

1901. *Metacrias strategica* (Huds.). Hampson, p. 468.

1928. *Metacrias strategica* (Huds.). Hudson, p. 44, Pl. I, fig. 20; Pl. VI, figs. 9 and 10.

MALE

Wingspan approximately 31 mm.

Head. Densely clothed with long erect hair, yellow on frontal region, black elsewhere, concealing the palps. Antennae blackish-brown, 6 mm, moderately bipectinated to apex.

Thorax. Densely hairy; a semi-circular crest on the prothoracic patagia, dark-grey in the midline, yellow laterally; dorsum of meso- and metathorax jet-black; very conspicuous crests on tegulae, black with long yellow hairs around margins; very long hair beneath, blackish with some yellow on procoxa.

Legs. Femur of each leg with closely adhering pale crimson scales above, yellow and black scales below; tibiae and tarsi yellowish above, dark-coloured beneath.

Wings. Forewings elongate triangular, costa straight, termen strongly rounded, anal margin curved basally; R3 anastomoses with R4+5 to form a short areole in 7 of the 10 specimens examined. Upper surface black with creamy-white streaks; an anterior broad cream streak, narrowed at either end, from the base through cell to the termen between veins M1 and M2; a long broad posterior streak from base to termen between the cubital and anal veins, often finely forked at extremity; four narrow streaks along the termen, one anterior between R5 and M1, the others between the two long streaks; a narrow cream line along the anal margin. Hindwings rounded, orange-yellow with long yellow hairs towards anal margin and base; a moderate to broad black terminal band, scalloped along its inner margin between the veins; an isolated circular black ternal spot; a narrow band of red along the terminal margin from M1 to the ternal spot on 2A; the veins are indicated by fine black lines. Undersurface of both wings yellowish, margined with black, narrow along costa, broad around termen, a diffuse red subcostal streak and an extremely small black discal spot on both wings; hindwing with ternal spot and red terminal margin as on upper surface. Cilia creamy-white and grey.

Abdomen. Clothed dorsally with dense, long, brownish-yellow or black hair; tufts of long yellow hair on pleural region; closely adhering scales on the sternites forming black and yellow transverse bands.

Genitalia. (Fig. 11.) Uncus triangular in dorsal view, apex hooked ventrally; gnathos absent; aedaegus approximately 1.5 mm; valva with short broad posterior process, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the aedaegus, and bearing some short, stiff setae on its rounded extremity.

FEMALE

Total length approximately 12 mm. Entirely covered except antennae, with long, pale-brown, grey or yellowish-brown hair and scales. Antennae 4 mm, filiform, with sparse covering of whitish scales.

Thorax. Densely covered with hair above and below, including all leg joints in fresh specimens. Dorsum fully sclerotised. Legs fully developed, but each joint shorter than in the male.

Wings. Reduced to approximately the length of the antennae; thick and fleshy; densely hairy, often with some dark-coloured markings; almost immovable and held back against the abdomen.