

# A Faunistic List for the Superfamilies Papilioidea, Geometroidea, Coccoidea, Lasiocampoidea, Bombycoidea, Drepanoidea, Noctuoidea and Pyraloidea (Lepidoptera) of Muğla Province, South-Western Turkey

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## Abstract

*Aim of study:* The present study aimed to contribute Lepidoptera fauna of Muğla province and Turkey.

*Area of study:* Research was carried out in Muğla province, Ula district, Gökova, Akyaka Forest Camp.

*Material and methods:* Butterfly and moth samples were collected between 2018-2020 with net and mercury vapour lamp. Specimens were arranged according to standard methods and diagnosed. Materials were stored at Entomology Laboratory of Batman University.

*Main results:* In total, 133 species were identified and, 31 of them are new discovered in Muğla province.

*Highlights:* Lepidoptera species of Muğla province, especially Geometroidea and Pyraloidea groups, have not been well studied. The results of the research contribute to the elimination of this deficiency. In addition, information on the vegetation of the study area is given for the first time. Eastern Pine Processionary Moth (*Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni* Tams, 1925), which is an oligofag defoliator in pine forests, has been observed with the high population density in the research area.

**Keywords:** Lepidoptera, Butterfly, Moth, Fauna, Muğla, Turkey

# Türkiye'nin Güneybatısındaki Muğla İlinin Papilioidea, Geometroidea, Coccoidea, Lasiocampoidea, Bombycoidea, Drepanoidea, Noctuoidea ve Pyraloidea (Lepidoptera) Üstfamilyaları için Faunistik Bir Liste

## Öz

*Çalışmanın amacı:* Bu çalışma, Muğla ili ve Türkiye Lepidoptera faunasına katkıda bulunmayı amaçlamaktadır.

*Çalışma alanı:* Araştırma Muğla ili, Ula ilçesi, Gökova, Akyaka Orman Kampı'nda yapılmıştır.

*Materyal ve yöntem:* Kelebek ve güve örnekleri 2018-2020 yılları arasında atrap ve civa buharlı lamba ile toplanmıştır. Örnekler standart yöntemlere göre düzenlenmiş ve teşhis edilmiştir. Materyaller, Batman Üniversitesi Entomoloji Laboratuvarı'nda korunmaktadır.

*Temel sonuçlar:* Toplamba 133 tür tespit edilmiş ve bunların 31'i Muğla ilinde yeni keşfedilmiştir.

*Araştırma vurguları:* Muğla ilinin Lepidoptera türleri, özellikle Geometroidea ve Pyraloidea grupları, iyi çalışılmamıştır. Araştırma sonuçları bu eksikliğin giderilmesine katkıda bulunmaktadır. Ayrıca çalışma alanının bitki örtüsü hakkında ilk kez bilgi verilmektedir. Çam ormanlarında bir oligofag yaprak zararlısı olan Doğu Çam Kese Güvesi'nin (*Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni* Tams, 1925), araştırma alanında yüksek popülasyon yoğunluğuna sahip olduğu gözlenmiştir.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Lepidoptera, Kelebek, Güve, Fauna, Muğla, Türkiye



## Introduction

Muğla province is located in south-western Anatolia, on the Aegean Sea, borders with Antalya, Aydın, Burdur, Denizli provinces, and the Greek islands face the coast of the province. The city is well known for Turkey's largest holiday resorts, such as Bodrum, Marmaris and Fethiye. Although investigations on Lepidoptera fauna in Muğla province have provided contributions in recent years, studies are still not sufficient and it has not been determined to reveal exactly.

Published reports on the butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera) from Muğla province include: Hacker et al. (1986) contributed to noctuid moth fauna of Turkey and, gave records of two species from Muğla. Lastuvka et al. (1990 [1989]); van Oorschot & van den Brink (1992); Hensle (1993) published a few Lepidoptera specimens collected from the province. De Bros (1991) presented results of his expedition to Antalya province, and mentioned some species collected from Muğla province. Baisch et al. (1998) recorded thirteen Noctuoidea species. Mol et al. (2003) listed Lepidoptera species of Butterfly Valley and reported twenty-four moth species in Arctiidae, Geometridae, Lasiocampidae, Lymantriidae, Noctuidae, Notodontidae, Pyralidae, Sphingidae and Zygaenidae families. Baron (2014) published a list of 168 species of Noctuoidea, Bombycoidea, Lasiocampoidea, Drepanoidea and Axioidea. Koçak & Kemal (2018) gave about 260 Macro- and Micro-Lepidoptera species with a checklist from Turkey. Baron (2019) presented in total 299 moth species from Muğla province with two new records for the Turkish fauna.

The present paper includes a faunistic list of 133 species collected from Muğla, Akyaka Forest Camp. Among them, 31 species are new reported from the province. However,

detected plant taxa in the area are given below for the first time.

Akyaka Forest Camp, which has homogeneous vegetation, covers an area of approximately 400 hectares. *Pinus brutia*, *Quercus aucheri*, *Styrax officinalis*, *Phillyrea latifolia*, *Pistacia terebinthus*, *Acacia cynaophylla* are the most intense plant species in the region, where consists mostly natural areas and hosts many native and cultivated plant species (Figure 1).

Naturally occurring plants: *Pinus brutia*, *P. pinea*, *Quercus aucheri*, *Styrax officinalis*, *Pistacia atlantica*, *P. terebinthus*, *P. lentiscus*, *Olea europaea*, *Laurus nobilis*, *Ceratonia*, *Arbutus andrachne*, *A. unedo*, *Vitex agnus-castus*, *Rhus coriaria*, *Phillyrea latifolia*, *Ficus carica*, *Capparis spinosa*, *Ptilostemon chamaepeuce*, *Cistus creticus*, *Vaccinium myrtillus*, *Smilax aspera*, *S. excels*, *Ruscus aculeatus*, *Paliurus spina-christi*, *Drimia maritima*, *Asphodelus*, *Allium*, *Arum maculatum*, *Medicago*, *Verbascum*, *Asparagus acutifolius*, *Prospero autumnale*, *Narcissus serotinus*, *Carlina gummifera*, *Spiranthes spiralis*, *Serapias*, *Ophrys apifera*, *Limodorum abortivum*, *Leontodon*, *Bellis perennis*, *Anthemis*, *Matricaria*, *Salicornia europaea*, *Osyris alba*, *Oxalis*, *Euphorbia*, *Phlomis*, *Limonium angustifolium*, *Carlina corymbosa*, *Lactuca serriola*, *Rumex pulcher*, *Oryzopsis miliacea*.

Cultivated plants: *Platanus orientalis*, *Liquidambar orientalis*, *Acacia cynaophylla*, *Acacia saligna*, *Acacia sp.*, *Nerium oleander*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Chamaerops humilis*, *Agave americana*, *Eucalyptus*, *Ailanthus glandolosa*, *Cupressus sempervirens*, *Juniperus foetidissima*, *Iris germanica*, *Mirabilis jalapa*, *Pyrus*, *Punica granatum*, *Prunus persica*, *Canna*, *Rubus*, *Lantana camara*, *Convolvulus*, *Ipomoea purpurea*, *I. indica*, *I. batatas*, *Senecio tamoides*, *Ligustrum vulgare*, *Eriobotrya japonica*.



Figure 1. Habitat of Akyaka Forest Camp, Gökova, Ula district, Muğla prov., south-western Turkey, 14.09.2020

## Material and Methods

The materials were collected and photographed from Muğla prov., Ula district, Gökova, Akyaka Forest Camp in 2018-2020 by second author. The specimens coming to the light were caught and packed. Then, the materials were pinned, mounted, labelled, and deposited according to standard entomological methods. External characters of stretched specimens were photographed with a Fujifilm Finepix HS30 EXR digital camera. Preparations of some specimens genitalia were carried out for exact diagnosis, embedded as permanent slides in Euparal under a Nikon SMZ1000 stereomicroscope. The following sources utilized for diagnosis and systematics: Hacker, 1985a; 1985b; 1986; de Freina & Witt, 1987; 1990; 2001; Fibiger, 1990; 1993; 1997a, 1997b; Ronkay & Fabian, 1990; Ronkay & Ronkay, 1994; 1995; Hesselbarth et al., 1995; Kuhna & Schmitz, 1997; Hausmann, 2001; 2004; Ronkay et al., 2001; Goater et al., 2003; Mironov, 2003; Zilli et al., 2005; Fibiger & Hacker, 2007; Slamka, 2008; 2011; 2013; Fibiger et al., 2009; 2010; Leraut, 2009; 2014; Witt & Ronkay, 2011; Hausmann & Viidalepp, 2012; Skou & Sihvonen, 2015; Kemal & Koçak, 2015; 2018; Müller et al., 2019. Specimens are deposited in the collection of Batman University, Faculty of Science and Arts, Department of Biology, Entomology laboratory, Batman, Turkey.

## Abbreviations

Papi: Papilioidea, Geo: Geometroidea, Cos: Coccoidea, Lasio: Lasiocampoidea, Bomy: Bombycoidea, Drep: Drepanoidea, Noct: Noctuoidea, Pyr: Pyraloidea.

## Results

### List of Butterflies (29 Species)

Superfamily Papilioidea Latreille, 1802  
Family Lycaenidae [Leach], [1815]  
*Glauopsyche alexis* (Poda, 1761)  
*Lycaena phlaeas* (Linnaeus, 1761)  
*Polyommatus loewii* (Zeller, 1847)  
*Polyommatus daphnis* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Polyommatus icarus* (Rottemburg, 1775)  
*Satyrium acaciae* (Fabricius, 1787)  
*Tarucus balkanicus* (Freyer, [1843])

Family Nymphalidae Rafinesque, 1815

*Argynnis pandora* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Charaxes jasius* (Linnaeus, 1767)  
*Danaus chrysippus* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Vanessa cardui* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Vanessa atalanta* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Subfamily Satyrinae Boisduval, 1833

*Hipparchia fatua* (Freyer, 1844)  
*Hipparchia syriaca* (Staudinger, 1871)  
*Hyponephele lycaon* (Rottemburg, 1775)  
*Kirinia roxelana* (Cramer, [1777])  
*Pararge aegeria* (Linnaeus, 1758)

- Family Papilionidae Latreille, [1802]  
*Iphiclus podalirius* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Papilio machaon* Linnaeus, 1758
- Family Pieridae Duponchel, [1835]  
*Colias crocea* (Fourcroy, 1785)  
*Colias aurorina* Herrich-Schäffer, [1850]  
*Pieris ergane* (Geyer, [1828])  
*Pieris rapae* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Pieris brassicae* (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Family Hesperiidae Latreille, 1809  
*Erynnis marloyi* (Boisduval, [1834])  
*Gegenes pumilio* (Hoffmannsegg, 1804)  
*Ochlodes sylvanus* (Esper, [1777])  
*Sialia orbifer* (Hübner, [1823])  
*Thymelicus lineolus* (Ochsenheimer, 1808)
- List of Moths (104 Species)*
- Superfamily Geometroidea Leach, 1815  
Family Geometridae Leach, 1815  
*Ascotis selenaria* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Aspitates ochrearia* (Rossi, 1794) (Fig. 2a)  
*Campogramma bilineata* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Chiasmia aestimaria* (Hübner, [1809])  
*Cyclophora pupillaria* (Hübner, [1799])  
*Epirrhoë molluginata* (Hübner, [1813])  
*Eucrostes indigenata* (De Villers, 1789)  
*Gnophos sartata* Treitschke, 1827  
*Gymnoscelis rufifasciata* (Haworth, [1809])  
*Hylaea fasciaria* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Idaea degeneraria* (Hübner, [1799])  
*Idaea elongaria* (Rambur, 1833)  
*Idaea filicata* (Hübner, [1799])  
*Idaea obsoletaria* (Rambur, 1833)  
*Idaea sylvestraria* (Hübner, [1799])  
*Idaea trigeminata* (Haworth, [1809])  
*Isturgia arenacea* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775) (Fig. 2b)  
*Isturgia murinaria* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Chlorissa viridata* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Nychiodes waltheri* Wagner, 1919  
*Peribatodes rhomboidaria* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Peribatodes umbraria* (Hübner, [1809])  
*Prolepsis ocellata* (Frivaldszky, 1845) (Fig. 2c)  
*Rhodometra sacraria* (Linnaeus, 1767)  
*Scopula imitaria* (Hübner, [1799]) (Fig. 2d)  
*Scopula marginipunctata* (Goeze, 1781)  
*Scopula submutata* (Treitschke, 1828)
- Stueningia taurica* Hausmann, 1993
- Superfamily Coccoidea Leach, [1815]  
Family Cossidae Leach, [1815]  
*Dyspessa ulula* (Borkhausen, 1790)  
*Zeuzera pyrina* (Linnaeus, 1761)
- Superfamily Lasiocampoidea Harris, 1841  
Family Lasiocampidae Harris, 1841  
*Malacosoma castrensis* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Phylobesma tremulifolia* (Hübner, [1810])
- Superfamily Bombycoidea Latreille, 1802  
Family Saturniidae Boisduval, 1837  
*Saturnia pyri* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)
- Family Sphingidae Latreille, [1802]  
*Daphnis nerii* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Hyles euphorbiae* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Hyles livornica* (Esper, [1780])  
*Macroglossum stellatarum* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Sphinx pinastri* Linnaeus, 1758 (Fig. 2e)
- Superfamily Drepanoidea Boisduval, 1828  
Family Drepanidae Boisduval, 1828  
*Watsonalla uncinula* (Borkhausen, 1790)
- Superfamily Noctuoidea Latreille, 1809  
Family Thaumetopoeidae Aurivillius, 1891  
*Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni* Tams, 1925 (Fig. 2f)
- Family Erebidae Leach, [1815]  
*Calymma communimacula* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Catocala conversa* (Esper, 1783)  
*Catocala elocata* (Esper, [1787])  
*Catocala hymenaea* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Catocala nupta* (Linnaeus, 1767)  
*Catocala nymphogoga* (Esper, [1787])  
*Chrysodeixis chalcites* (Esper, [1789])  
*Dysgonia algira* (Linnaeus, 1767)  
*Eublemma ostrina* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Eublemma parva* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Grammodes bifasciata* (Petagna, 1787)  
*Grammodes stolida* (Fabricius, 1775)  
*Metachrostis velox* (Hübner, [1813])  
*Ophiusa tirhaca* (Cramer, [1777])  
*Plecoptera inquinata* (Lederer, 1857)  
*Polypogon plumigeralis* (Hübner, [1825]) (Fig. 2g)

Subfamily Hypenodinae Forbes, 1954  
*Micronoctua karsholti* (Fibiger, 1997)

Subfamily Arctiinae Leach, [1815]  
*Dysauxes famula* (Freyer, 1836)  
*Eilema caniolum* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Eilema costalis* (Zeller, 1847)  
*Euplagia quadripunctaria* (Poda, 1761)  
*Utetheisa pulchella* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Family Noctuidae Latreille, 1809  
*Agrotis bigramma* (Esper, [1790])  
*Agrotis puta* (Hübner, [1803])  
*Agrotis segetum* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Aporophyla canescens* (Duponchel, 1826)  
*Aporophyla nigra* (Haworth, [1809])  
*Autographa gamma* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Bryophila rectilinea* (Warren, 1909)  
*Caradrina clavipalpis* (Scopoli, 1763)  
*Caradrina levantina* Hacker, 2004  
*Chersotis rectangularis* (Fabricius, 1787)  
*Cryphia ochsi* (Boursin, 1941)  
*Dicycla oo* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Divaena haywardi* (Tams, 1926) (Fig. 2h)  
*Egira tibori* Hreblay, 1994  
*Haemerosia renalis* (Hübner, [1813])  
*Helicoverpa armigera* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Heliothis nubigera* Herrich-Schäffer, [1851]  
*Heliothis peltigera* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Hoplodrina ambigua* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Mormo maura* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Mythimna vitellina* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Mythimna albipuncta* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Noctua pronuba* (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Noctua janthina* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Polymixis serpentina* (Treitschke, 1825) (Fig. 2k)  
*Trichoplusia ni* (Hübner, [1803])  
*Sesamia cretica* Lederer, 1857  
*Spodoptera cilium* Guenée, 1852  
*Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner, [1808])  
*Spodoptera littoralis* (Boisduval, 1833)

Superfamily Pyraloidea Latreille, 1809  
 Family Pyralidae Latreille, 1809  
*Endotricha flammealis* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775)  
*Pyralis farinalis* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Family Crambidae Latreille, 1810  
*Antigastra catalaunalis* (Duponchel, 1833)  
*Duponchelia fovealis* Zeller, 1847  
*Hellula undalis* (Fabricius, 1781)  
*Herpetogramma licarsialis* (Walker, 1859)  
*Hydriris ornatalis* (Duponchel, 1832) (Fig. 2l)  
*Palpita vitrealis* (Rossi, 1794)  
*Paratalanta hyalinalis* (Hübner, 1796)  
*Pyrausta pauperalis* (Staudinger, 1879)  
*Spoladea recurvalis* (Fabricius, 1775) (Fig. 2m)  
*Udea ferrugalis* (Hübner, 1796)

## Discussion

As a result of the researches conducted in Muğla province, 29 butterfly and 104 moth species were identified in the superfamilies Papilionoidea, Geometroidea, Coccoidea, Lasiocampoidea, Bombycoidea, Drepanoidea, Noctuoidea, Pyraloidea and, 31 of them are new recorded (Koçak & Kemal, 2018; Baron, 2019) (Table 1).

Table 1. Determined species and new record numbers in superfamilies

	Butterflies		Moths						
	Papi	Geo	Cos	Lasio	Bomy	Drep	Noct	Pyr	Total
Determined species	29	28	2	2	6	1	53	12	133
New record	2	16	—	—	—	1	5	7	31

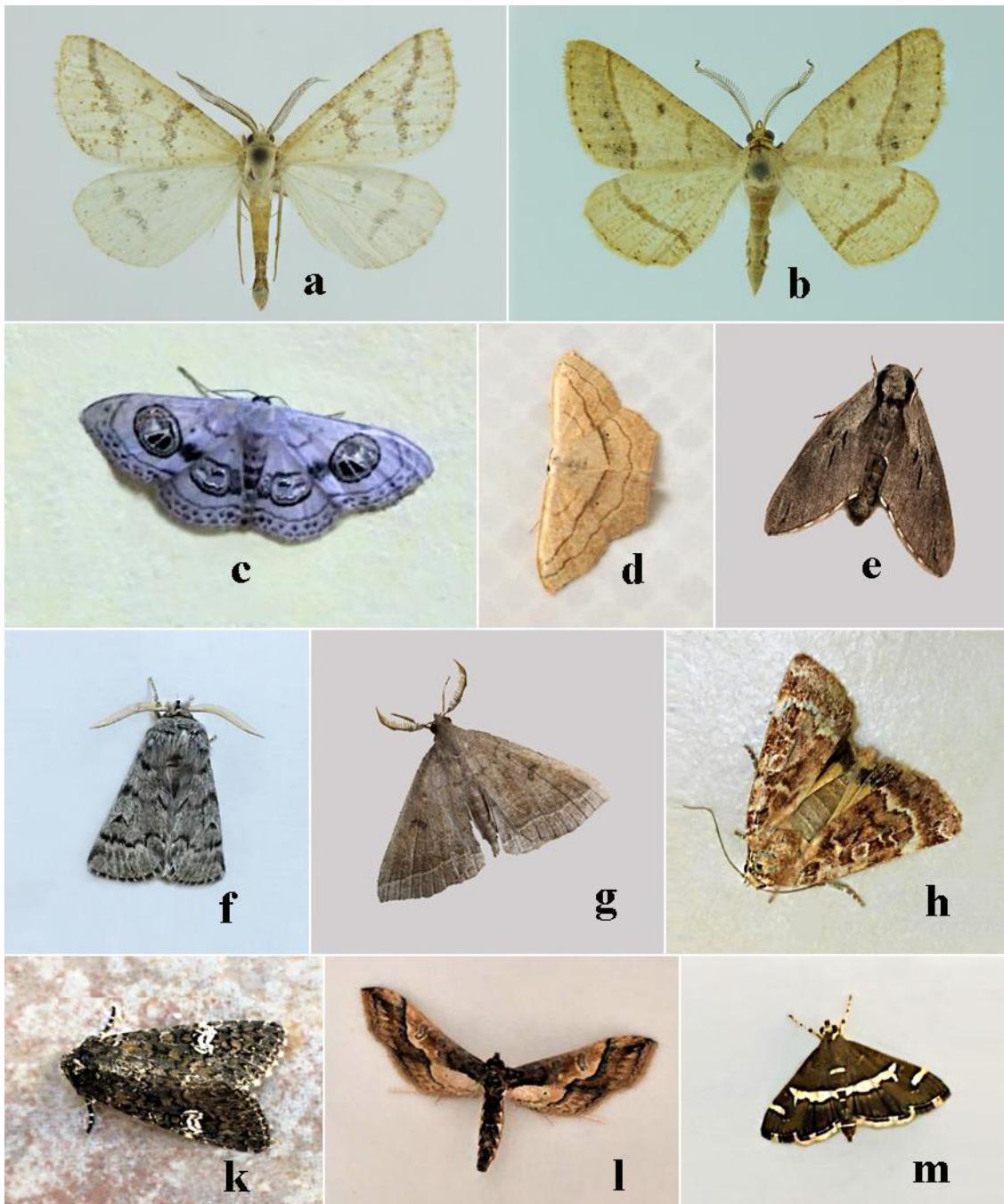


Figure 2. Natural postures and stretched of some adult species: a. *Aspitates ochrearia*, b. *Isturgia arenacearia*, c. *Problepsis ocellata*, d. *Scopula imitaria*, e. *Sphinx pinastri*, f. *Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni*, g. *Polypogon plumigeralis*, h. *Noctua haywardi*, k. *Polymixis serpentina*, l. *Hydriris ornatalis*, m. *Spoladea recurvalis*

The new discovered two butterfly and twenty-nine moth species are as follows according to the families:

Pieridae: *Pieris ergane*. Hesperiidae: *Ochlodes sylvanus*. – Geometridae: *Ascotis selenaria*, *Aspitates ochrearia*, *Epirrhoe molluginata*, *Gnophos sartata*, *Hylaea fasciaria*, *Idaea elongaria*, *I. obsoletaria*, *I.*

*trigeminata*, *Isturgia arenacearia*, *I. murinaria*, *Chlorissa viridata*, *Nychiodes waltheri*, *Peribatodes umbraria*, *Scopula marginipunctata*, *S. submutata*, *Stueningia taurica*. Drepanidae: *Watsonalla uncinula*. Erebidae: *Calymma communimacula*, *Grammodes bifasciata*. Noctuidae: *Chersotis rectangular*, *Dicycla oo*, *Haemerosia renalis*.

Crambidae: *Antigastra catalaunalis*, *Hellula undalis*, *Herpetogramma licarsialis*, *Hydriris ornatalis*, *Paratalanta hyalinalis*, *Pyrausta pauperalis*, *Spoladea recurvalis*.

Although there have been investigations on Noctuoidea and Bombycoidea in Muğla province, studies on Geometroidea and Pyraloidea were insufficient. Therefore, most new records have been in these groups. The highest number of species are determined from Papilionoidea and Geometroidea superfamilies (Table 1). However, there is no information on the plants of the study area, Akyaka Forest Camp, in this research detected 52 natural and 28 cultivated plant taxa (see introduction) are also mentioned.

Some Lepidoptera caterpillars are of major pests and have economic importance (Akinci & Kurdoglu, 2019). *Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni* Tams, 1925, which is an oligofag defoliator in pine forests, develops on native and introduced *Pinus* spp. in the East Mediterranean, from western Turkey to Israel. In Turkey, mainly colonized on *P. nigra*, *P. brutia brutia*, *P. halepensis*, *P. pinea*, and *P. radiata* (Çanakçioğlu and Mol, 1998). The species is detected with high population density in the study area.

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