

PARATRYTONE MELANE IN SAN LUIS OBISPO
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (HESPERIIDAE)

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF *Paratrytone melane* (Edwards, 1869) in California has been treated recently by Heppner (1973). He noted a large distribution gap in the Coast Ranges from the Santa Ynez River in Santa Barbara County north to Big Sur in Monterey County. Heppner suggested that this gap might indicate an allopatric distribution, with "a northern population concentrated in the San Francisco Bay area and a southern population in most of coastal southern California." However, the present author has located several specimens from San Luis Obispo County which fill in this prominent distributional gap.

A specimen from Lopez Canyon, collected "2-9-[19]64" by Richard Hart, is present in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History collection. Two specimens from Atascadero, collected "5-10-1932" by Victor L. Clemence, have been located in the Clemence collection. One of these is now in the author's collection, while the other remains in the Clemence collection.

These previously unpublished records show that *P. melane* is indeed distributed throughout the Coast Ranges of California. The records also demonstrate the need for additional study of the lepidopterous fauna of this region. The author is indebted to Mrs. Grace Clemence and Mr. Nelson W. Baker for their assistance.

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