

- (b) *P. c. ridens* Masters, Eastern Bolivia
- (c) *P. c. brasiliensis* Rothschild & Jordan, Brazil and southward.

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MELIPOTIS INDOMITA (NOCTUIDAE) IN HAWAII AND CONNECTICUT

Recently while curating material of *Melipotis indomita* (Walker) at the Peabody Museum, Yale University, I encountered two specimens from unusual localities which seemed to merit a brief note. The data are as follows:

HAWAII: Oahu, Honolulu Co., Honolulu, 28 May 1974 *leg.* Joseph G. Gall, a fresh male.

CONNECTICUT: Litchfield Co., Washington, at home lights, 31 July 1958, *leg.* Sidney A. Hessel, a worn female.

Forbes (1954, Lepidoptera of New York and Neighboring States, Part 3, Cornell Agric. Exp. Sta. Mem. 329) gives the distribution as, "Southern states; reported northward at Kittery Point, Maine, Long Island, St. Louis, Missouri (not rare) and Delaware." Most Peabody Museum specimens are from Arizona.

The Connecticut record is remarkable since the specimen was taken in the Litchfield hills, about 47 km from the coast. It probably arrived there by natural dispersal. The species probably has been accidentally introduced to Hawaii by human transport. No species of *Melipotis* Hübner or the closely related *Drasteria* Hübner (*sensu* Forbes, 1954) is reported from the Hawaiian Islands by Zimmerman (1958, Insects of Hawaii, vol. 7, Univ. of Hawaii Press, Honolulu).

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