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RECTIFICATION OF A RECENT PAPER ON

*LEUCANELLA MEMUSAE GARDINERI*<sup>1</sup>

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IN VOL. 15 OF THIS JOURNAL, Gardiner (1976) has described and figured the early stages of *Leucanella memusae gardineri* Lemaire and compared these to what he said is the nominate subspecies, *L. memusae memusae* (Walker). However, Gardiner's figures of what he says represent the nominate subspecies are actually of *L. viridescens* (Walker.) The two species have long been confused in the literature. Because the source locality of the *L. viridescens* stock is not given, I am unable to say which subspecies of *L. viridescens* it is. The aforementioned remarks result from reference to an excellent and recent revision by Lemaire (1973).

It is stated in the original description of *L. m. gardineri* that the type series consisted of wild specimens supplied to Lemaire by F. Plaumann of Brazil. Gardiner states that the type series was reared by himself in England.

Gardiner's paper is valuable for confirming that *L. memusae* and *L. viridescens* are not conspecific by showing differences between the larvae.

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<sup>1</sup>Attacidae=Saturniidae