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BOOK REVIEW

CATALOGO DOS ITHOMIIDAE AMERICANOS (LEPIDOPTERA) by Romualdo Ferreiera d'Almeida. Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Technologico, Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. 405 pp. 1978. No price stated.

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SUPLEMENTO AO CATALOGO DOS ITHOMIIDAE AMERICANOS (LEPIDOPTERA) DE RO-MUALDO FERRIERA D'ALMEIDA (Nymphalidae: Ithomiinae) by Olaf H. H. Mielke & Keith S. Brown, Jr. Consehlo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Technologico, Curitaba, Parana, Brazil. 216 pp. 1979. No price stated.

These two volumes are an absolute necessity for anyone working in the family Ithomiidae (or subfamily Ithomiinae, depending upon your choice). At the time of his death in 1969 d'Almeida had completed the draft of his manuscript catalogue through names and articles published in 1968. Dr. Mielke, d'Almeida's scientific heir, sorted through the numerous manuscripts left to him and selected those for publication. This catalogue is one of them. It is another of d'Almeida's compilations of the literature on neotropical butterflies. The positions I have checked are accurate and complete in so far as he went, with a few exceptions that were caught by Mielke & Brown in their supplement.

The authors of the supplement have been involved in the study of this difficult family for some years. The supplement is a synopsis of their findings through the genus *Hypothryis* Hübner. This extends through p. 118 and covers the Tithorini, Melinaeini, and the Napeogenini, except for *Hyalyris* Bdv. Future work by this energetic team may be expected to complete these revisory studies. The few extended Portuguese notes in the catalogues are easily deciphered by those who do not command the language.

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