

## A NEW NAME FOR HESPERIA FUSCA REED, 1877

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In 1824, Latreille in *Encyclopédie Méthodique IX*, p. 777, described a small hesperid under the name *Hesperia l'herminier*.

The description is somewhat inadequate for certain determination of the species to which Latreille referred, and the type is unfortunately missing from the Latreille collection in the Paris Museum, so some doubt must always exist as to what species Latreille had before him.

However, Capt. Riley of the British Museum in *Trans. Ent. Soc. Ldn.*, 74, p. 240, 1926, has concluded (with the assistance of Dr. Skinner), that the species *l'herminier* can only be referred to one of three species, the *Hesperia fusca* of Grote and Robinson (*Trans. Amer. Ent. Soc.*, 1, (2), 1867), now placed to *Lerodea*, *Hesperia alternata* Grote and Robinson (*loc. cit.*, 1, (3), 1867), placed nowadays to *Amblyscirtes* or *Lerodea neamathla* Skinner and Williams, (*Trans. Amer. Ent. Soc.*, 49, p. 145, fig. 3, (♂ genitalia), 1923.)

Capt. Riley has decided after due consideration that *l'herminier* must be accepted as being the same species as that later redescribed by Grote and Robinson as *Hesperia fusca*, this latter name therefore falling to *l'herminier*.

In 1877, Reed described another species of *Lerodea* under the name of *Hesperia fusca*, (*An. Univ. Chile*, 49, p. 725), but in view of the fact that the *Hesperia fusca* of Grote and Robinson (1867) must now be considered a synonym of *Lerodea l'herminier* (Latreille), a new name is required for Reed's species and I propose that of *Lerodea reedi* nom. nov.

