

## THE GEOMETRID GENUS STAMNODES, GUENÉE.

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This genus has not been heretofore accorded a place in our lists, but must now be included to cover a well-defined group of species, ranged at present under the genus *Coenocalpe*, Hubn. Long ago I became convinced of the need for their separation, and obtained, through Mr. L. B. Prout, the European type of the genus. I found it did not fit a single species, with the exception, perhaps, of *polygrammata*, Hulst. If this prove to be so, for I am not certain of it as a fact, then with it would go, I presume, the recently described species, *Coenocalpe elegans*, Gross., which he says is nearly related. I have not yet seen his type specimen. Meanwhile, a conviction, after reading his description of the genus *Stamnodes*, Guenée, and of its type *pauperaria*, Evers., forced itself upon me, that Guenée's genus must also cover certain of our species, and again I sought the kind offices of Mr. Prout for the procurement of a type specimen. It was no easy task to secure one, but it has just come to hand, a fine male from Central Asia. Its venation, style of markings, of colouring, of scaly covering, all coincide with American forms, of which the nearest would be *Seifertii*, Neum., reduced one-half. The species which easily separate under it are :

*Seifertii*, Neu.  
*topazata*, Str.  
*fervifactaria*, Grote.  
*splendorata*, n. sp.  
*formosata*, Str.  
*Franckata*, Pears (MSS.).  
*gibbicostata*, Walk.  
*annellata*, Hulst.  
*coenonymphata*, Hulst.  
*Alaskæ*, Hulst.  
*delicata*, Gross.

Of the remaining species, *aurata*, Grote; *magnoliata*, Guen.; *oxygramma*, Hulst, form a small composite group, which may include *parinotata*, Zeller, and possibly *Hydriomena basaliata*, Walk.

*Phlebeculata*, Guen., if I interpret his description correctly, does not belong here, but may be found to displace some of our *Hydriomenid* names.

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