

# Note. The second record of the rare species *Turanana durranii* (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae) from Afghanistan

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**Abstract.** *Turanana durranii* Coutsis & Tshikolovets, 2016 (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae) was described from a single holotype male collected by I. Pljushch in Afghanistan. The second discovered specimen is identical to the holotype, which supports the conclusion that this species occurs in the Band-e Amir National Park, Bamyan Province, Afghanistan.

**Samenvatting.** *Turanana durranii* Coutsis & Tshikolovets, 2016 (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae) is beschreven van een enkel holotype mannetje, verzameld door I. Pljushch in Afghanistan. Het tweede ontdekte exemplaar is identiek aan het holotype, wat de conclusie ondersteunt dat deze soort voorkomt in het Band-e Amir National Park, provincie Bamyan, Afghanistan.

**Résumé.** *Turanana durranii* Coutsis & Tshikolovets, 2016 (Lepidoptera : Lycaenidae) a été décrit à partir d'un seul mâle holotype collecté par I. Pljushch en Afghanistan. Le deuxième spécimen découvert est identique à l'holotype, ce qui confirme la présence de cette espèce dans le parc national de Band-e Amir, province de Bamyan, Afghanistan.

**Key words:** Lycaenidae — Second record — *Turanana durranii* — Afghanistan.

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*Turanana durranii* Coutsis & Tshikolovets, 2016 (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae) was described from a single holotype male collected by I. Pljushch in Afghanistan, Band-e Amir, 3000 m, 4.vii.2009. I received additional material from Afghanistan in 2023 collected by Y. Skrylnik, another participant of the Ukrainian expeditions to Afghanistan in 2007–2016. Among several species of Lycaenidae was a male *Turanana durranii* collected in Bamyan Province, 4 km southern of Jarukashan, Band-e Amir National Park, 3300 m, 29.vi.2016. The species

independence of *Turanana durranii* was justified by unique features in the structure of the genitalia and wing pattern (see Coutsis & Tshikolovets 2016: 76–77). The second available specimen is identical to the holotype, as shown in the photograph below, which supports the conclusion that this species actually exists with a range in Band-e Amir in Bamyan Province. The only obvious difference is more pronounced black spots in the postdiscal area of the underside of the wings, which are partially visible on the upper side of the wings.

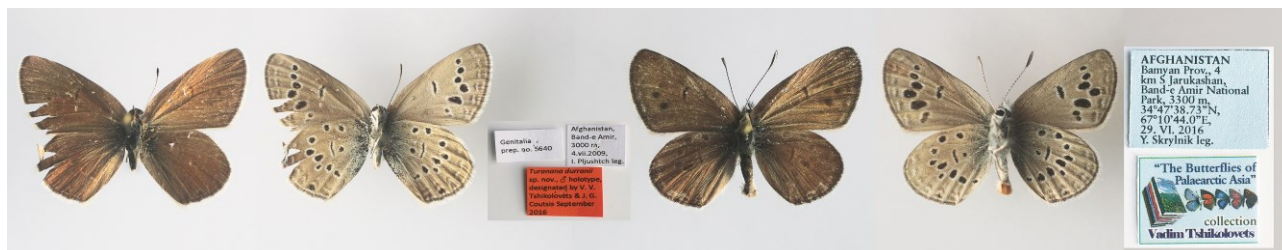


Fig. 1. *Turanana durranii* Coutsis & Tshikolovets, 2016: Holotype ♂ (left); second known specimen ♂ (right). © Vadim Tshikolovets.

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