

Gegenes nostradamus (Lepidoptera: Hesperiiidae), first record for East Kazakhstan

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Abstract. *Gegenes nostradamus* (Fabricius, 1793) is recorded for the first time from East Kazakhstan based in 7 males and 2 females caught in the Ili valley near to the Kok-Tal village.

Samenvatting. *Gegenes nostradamus* (Lepidoptera: Hesperiiidae), eerste melding uit Oost-Kazakstan Op 03 juli 2010 werden 7 mannetjes en 2 vrouwtjes van *Gegenes nostradamus* (Fabricius, 1793) verzameld nabij Kok-Tal. Het is de eerste melding van deze soort uit Oost-Kazakstan.

Резюме. *Gegenes nostradamus* (Fabricius, 1793) впервые отмечен из Восточного Казахстана, долины р. Или близ с. Кок-Тал (7 самцов, 2 самки).

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Figs. 1–4. *Gegenes nostradamus* (Fabricius, 1793) from Ili river valley near Kok-Tal (Kazakhstan); 1.– Male upperside; 2.– Male underside; 3.– Male genitalia ventral view; 4.– Male genitalia lateral view.

On 03.vii.2010 7 males and 2 females of *Gegenes nostradamus* (Fabricius, 1793) were caught in a xerophytic meadow near the Ili river in the vicinity of Kok-Tal (43.963612°N, 79.601891°E). This species is distributed in the Mediterranean region, North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia), Asia Minor, Kopeth-Dagh Mts. and South-West Tajikistan. In the book “*Butterflies of Kazakhstan*” (Zhdanko 2005) this species is not mentioned from Kazakhstan; in the books of V. V. Tshikolovets (1998, 2000, 2003, 2005) it is also not shown for this country. It has been recently recorded from West Kazakhstan (Dzhambul environs, Usturt

plateau) (Gorbunov 2011). No records are known from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, so there is a very big disjunction, more than 1000 km, in the area of this species.

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