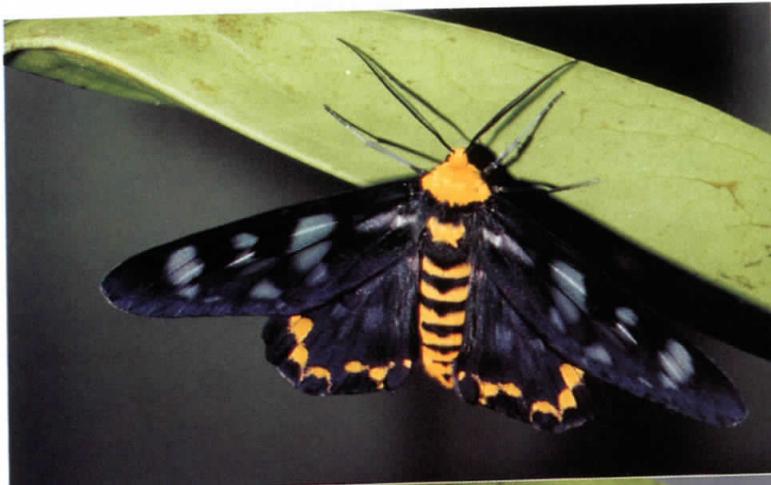


***DYSPHANIA NUMANA* BIOLOGY IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA (LEPIDOPTERA: GEOMETRIDAE: GEOMETRINAE)**

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The tropical genus *Dysphania* includes some of the largest and most colorful of all the Geometridae. In Queensland, Australia, *Dysphania numana* (Cramer) is one of the largest to be found. The photo sequence below shows the adult and its colorful larva (green in earlier instars, then later turning to yellow). Larvae were reared in Cardwell (north of Townsville, near Cairns), on the coast of eastern Queensland.

As with other *Dysphania* from Southeast Asia, hostplants include various mangroves; *D. numana* feeding on the genus *Carallia* (Rhizophoraceae).

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