocuticle is divided into a series of honeycombed chambers (Fig. 58) resembling the condition Kristensen discovered in the larvae of *Sabatinca* and *Micropterix*.
The multidentate, scale-like cuticular outgrowths (Figs 41–42) covering the intersegmental membrane between the head and prothorax of *Epimartyria auricrinella* may further assist in a respiratory function. These structures superficially resemble the plastron scales present in certain Coleoptera (Hinton 1969, 1976). The spiracles in *Epimartyria* (Figs 53–54) are also modified to prevent water entry. Each spiracle is raised into a small dome with finely divided, fimbriated walls. The spiracles in later instars of *Neomicropteryx* larvae are also conical with fimbriated walls, but the spiracular walls of the first instar are completely fused (i.e., solid) (Hashimoto 2006) as they are in later instars of *Sabatinca* and *Micropterix* (early instars not examined). Spiracles of the first instar of *Epimartyria* have not been examined but may be similar to those of *Neomicropteryx*.

The larval plastron of *Neomicropteryx nipponensis* Issiki is similar to that of *Epimartyria auricrinella* in possessing a dense zone of minute, irregularly shaped micropapillae interconnected by dense radiations of smaller ridges bearing rows of knobby microtubercules (Figs 60–62). Scutate outgrowths also arise from the intersegmental head-prothoracic membrane (Fig. 63) as in *Epimartyria*. It is likely that larvae of all members of the northern hemisphere group of micropterigid genera proposed by Kobayashi et al. (2000) and Gibbs et al. (2010) have developed similar plastron specializations. In contrast, the external surface of the exocuticle of *Micropterix* (Figs 70–72) possesses a more extensive, regular arrangement of micropapillae, each ~ 10–20 µm in diameter, with ~ 6- 8 relatively stouter, often bifurcate, arm-like ridges radiating from a central disk. The ridges in *Micropterix* do not continue with those of adjacent ridges, but the extremities of each ridge are densely covered with microtubercules. Minute openings of variable size are present in the exocuticle of *Micropterix* (Figs 71–72), similar to those observed in *Epimartyria* and *Neomicropteryx*.

Figures 58–59. *Epimartyria auricrinella*, larval morphology 58 Honeycombed chambers of abdominal exocuticle with pellicle removed, in dorsal half (dorsal to spiracle) of abdominal segment 4 (10 µm) 59 Abdominal seta D1 showing longitudinal ridges (20 µm). (Scale lengths in parentheses).
**Epimartyria bimaculella sp. n.**
urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:6A40EFD1-BC6D-4DF3-AB1C-D4031870E61D
http://species-id.net/wiki/Epimartyria_bimaculella
Figs 2, 6–7, 11, 32, 81–87

**Diagnosis.** Adults of *E. bimaculella* most resemble those of *E. pardella* in possessing dark fuscous forewings marked by pale golden spots. A total of two yellowish spots occur in *bimaculella*, with only a single large costal spot present beyond the middle of the forewing. Four spots are present on the forewing of *pardella*, with two of these located across the distal third of the wing on the costal and dorsal margins respectively.

**Adult** (Figs 2, 6–7). *Head:* Vestiture similar to *E. auricrinella*, light orange brown. Antenna with vestiture of scape and pedicel concolorous with head; scales of flagellum mostly pale golden brown, becoming darker, more fuscous over distal third. Labial palpus cream.

*Thorax:* Dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster. Tegula concolorous with head. Forewing mostly dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster dorsally, marked with two pale yellowish spots; the largest, irregularly oval to rectangular spot extends from the costa approximately halfway across the distal third of wing; a second smaller, more slender spot extends diagonally from about midway along dorsal margin to midway on discal cell; a slight suffusion of pale yellowish scales may be sometimes evident at the base of the forewing, but only seldom does this occur; forewing less iridescent ventrally; fringe pale yellow along termen, fuscous along dorsal margin. Forewing length: 4.6–5.3 mm. Hindwing mostly gray, becoming darker and slightly iridescent toward apex; fringe gray. Legs medium to dark brown dorsally with a slight purplish luster, light brown to cream ventrally; epiphysis absent.

*Abdomen:* Piliform scales dark brown dorsally, paler brown ventrally.

*Male genitalia* (Figs 81–85): Tergum X similar to *E. auricrinella*, broadly bilobed. Caudal apex of sternum X deeply divided, with apex of lobes acute, only slightly curved; a pair of short, lateral lobes present near base. Valva moderately long, ventral length ~ half the maximum length of segment IX; apex subacute and bearing a short, slender, recurved spine similar to *E. auricrinella*; a short but broader and more triangular, rounded process arising midway from mesal surface; elongate basal process ~ 4/5 the length of valva; distal margin of valva variable within populations from slightly convex to ~ straight. Dorsal branch of phallus cylindrical and smooth.

*Female genitalia* (Figs 86–87): As described for genus. Caudal end of genital sclerite moderately furcate as in *E. auricrinella*; length of furcations ~ 0.3 that of moderately long, undivided base.

**Larva and pupa.** Unknown.

**Biology** (Figs 6–7, 11). At the type locality, specimens were captured by sweeping low lying vegetation or during diurnal flight along a shaded seepage in a Douglas Fir–Western Red Cedar forest where leafy liverworts grew. Adults were also observed perching on lower parts of plants such as Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis* Pursh) no more than approximately 25 metres from the liverwort habitat (D.G. Holden, pers.
comm.). In different parts of the range, specimens were collected from late April to mid August, with most records in June. Late records (July and August) are from higher elevations.

**Holotype.** ♂, CANADA: BRITISH COLUMBIA: Belcarra, 49° 17'59.11" N, 122°55'30.88"W, Alt. 25 m., 8 Jun 2008, visual sweep, Dave G. Holden, specimen

**Figures 60–63. Neomicropteryx nipponensis, larval morphology**  
60 Plastron from lateral surface of abdomen with numerous, irregular micropapillae (10 µm)  
61 Detail of Fig. 55 showing parallel rows of microtubercules extending between micropapillae (0.5 µm)  
62 View looking down on microtubules in fig. 61 showing cuticular openings between rows (0.5 µm)  
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Figures 64–69. *Micropterix* species (England), larval morphology

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65 Detail of tactile vesicle in fig. 64 (10 µm)
66 Abdominal segments 5–10 showing prolegs 5–8 and sucker-like anal proleg (100 µm)
67 Abdominal proleg (20 µm)
68 Detail of apex of abdominal proleg (10 µm)
69 Dorsal abdominal setae (50 µm). (Scale lengths in parentheses).
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Distribution (Fig. 32). Epimartyria bimaculella is known from northwestern Washington and southern British Columbia. Most British Columbia records are from the southwesternmost corner in the periphery of the Vancouver area, reflecting a more intense collecting effort in that region. One record from the Rocky Mountains of Glacier National Park, BC suggests a significantly broader distribution.
Figures 74–80. *Epimartyria auricrinella*, Genitalic morphology. **74–78** Male, USNM slides 16615, 34372. **74** Genital capsule, ventral view (0.5 mm); J: juxta (medial plate) **75** Sternum X (gnathos) **76** Aedeagus (G: gonopore (phallotrema) **77** Genital capsule, lateral view (Un: uncus, (tergum X) **78a** Valva, lateral view, inner side (BP: basal process), slide USNM, 34372, Ottawa, Ontario **78b** slide MIC5762, Lac Brûlé, Quebec **78c** slide MIC5764, Wilderness State Park, Michigan **78d** slide MIC5761, Lac Brûlé, Quebec **79–80** Female, USNM slide 17501, Mt. Albert, Quebec **79** Oviscape, lateral view (Ut: utriculus) (0.5 mm) **80** Genital sclerite, ventral view. (Scale lengths in parentheses).

**Etymology.** The species name is derived from the Latin *bi;* (two, double) and *maculella* (little spot) in reference to the two, small, pale yellowish spots present on the forewings.
Epimartyria pardella (Walsingham)
http://species-id.net/wiki/Epimartyria_pardella
Figs 3, 8, 13–17, 32, 88–96

Micropteryx pardella Walsingham 1880: 83.

Diagnosis: Adults of *E. pardella* most resemble those of *E. bimaculella* in possessing dark fuscous forewings marked by pale golden spots. Four spots are present on the forewing of *pardella* with two of these located across the distal third of the wing. In contrast, a total of two yellowish spots occur in *bimaculella*, with only a single large costal spot present beyond the middle of the forewing. In the male genitalia, the caudal lobes of sternum X (uncus) are more simple than those of the other members of *Epimartyria* in consisting of more shallow, rounded lobes compared to being curved and more slender in the males of *auricrinella* and *bimaculella*.

Adult (Figs 3, 8). Head: Vestiture light orange brown. Antenna with vestiture of scape and pedicel concolorous with head; scales of flagellum pale golden yellow. Labial palpus pale brown to cream.

Thorax: Dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster. Tegula concolorous with head. Forewing dark fuscous with coppery to purplish luster dorsally, marked with four, pale yellowish spots; the largest, irregularly rectangular and slightly oblique spot extends from costa approximately halfway across the distal third of wing; a smaller, more oval spot opposite costal spot on dorsal margin; an oblique basal spot arising midway along dorsal margin and extending halfway across wing to base of radial vein; a fourth, smallest spot at base of wing; forewing less iridescent ventrally; fringe pale yellow along termen, more gray along dorsal margin. Forewing length: 5.0–5.5 mm. Hindwing mostly gray, becoming darker and slightly iridescent toward apex; fringe gray; fringe light to dark gray. Legs medium to dark brown dorsally, paler brown ventrally and over tarsomeres; epiphysis present, ~ 1/3 the length of foretibia and arising slightly beyond its midlength.

Abdomen: Piliform scales light to dark brown.

Male genitalia (Figs 88–92): Tergum X with more slender caudal lobes. Caudal apex of sternum X (gnathos) not deeply divided, with short, triangular caudal lobes and without accessory lateral lobes. Valva short, ventral length less than 1/3 the maximum midventral length of segment IX; apex rounded and bearing a short, stout subapical spine; mesal surface smooth, without median process; elongate basal process nearly equal to length of valva. Dorsal branch of phallus more depressed, with subapical margins bearing short, paired spines, gonopore with less thickened radial folds than in previous two species.

Female genitalia: (Figs 93–96): As described for genus. Caudal end of genital sclerite deeply furcated; length of furcations exceeding length of short, undivided base.
**Egg.** White; dimensions 0.44 × 0.44 mm. Tuskes and Smith (1984) report the ova are flattened, circular and smooth when first deposited but soon become spherical and covered with numerous minute projections similar to those reported for *Micropterix calthella* (L.) by Lorenz (1961). The eggs were observed to hatch in 21 days at 22°C.

**Larva.** Not examined. The following description has been summarized from Tuskes and Smith (1984): Body length 4.3 to 4.6 mm; width 1.4 mm; height 1.2 mm. The body tapering at both ends with highest and broadest point at abdominal segment 4. Dorsal and lateral surface brown to dark brown, ventral surface light brown.
Head. Length 0.5 mm, diameter 0.27 mm. Brown. Antennae prominent, 3-segmented and situated on small tubercles located on dorsal lateral portion of head. Stemmata with 5 facets and located near base of antenna. Labrum simple with a pair of 3-segmented palpi. Mandibles simple and dark brown. Head diameter of first and second instar larvae 0.11 and 0.22 mm, respectively.

Thorax: Prothorax distinctly narrower than mesothorax. Prothoracic shield with 10 peg-like setae, 8 on the anterior and lateral border and 2 dorsally. Mesothorax with 8 setae, 6 on dorsal and lateral anterior portion of gray brown pigmented area, and 2 just ventral to this pigmented area. Setae of metathoracic segment similar to those of mesothorax except subdorsal (D2) seta is greatly reduced in size. All thoracic segments have additional small micro-seta just dorsal to each true leg. Thoracic legs brown, with 3 segments (excluding coxa) and simple claw.

Abdomen: Abdominal segments Al to A8 (and T2 and T3) with serrated knobs which form a dorsal and lateral ridge; areas between ridges concave. The mid-dorsal area concave with a small dark depression present on posterior of segments T2 to A8. Segments Al to A8 each with one dorsal seta (length 0.18 mm) atop dorsal ridge. Segments Al to A8 with reduced, almost microscopic subdorsal (D2) seta (length 0.04 mm) and prominent lateral seta (length 0.12 mm) on lateral ridge. Dorsal, subdorsal and lateral setae occur in brownish pigmented area which has rough and wrinkled appearance. Dorsal and lateral intersegmental area constricted and may contain series of 8 to 20 microscopic dots. Cuticle ventral to lateral ridge smooth and light brown. Series of brown dots form pattern around protuberance that usually support a small seta. Conical ventral prolegs occur on segments Al to A8, with a small, sclerotized protuberance present on ventral surface of each. Segments A9 and A10 fused and with enlarged simple sucker. Spiracles posterior and ventral to lateral setae.

Larval hosts. Hepaticophyta: Conocephalaceae: *Conocephalum conicum* (L.) Dumort.; Pelliaceae: *Pellia* species, with the latter host preferred from rearings (Tuskes and Smith 1984).

Pupa. Not examined. Exarate, decticous; white to light brown.

Cocoon. Not examined. Brown, oval in general form, measuring 5.5 × 4.5 mm; primarily of silk with small fragments of vegetation attached.

Biology (Fig. 8). Tuskes and Smith (1984) observed the eggs of *E. pardella* to be deposited in June on the underside of liverwort thalli singly or in small clusters of up to five eggs. They are white, measuring ~ 0.40 × 0.44 mm, and are flattened, circular, and smooth when first deposited but become spherical within a short time and covered with a series of small projections. First instar larvae ~ 0.75 mm long were reported to emerge in about 21 days (at 22°C). The larvae are rather inactive (in captivity) and are usually found on the underside of the thalli during the day. When disturbed or inactive the head may be withdrawn into the thorax. Pupation occurs within a thin walled, tightly woven brown cocoon close to the ground and attached to vegetation with strands of coarse silk.

Adults begin to emerge in late May with the flight season ranging from late May to mid-July and peak flight activity in June at the Prairie Creek State Redwood Park
locality. Tuskes and Smith reported the adults to be relatively inactive, remaining motionless for hours and seldom travelling more than 30 cm. They are known to be diurnal and most active between 0900 and 1930 h. Adult feeding by *E. pardella* has not been reported, but the adults were observed drinking water by lowering their heads

Figures 88–96. *Epimartyria pardella*, Genitalic morphology 88–92 Male, USNM slide 16613, Arcata, California 88 Genital capsule, ventral view (0.5 mm) 89 Sternum X (gnathos) 90 Aedeagus 91 Genital capsule, lateral view 92 Valva 93–96 Female, DRD slide 4528, Kneeland, California 93 Oviscape, lateral view (0.5 mm) 94 Genital sclerite, ventral view 95 Genital sclerite, lateral view 96 Ductus spermathecae, showing variation of vesicle position. (Scale lengths in parentheses).
to the moisture. Moths can die in less than two days if deprived of moisture but may survive in captivity from 9 to 18 days when provided with water.

Tuskes and Smith concluded that *E. pardella* possessed a two year life cycle similar to that proposed for *E. auricrinella* (Davis 1987). In captivity eggs deposited in June 1981 became adults in June 1983. In the field they frequently collected second instar larvae during the adult flight period.

**Lectotype.** ♂ (present designation), “OREGON: Klamath Co: nr. Redwood Creek, Coast: 26 June 1872, Wlsm. 90591; B.M. Genitalia Slide No. 25352; Epimartyria (= Micropteryx Wlsm.) *pardella* Wlsm. PARATYPE; Lectotype ♂, Epimartyria *pardella* Wlsm. (BMNH).” The lectotype has been selected from a series of five syntypes collected “on the borders of the forest of “redwood” (*Taxodium sempervirens*) near the coast, in southern Oregon, at the beginning of June 1872” (Walsingham 1880).


**Distribution** (Fig. 32). *Epimartyria pardella* is known from northwestern California and northern Oregon. California localities and the type locality in Oregon are near the coast in redwood forests. The most northern Oregon locality occurs in the Columbia River valley.

**Remarks.** Information included in this report on the immature stages and life history of *E. pardella* has been quoted or summarized from the thorough study of this species by Tuskes and Smith (1984) at the Prairie Creek State Redwood Park, California. In addition to possible color differences, two major morphological differences noted in their description of the larva of *E. pardella* from that observed for *E. auricrinella* include: (1) 10 versus 11 (in *auricrinella*) peg-like setae on each side of the prothorax, and (2) D2 of metathorax and abdominal segments 1–8 greatly reduced in *pardella* (as reported also in *Austromartyria*, Gibbs 2010, and for the abdomen in *Agrionympha*, Gibbs and Kristensen 2011). Although examples of the larva, pupa, and cocoon of this species were reportedly deposited in the collections of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA by Tuskes and Smith (1984), attempts to locate and borrow this material for study were unsuccessful. The skeletomuscular anatomy of the male genitalia of *E. pardella* was reviewed by Kristensen (1984b).
DNA barcoding

A total of 44 specimens yielded barcode sequences, of which 40 were full-length at 658 bp (Appendix 1). Geographic representation of barcoded specimens was primarily dictated by the availability of recently collected material (<20 years), and consequently restricted to a few localities which do not represent the entire range of the species (Fig. 32). Three barcode sequences of *Epimartyria* were available in GenBank, two for *auricrinella* and one for *pardella* (from Lees et al. 2010). The *auricrinella* sequences were identical to haplotype A1 from specimens collected at Gatineau Park, QC, a locality from which a series was examined but not barcoded (see ‘Material examined’ under *auricrinella*). The *pardella* sequence was one base pair different from haplotype P1 from a specimen collected at the same locality although on a different date. These sequences were not included in the analyses because the vouchers could not be examined and their haplotype similarity would not have affected the outcome of the analyses.

Neighbour-joining analysis resulted in three distinct clusters that corresponded to the three species as defined here on the basis of morphology (Fig. 12a). *Epimartyria pardella* was the most distant species with mean distances of 4.52% and 5.09% from *E. bimaculella* and *E. auricrinella*, respectively. Morphologically it is the most distinct of the three species in genitalia. *Epimartyria auricrinella* and *E. bimaculella* seemed to be genetically closer to each other, with a mean distance of 2.57%. Morphologically, their genitalia are also more similar. Intraspecific sequence variation was small in *E. bimaculella* at 0.2% ± 0.1 and a minimum of three haplotypes could be distinguished. Two specimens with either short sequences or ambiguous sites were not assigned as haplotypes. In contrast, *E. auricrinella* showed a high amount of sequence divergence resulting in 7 subclusters representing different haplotypes. Pairwise divergence ranged from 0.16–2.69% (1.63% ± 0.832), with 9 out of 21 comparisons showing over 2% divergence (Table 1).

To assess whether the high amount of intraspecific divergence may be correlated with morphological variation, geography, or both, representatives of each haplotype were further subjected to a parsimony analysis. Maximum-parsimony analysis performed on unique haplotypes (7 for *auricrinella*, 3 for *bimaculella*, 1 for *pardella*) resulted in three most parsimonious trees, of which the strict consensus is illustrated (Fig. 12b). Of the 658 base pairs of the full barcode dataset, 607 were constant and 51 were variable, of which only 25 were parsimony-informative. The MP cladogram was similar to the NJ tree in that the three morphospecies were retained as separate, well-supported clades. Despite high sequence variation within the *auricrinella* clade, support for internal nodes was generally weak.

The haplotype network (Fig. 12c) resulted in a similar topology, with the three species separated from each other. In some cases, several haplotypes were present among specimens from the same locality (Fig. 32). For *bimaculella*, there were three haplotypes with 1–2 base pair differences from the type locality of Belcarra, BC, which were collected microsympatrically, two of which on the same date (Appendix 2). Similarly, for *auricrinella*, four haplotypes were present at Lac Brûlé, QC, of which three were
1–2 base pair apart but one (A5) was more than 10 bp divergent. At that locality haplotypes A1, A2 and A5 were present among specimens collected microsympatrically on the same date on two consecutive years (8 Jul 2002, 29 Jun 2003). Haplotype A4 from Tennessee, was closer to haplotypes A1–A3 from Lac Brûlé than to A5 from the same locality. The two localities are over 1300 km apart. Haplotypes A6 and A7 from Michigan were the most divergent, despite being geographically closer to Lac Brûlé than to Tennessee. The majority of barcode sequences came from a single locality for each of *auricrinella* and *bimaculella*. Thus it appears that higher haplotype diversity is associated with denser barcode sampling at single localities.

Genitalia were examined in several specimens of *auricrinella* representing the different haplotypes (Appendix 2). This showed slight variation in the shape of the male valva, in which the inner margin varied from evenly rounded to medially angulate (Fig. 78b–d). Several specimens showed various intermediate states of this condition from having a barely suggested median angle to a sharp one. The angulation differed slightly between the two valvae on some specimens. Likewise slight variation was observed in the depth of the apical notch of the uncus, which was a little deeper or a little more sharply V-shaped in some whereas it was proportionally shallower and more obtusely V-shaped in others. The lateral dentation and recurved distal lobes of the gnathos also displayed minor variations. The variation observed in male genitalia was present across haplotypes from the same locality and seemed unrelated to geography. Males were predominant in all series examined, thus fewer females were compared. No detectable variation was observed in the latter.

Thus we consider the variation in both haplotypes and morphology to be intraspecific. Although a 2% minimal divergence threshold is commonly observed to separate species, and in particular Lepidoptera (Hebert et al. 2009), this rule of thumb is not universal and instances of high intraspecific divergence (Schmidt and Sperling 2008)

### Table 1

Percent mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) sequence divergence among 11 unique haplotypes of three *Epimartyria* species. Cells below diagonal = distances in %; cells above diagonal = standard error estimates.

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Appendix I

Sample information for the *Epimartyria* specimens included in the DNA barcode analysis. Sample IDs are specimen identifiers; Barcode IDs (or Process IDs in BOLD) are sequence identifiers. Details of collecting data, images, sequences, and trace files for the 44 specimens listed are available in the Barcode of Life Database (BOLD) (www.barcodinglife.org) in the project codes indicated.

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