

***Epipsilia grisescens* (Fabricius, 1794), a new species for the Hungarian fauna
(Lepidoptera, Noctuidae: Noctuinae)**

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Abstract – *Epipsilia grisescens* (Fabricius, 1794) is recorded for the first time from Hungary. With 2 figures.

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On 19th July, 2015, I was collecting at the top region of the Esztramos Hill, above Bódvarákó (Aggtelek National Park, NE Hungary). My screen was set ca. 20 m away from the cliffs under the truncated peak of the hill, with the light of the bulb reflecting to the rocky grassland vegetation. A grey owlet moth appeared on the screen soon after the midnight, this female specimen was turned out to be the first Hungarian *Epipsilia grisescens* (Fabricius, 1794) (Fig. 1). The identification has been confirmed by László Ronkay, and it belongs to the nominotypical subspecies (FIBIGER 1993).

This species is relatively widespread in the mountainous areas of Europe (Fig. 2); its presumable occurrence in the north-eastern part of Hungary was supported by the presence of *E. grisescens* in the bordering areas of Slovakia. The voucher specimen will be deposited in the Lepidoptera collection of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, after the publication of this new record. The proposed Hungarian name of the species is hamuszürke földibagoly.

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Fig. 1. *Epipsilia grisescens* (Fabricius, 1794)

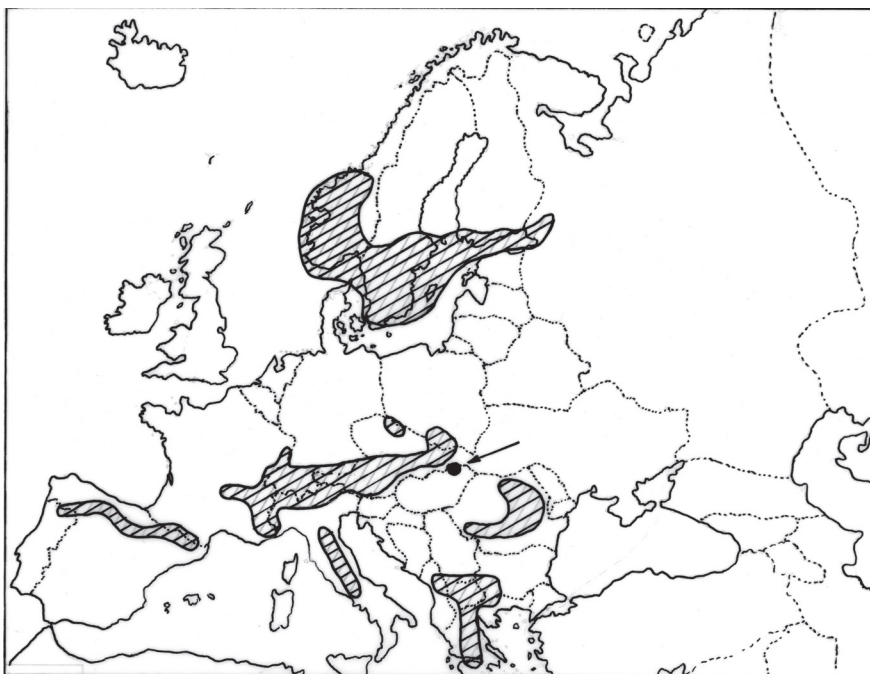


Fig. 2. Distribution of *Epipsilia grisescens* (Fabricius, 1794) (after FIBIGER 1993)