Recent records of Rare Lepidoptera in Trinidad

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1) Pteronymia artena (Hewitson). Fam: Ithomiidae.

A male of this transparent-winged species was taken at Simla in the Arima Valley on 27th March 1976. Barcant (1970) figures this species and records the capture of a single specimen at La Laja Road on 7th May 1968.

Metamorpha epaphus(Latreille). Fam: Nymphalidae. A specimen of this species, locally known as the "Rusty-Tipped Page", was taken by Dr. R.D. Morris on the Santa Cruz - Maracas Bay trail in November 1975. Although the specimen escaped from the net and I was unable to see it, Dr. Morris's description left no doubt that it was this species. Barcant (1970) regards this as a great rarity in Trinidad and records only four specimens.

3) Calionima pan Cramer. Fam: Sphingidae.

Two specimens of this species, which is a new record for Trinidad, were taken during December 1975 from the walls of the Biological Sciences Department, U.W.I., St. Augustine. The genus Callionima of which there are three other local species are small (wingspan approximately 6 cm) brown moths with the forewing decorated by a silver discal mark. All four Trinidad species are figured by Seitz (1912). The two specimens of C.pan were determined by Dr. A.H. Hayes of the British Museum.