
A Hesperiid Hitch-hiker

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IN THE course of unpacking a suitcase upon my family's return to Montreal in September 1977, following a visit to Trinidad, I was pleasantly surprised to find a live caterpillar among the damp towels and bathsuits. It was promptly secured and placed in an environmental chamber (LD 16:8, 60% RH, 80° C). Pupation occurred the following day (September 16, 1977) and an adult Hesperiid butterfly emerged eleven days later (September 27, 1977). It turned out to be *Pellicia bromias* G. & S. which occurs in Trinidad and Tobago (Barcant, 1970) and which is known also from Mexico, southwards to Panama (Godman and Salvin, 1887 – 1901; Draudt, 1921 – 1924). Klots (1951) records it as a casual species which strays into southern Texas.

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* *Pellicia bromias* G. & S. is a synonym of *Nisoniades rubescens* Moeschler-Ed.

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