New species in the New World Natada complex
(Lepidoptera: Limacodidae)

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Abstract: The following new species in the New World Natada complex are described: Natada minuscula, Natada cecilia, Natada latogamezi, Natada kokii, Natada monteverdensis, Narosopsis iangauldi, and Euprostema wemilleri. Natada minuscula is the smallest known species in the complex. Of the new species, only Natada kokii, Natada cecilia and Narosopsis iangauldi are known to occur outside of Costa Rica. Previously the New World Natada complex had 43 species in the neotropics. It is anticipated that the proportion of new species in the complex will exceed other major lineages of Limacodidae found in Costa Rica.

Key words: Limacodidae, Natada complex, Natada, Narosopsis, Euprostema, Costa Rica.

Natada Walker is presently one of few pantropical limacodid genera, with type species N. rufescens Walker (by subsequent designation) found in Asia. In addition to Natada, members in the New World complex include Euprosterna Dyar, Isa Packard, Narosopsis Dyar, and Platyprosterna Dyar (Epstein, 1996). These genera are in need of revision, with the last complete treatment of the taxa by Dyar (1935). Epstein and Becker (1993) did preliminary work on the complex, finding new synonyms and creating new combinations. The spiny larvae found in the New World Natada complex can be separated from those of the Parasa complex by the absence of deciduous spine patches at the base of the A8 and A9 dorsal scoli and the absence of a saddleback pattern. Both of these characteristics, however, can be absent in the Parasa complex as well (see also Dyar 1899a). Larvae vary in their overall shape and in the length of scoli in the Natada complex. Late instars are sometimes round in cross section and have small, equally sized dorsal and subdorsal scoli (e.g., Natada nasoni Grote; Dyar, 1899b). Others are flattened with dorsal scoli reduced in size and subdorsal scoli elongated (e.g., Isa textula (Herrich-Schaeffer), Dyar, 1896; Euprosterna elaea (Druce), Genty et al. 1978). Larvae in the Phobetron complex are superficially similar to the flat type; however, they have an elongated dorsal row and a reduced subdorsal row (Dyar, 1899a). Adults in the Natada complex usually have antennae bipecticate to the apex in males and are always filiform in females. The forewing commonly has a pair of lines, one arising at the median of the anal margin and the other near the tornus, which meet or are proximate on the subapex of the costal margin to form a triangle or trapezoid with the anal margin. Forewing R3 and R4 are stalked off of R2 or between R2 and R3. The haustellum (= proboscis) is usually reduced or absent, and labial palps often appear truncate at the apex because the small apical segment is
reflexed, relative to the long penultimate segment, and is often obscured by scales. The tibial spurs are 0-2-4 (e.g., *Natada*) or are 0-2-2 in some of the species in smaller genera. Similar New World species in the *Perola* complex can be distinguished from the *Natada* complex by having stalked forewing cubital veins and female antennae that are bipectinate or serrate. In this paper we add seven new species to the New World *Natada* complex, which previously had 43 species in the neotropics (Becker and Epstein, 1995). As we prepare “A Guide to Costa Rican Limacodidae,” it is anticipated that the proportion of new species in the *Natada* complex will exceed other major lineages of Limacodidae found in Costa Rica.

**SPECIMENS STUDIED**

Specimens examined in this study are from the following collections: Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio); National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (USNM); Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co. (LACM); Vitor O. Becker private collection, Brasilia, Brazil (VOB); The Natural History Museum, London (BMNH); American Museum of Natural History, New York (AMNH); Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University (MCZ). Paratypes or additional voucher material not found in the USNM and INBio collections will be deposited at each institution following the completion of the guide book. INBio bar codes (CRIO###) under “Material Examined” are for database purposes only and do not indicate the collection of deposition. Geographic coordinates (Lambert system) are indicated by LN or LS numbers associated with the bar codes.

**Natada minuscula** sp. n

(Figs. 1, 2, 22)

Adult male (Fig. 22). Forewing length 5-7 mm. Head, collar and dorsal thorax lighter brown. Wings, body and legs dark brown. Forewing $R_3$ and $R_4$ stalked off $R_5$ near junction of $R_2$. Labial palps at least 2 1/4X eye length and directed frontally with light brown scales; third segment evident, bent at approx. 45° relative to longer second segment. Scales on mid- and hind tibia light brown, lighter than dark brown forelegs, and femora and tarsi of other legs. Tibial spurs long and of subequal length; 0-2-4. Antenna bipectinate to apex. Haustellum absent.

Female. Unknown.

Male genitalia (Figs. 1, 2). Uncus with distal 1/3 slightly angled downward, with tiny curved claw at apex. Gnathos extending almost as far as uncus, nearly horizontal. Inner surface of valva with a pair of processes from a common base, arising proximal to medial portion of sacculus; a medial androconial scale patch above base of processes extends over much of valva except margins. Juxta a simple sclerotized horizontal plate below aedeagus. Aedeagus slightly curved at base below; distal part slightly constricted before apex and upturned at nearly a right angle, with a rounded margin. Saccus triangulate to posterior.

Remarks: The genitalia of *N. minuscula* are similar to those found in *Natada caria* (Druce) and *Isa brusha* (Dyar). *N. minuscula* differs from other “microlimacodids” (e.g., *Microphobetron* Dyar) in the presence of bipectinate versus lamellate antenna and the presence of subequal tibial spurs (spurs are unequal in length in *Microphobetron*). The name minuscula refers to the small size of this species, the smallest known in the *Natada* complex.

Distribution: Known only from Costa Rica.

Material Examined (4 specimens ♂♀)


Figures 1-9. Male genitalia (lateral views with left valva removed). 1-2, *Natada minuscula*, new species: 1, lateral view of genitalia; 2, aedeagus; (INBIOCRI01145701); 3-4, *Natada cecilia*, new species: 3, lateral view; 4, aedeagus (INBIOCRI00619960); 5-6, *Natada monteverdensis*, new species: 5, lateral view; 6, aedeagus (INBIOCRI 01357878); 7-9. *Natada latogamenzi* 7, lateral view; 8, detail of lateral view of juxta; 9, aedeagus (INBIOCRI101319618). (scale=1 mm).

**Natada cecilia sp. n.**  
(Figs. 3, 4, 18, 19, 23, 24)

Adult male (Fig. 23). Forewing length 10-10.5 mm. Ground color of wings and body dark brown. Forewings brown with a curved black line, convex to outer margin, beginning near distal end of 1A+2A, extending over connection of R₂ to stalk of R₃ and R₄, ending at costal margin 2/3 from base; small black spot on vein M₁ at end of discal cell. Marginal areas beyond black line are light reddish brown in contrast to dark brown submedial and medial areas; basal and postmedial region bordering dark line may grade to light brown or as dark as medial area. Hindwings dark brown with same tones as medial areas of forewings. Labial palps long, at least 2X length of eye and directed upwards; second segment brown with a black spot in front, third segment short without truncate appearance typical in **Natada**. Brown legs with cream scales at end of each tarsus; tibial spurs 0-2-4. Antenna short, less than 1/2 length of forewing. Haustellum present.

Adult female (Fig. 24). Forewing length 13-14 mm. Forewing R₃ and R₄ stalked off of R₅. Similar to male in both coloration and patterns, although slightly lighter hue. Haustellum absent.

Male genitalia (Figs. 3, 4). Uncus claw anterior to apex, dorsum slightly raised in apical 1/4. Gnathos upcurved, not extending as far as uncus. Valva narrow, directed dorsad with cucullus above uncus; sacculus sinuate, with inward bend 1/3 distance from base. Transtilla with a median rounded portion and two smooth, sclerotized arms projecting upward and two smaller lateral lobes below. Juxta with paired lobes, membranous and hairy. Aedeagus with short basal portion obliquely connected to longer distal portion, sclerotized apex coiled (like a corkscrew); vesica with spinules. Saccus a median lobe projecting to posterior.

Female genitalia (Figs. 18, 19). Ductus bursae narrow in distal 1/3 between antrum and connection to ductus seminalis, and 3X initial width beyond; corpus bursae ovoid, approx. equal in length to ductus bursae. Ostium bursae wide, with antrum sclerotized, bowl shaped and covered with short setae. Ventral margin of papillae anales horizontal, at right angles to lateral margins. Anterior apophyses short, approximately a quarter length of posterior apophyses, curved dorsad; posterior apophyses reaching proximal to anterodorsal margin of 8th segment. Lateral lobes of 8th segment (="lateral lugs" of Holloway; 1986) longer than anterior apophyses. Posterodorsal part of 8th segment with paired digitate lobes projecting laterad.

Remarks: Possibly related to **Natada cerea** (Druce) from Mexico, which has similar male genitalia. **N. cerea** also has a haustellum, although only in females. **N. cecilia** is unusual both in the New World **Natada** complex and in limacodids for having a haustellum present in the male and absent in the female. Male genitalia (aedeagus and uncus), and female posterodorsal digitate lobes are similar to those **Natada incandescens** Dyar. The first author has dedicated the species name to Cecilia Mayorga, nature lover, friend and mother.

Distribution: Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras and Mexico.

Material Examined (11 specimens, 3 ♂, 8 ♀)


Fernandez, Nov 1990, (CRI000246169); PUNTARENAS: Est. Sirena, P. N. Corcovado, 0-100 m, (LS 270500-508300), 1 ♂, G. Fonseca, Feb 1992, (CRI000619960); Panama: Barro Colorado, CZ, 1 ♂, 21 Mar 1933, (AMNH).

**Natada monteverdensis sp. n.**

(Figs. 5, 6, 25)

Adult male (Fig. 25). Forewing length 15 mm. Ground color of wings and body light brown. Forewing with scattered dark scales and two lines, medial and submarginal, typical of *Natada*, though faint; medial line intersects a faint spot at end of discal cell; submarginal line slightly concave to outer margin; stalk of R₃ and R₄ connects at junction of R₈ and Rs. White scale patch on scape of antenna and front coxa. Scattered orange scales on dorsum of thorax and abdomen, not extending to vertex. Labial palps at least 2X length of eye and directed forward, appearing wider and truncate at apex. Tibial spurs 0-2-4. Antennae bipectinate and long, approx. 2/3 forewing length. Haustellum absent.

Adult female. Unknown.

Male genitalia (Figs. 5, 6). Uncus without a pronounced claw at apex; distal quarter slightly produced below. Gnathos shorter than uncus, sinuate below, laterally compressed, with narrow apex upcurved. Valva upcurved from base to distal 1/3 above and below, with small round process on costa near distal end; inner surface with dense patch of fixed setae in depression approx. 1/3 from saccus to costa, narrowing to about 1/2 at cucullus; no androconial scales in evidence. Transtilla consists of a pair of membranous sacks. Juxta more sclerotized below, broadly connected to anellus, which is covered by spinules above. Aedeagus with basal portion at right angle to and shorter than distal portion; dorsal hump approx. equal in length to basal portion, truncate above; a long process, around length of distal arm, arises on apical 1/3 of distal arm from below and curved upward and transverse (right to left) to a single point; apex of aedeagus with two short points, one an upward spine and another a transverse lobe. Saccus triangulate and pointed cephalad.

Remarks: This large high elevation species is closest to *Natada nindla* Dyar of species known to occur in Costa Rica.

Distribution: Known only from Costa Rica. All specimens were collected in Monteverde Cloud Forest at approximately 1500 m elevation.

Material examined (11 specimens ♂)


**Natada lalogamezi sp. n.**

(Figs. 7, 8, 9, 26)

Adult male (Fig. 26). Forewing length 10.7-13.8 mm. Forewings dark brown with two lines typical of *Natada*; lines are more evident in damaged or faded specimens. Small black spot at base of vein M₁ on medial line. Hindwings brown with dark brown scales dispersed over ventral part. Dorsal thorax and abdomen dark brown with brick red band, widening near anterior part of thorax to form a collar. Head with brown front and brick red scales toward labial palps. Labial palps at least 2X length of eye and directed forward. Hindlegs dark brown with a patch of white scales at distal end of femora, tibia and tarsi; mid- and hindlegs dark brown; tibial spurs 0-2-4. Antennae bipectinate to apex, approx. 1/2 forewing length. Haustellum absent.
Figures 18-21. Female genitalia (ventral view). 18, *Natada cecilia*, new species; 19, lateral view (INBIOCRi000055624); 20, *Natada iangauldi*, (INBIOCRi000086022); 21, *Euprosteria wemilleri* (INBIOCRi002139099) (scale= 1mm).
Adult female. Unknown

Male genitalia (Figs. 7, 8, 9). Uncus tip flat without spine, slightly curved from lateral margin to median. Gnathos sinuate, narrow in distal 1/3 and upcurved at apex, shorter than uncus. Valva somewhat triangulate, angled and horizontal along costa with incurved process midway from base, while sinuate below and curved near apex. Transtilla with membranous sacks extending to medial portion of valvae (corresponding to depressed area on inner surface of valva). Juxta with pair of curved processes laterad of aedeagus; small sclerotized process dorsad of aedeagus on short anellus. Aedeagus base shorter than distal appearance to named for the noteworthy educator, Eulalislao Gámez, for his arduous dedication and meaningful contributions to democratizing education in Costa Rica.

Distribution: Known only from Costa Rica.

Material Examined (12 specimens ♂)


Natada kokii sp. n.

(Figs. 10, 11, 12, 13, 27)

Adult male (Fig. 27). Forewing length 9.2-15 mm. Ground color of wings and body dark brown. Forewings especially dark within triangle formed from submarginal and medial lines typical of Natada, and in submarginal area beyond it. Submarginal line has reddish brown scales extending from costa, gradually widening to vein Cu2 to form a band 4X wider than at its origin (in worn specimens part near torus forms a distinctive reddish area). Cream colored scales concentrated near each vein along outer margin of submarginal line from costa through Cu2, more pronounced near costa, sometimes forming a line in between. Small patch of black scales found between veins M1 and M2 at end of discal cell. Labial palps at least 2X eye length and pointed forward. Forelegs dark brown with patch of white scales on front of coxae and trochanter and cream colored at extreme distal ends of femora, tibia and tarsi. Mid- and hindlegs dark brown with tarsal scales as in forelegs; tibial spurs 0-2-4. Antenna bipectinate to apex; with cream colored scape. Haustellum absent.

Adult female. Unknown

Male genitalia (Figs. 10, 11, 12, 13). Uncus somewhat flattened, gradually tapering to truncate tip without claw. Gnathos narrow and sinuate below, upcurved in distal 1/3, not reaching beyond middle of uncus. Valva with thinner setose medianial portion reaching distal end,
forming concave margin; costa upcurved reaching above gnathos; sacculus narrowed in middle. Transtilla paired membranous sacks. Juxta mostly membranous with small basal plate between valvae. Aedeagus with long dorsal projection from smaller basal portion and distal portion upcurved, with capitape apex reaching approx. same height as dorsal projection. Saccus with small triangulate portion directed to posterior between valvae and a second narrow plate below, also directed to posterior.

Remarks: Natada kokii can be easily confused with \textit{Isa diana} (Druce). Male \textit{N. kokii} have a submarginal band and a discal spot not found in male \textit{I. diana}. Specimens of female \textit{I. diana} have a faint submarginal band, but no discal spot. \textit{N. kokii} may also have forms that occur above 1000 m. Four larger male specimens from higher elevations, one from Cerro de la Muerte (forewing length 13 mm), two from La Reserva Tapanti (forewing length 14 mm) and the other from Volcan Irazu (forewing length 15 mm), each have similar but distinct genitalia from \textit{Natada kokii} and relatively long, straight antennae. Examination of additional specimens from highlands are needed to determine if they are distinct species or high altitude forms. The specimen from Cerro de la Muerte is unique in the presence of a densely setose anellus and an aedeagus with the apex angled downward (Figure 12-13); the wings of the specimen are greasy, making it difficult to determine its coloration or pattern. The specimen from Irazu has the same coloring as \textit{N. kokii} except it lacks white scales on the front femora, and has an uncus apex that is broader relative to the basal portion and upturned; the apex of the aedeagus is missing. We have encountered similar genitalic variations between what appear to be isolated montane and lowland populations in other Costa Rican limacodid species (e.g., \textit{Miresa clarissa} (Stoll) and \textit{Euclea} spp.). This species is named in honor of Bernardo “Koki” Espinoza for his outstanding efforts and dedication to his work.

Distribution: Known from Costa Rica and Panama.

Material examined: (29 specimens $\sigma$)


Other material. Costa Rica: CARTAGO: La Represa Tapantí, 1800 m, (LN 185900-563300), 1 $\sigma$, R. Delgado, Jul 1995, (CRIO0149976); R. Grande de Orosi, desde el puente R. Dos Amigos hasta la Repesa, 1800 m, (LN 186600-562000), 1 $\sigma$, R. Delgado, FEB 1995, (CRIO02243362); SAN JOSE: San Gerardo de Dota, Cerro de la Muerte, 1 $\sigma$, DH Janzen & W. Hallwachs, 23 Aug 1981, (CRIO01120984); CARTAGO: Orosi, Vulkan Irazu, 1 $\sigma$, coll. Fassl.Tepiniz (BMNH), (CB: CRIO001121340).
Narosopsis iangauldi n. sp.
(Figs. 14, 15, 20, 28, 29)

Adult male (Fig. 28). Forewing length 7.5-9 mm. Body cream to brownish yellow. Forewings brownish yellow with a clearly visible light brown band between tornus and sub-apex on costa; dark brown scales dispersed over entire wing surface, forming three prominent small black spots: one midway from discal cell to margin on M₁, with others on M₂ at end of discal cell and on R at base of wing; small spots on dorsum are repeated on ventrum (in good specimens or dark form). Forewing R₁ and R₄ stalked off of R₂. Specimens range from very yellow and others more brown, (in good specimens or dark form). Forewing brown tones and golden reflection of scales. Legs with yellow scales; tibial spurs 0-2-2. Antenna narrowly bipectinate and curved. Haustellum absent.

Adult female (Fig. 29). Forewing length 9-11 mm. Similar to male in pattern and coloration. Antenna filiform. Haustellum absent.

Male genitalia (Figs. 14, 15). Uncus short and very narrow compared to tegumen, apex slightly downcurved. Gnathos absent. Valva triangular, with costa horizontal at base and curved dorsomedially in narrow apical 1/3; inner margin with rounded lobe directed to anterior. Juxta with single medial process below aedeagus; anellus above aedeagus covered with spinules. Aedeagus straight; vesica with cornuti. Saccus directed to posterior, triangulate.

Female genitalia (Fig. 20). Ductus bursae broad, approx. 1/2 width and equal length to corpus bursae; corpus bursae with long transverse signum, about width of ductus bursae. Ductus seminalis connects to antrum. Ostium bursae and antrum sclerotized; lobe posterior to ostium bursae transverse, extending to margins of papillae anellus. Each lobe of papillae anales semicircular, with ventral margin more transverse than dorsal. Lateral lobes absent on 8th segment. Dorsum of sclerotized 8th segment positioned under 7th segment. Anterior apophyses short, curved inward; posterior apophyses extending beyond margin of 8th segment.

Remarks: Narosopsis iangauldi shares putative synapomorphies with the type species of the genus, Narosopsis leucospila Dyar. These include features of the male genitalia and the black spot on the ventron of the hindwing. Although placed in Narosopsis, N. iangauldi is perhaps most closely related to Euprosterna notula (Dognin) from Peru. Both the type of E. notula and N. iangauldi lack a gnathos, have a short and narrow upturned uncus, numerous cornuti and have a round process on the costa of the valva that is attached distally, and a patch of coremata on the posterior end of the dorsum on A7. N. iangauldi differs from E. notula in the presence of a juxtal process below the aedeagus and absence of a curved process on the end of the aedeagus. Both Narosopsis leucospila and N. iangauldi occur in Costa Rica, separated by the whiter color and gnathos found in N. leucospila. Although the female of N. leucospila is unknown, we were able to associate female N. iangauldi with the males by locality. Forbes’s (1942) report of N. leucospila from Barro Colorado Island (BCI), Panama appears to be incorrect. All BCI specimens we examined are N. iangauldi, including one determined by Forbes as N. leucospila in the MCZ collection. This species is named for Ian D. Gauld, whose early and unflagging enthusiasm for the development of Costa Rica’s biodiversity has been a stimulus and inspiration for multitudes of Costa Rican and international biodiversity managers.

Distribution: Known from Costa Rica and Panama.

Material examined (34 specimens, 29♂, 5♀)


Paratypes. Costa Rica: ALAJUELA: Sector Colonia Palmareña, 700 m, (LN 29♂, 5♀)
Euproctera wemilleri sp. n.

(Figs. 16, 17, 21, 30, 31)

Adult male (Fig. 30). Forewing length 6.5-7.5 mm. Light brown body. Forewings light brown with dark brown scales scattered over surface forming very evident spots, one at conjunction of veins M2, M4 and CuA1, and another over anal veins in submedial area. R1 and R4 veins stalked off of R5. Hindwings light brown like forewings. Labial palps at least 2X eye length. Legs with light-brown scales; tibial spurs 0-2-2. Antenna bicinate, short, and curved to median; Haustellum absent.

Adult female (Fig. 31). Forewing length 11 mm. Antennae filiform. Similar to male in patterns and coloration.

Male genitalia (Figs. 16, 17). Uncus with sclerotized downcurved spine at distal end and less sclerotized dorsal process of approx. equal length above. Gnathos slightly upcurved, apex blunt. Valva somewhat sinuous, reaching near apex of uncus, concave and densely setose on inner margin between sacculus and costa. Transtilla with membranous and setose cap above aedeagus. Juxta with small plate below aedeagus and short membranous anellus. Aedeagus twice curved, in short basal end and medially, with basal half at somewhat transverse angle from right to left and 60° viewed laterally; apex pointed and slightly curved from right to left. Saccus small digitate sclerotized process to posterior.

Female genitalia (Figs. 21). Ductus bursae long, nearly straight from base and curved and wider proximal to corpus bursae; corpus bursae round at base, truncate at distal end with long, narrow signum along distal margin and directed towards base, leaving a cleft in corpus bursae a third distance from the left side. Ostium bursae and antrum narrow, with short sclerotized portion. Ductus seminalis connect to ductus bursae a fifth distance between ostium bursae and corpus bursae. Papillae
Figures 22-31. Types of new species in the complex (note: these images are presented at different scales). 22, Natada minuscula new species: male (holotype, INBIOCRI001145701); 23, male (patatype, CB: INBIOCRI000246169); 24, female (patatype, INBIOCRI001341688); 25, Natada monteverdensis new species: male (holotype, INBIOCRI001357909); 26, Natada lalogamezi new species: male (holotype, INBIOCRI1118507); 27, Natada kokii, new species: male (paratype, INBIOCRI001120801); 28-29, Naresopsis iangauldi, new species: 28, male (paratype, INBIOCRI001806526); 29, female (paratype INBIOCRI001999949); 30-31, Euprostenia vemilleri, new species: 30, male (INBIOCRI000242085); 31, female (INBIOCRI0002134099).
anales convex and rounded along lateral and ventral margin; slightly wider in ventral third; mediiodorsal margin nearly vertical to apex. Anterior apophyses short, angled toward dorsum; posterior apophyses curved medially at apex, extending to near anterior margin of 8th segment, narrow and unsclerotized surrounding ostium bursae. Anteroventral portion of 8th segment sclerotized and smooth.

Remarks: The dorsal process on the uncus of *Euprostema wemilleri* appears to be unique in the genus. In undissected specimens, the cucullus has been observed to hook over the dorsal process. *E. wemilleri* can be easily confused with *E. hosia* Dyar, which has a similar light form with a dark patch on the forewing. Males of *E. wemilleri* can be distinguished by the presence of a large claw on the apex of the uncus and tibial spurs 0-2-2; neither found in *E. hosia*. A unique female specimen described above is either *E. wemilleri* or *E. hosia*. The tibial spur formula (0-2-2) suggests that it is *E. wemilleri*, but the elevation (700 m) suggests it to be *E. hosia*, since males of this species occur at higher elevations in Costa Rica. Because of this uncertainty, the specimen is not included as a paratype. The second author dedicates this species in honor of his dissertation advisor and mentor, William E. Miller (University of Minnesota), who is a specialist on the systematics of Tortricidae and the biology of Lepidoptera.

Distribution: Known only from Costa Rica.

Material examined (10 specimens, 9♂, 1♀)


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RESUMEN


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