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BUCHHOLZ COLLECTION OBTAINED BY THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The Department of Insects and Spiders of the American Museum of Natural History proudly announces the accession of the Lepidoptera collection of the late Otto Buchholz of Roselle Park, New Jersey. This outstanding collection was purchased for the American Museum of Natural History through the generosity of several friends. It consists of 124,985 specimens, including six holotypes, three allotypes and 551 paratypes. This is one of the largest, most complete and best prepared collections of Macrolepidoptera from North America north of Mexico ever built up by a private collector. It contains practically all the described species of butterflies, skippers and moths included in Part I of the 1938 McDunnough Check List. All specimens are to receive an O. Buchholz collection label.

The following holotypes and allotypes were included in the collection, and are now segregated into the type collection of the American Musium of Natural History:

Phyciodes nycteis ab. milburni Rummel, holotype female. Mitoura gryneus var. octoscripta Buchholz, allotype female. Lycæna hypophlæus ab. fulvus Rummel, holotype male. Lycæna hypophlæus ab. neui Rummel, holotype female. Acronycta wanda Buchholz, holotype male. Polia adjuncta form benjamini Lemmer, allotype female. Papaipema mulleri Buchholz, allotype female. Catocala sordida form engelhardti Lemmer, holotype male. Catocala gracilis ab. lemmeri Mayfield, holotype male.

The addition of this collection gives the American Museum of Natural History one of the best and most complete study collections of North American butterflies, skippers, and macro-moths in existence. In mose of these groups the collection is unexcelled.

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