CHILADES MOORE, [1881], A NEW GENUS FOR THE BULGARIAN FAUNA (LEP.: PAPILIONOIDEA: LYCAENIDAE)

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THE SMALLEST European butterfly Chilades trochylus trochylus (Freyer, [1845]) was previously known from Greece and European Turkey (type-locality) (Hesselbarth, van Oorschot & Wagener, 1995: 586; Tolman, 1997: 100-101). Recently a single male with the following data has been found: S Black Sea Coast: S Ahtopol: Veleka (UTM grid code 35TNG75): 16 June 1968: A. Slivov leg. et coll. (in collection Institute of Zoology, Sofia) (Fig. 1). This new record extends significantly the range of this subspecies in Europe and is also even a new genus for the Bulgarian butterfly fauna.

Figure 1.
UTM map of Bulgaria showing the locality of Chilades trochylus trochylus (Freyer, [1845]).

References