Revision of the Korean Species of Sesiidae (Lepidoptera)

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During the past four years the exploration of the Sesiidae of Korea has been the aim of several field expedition. An extensive and scientifically highly important material, mainly with the use of artificial pheromone lures, clearwing moths have been collected. However, Sesiidae is very difficult to collecting in the field. For several reasons, adult is small to medium-sized diurnal Lepidoptera, typically mimicking certain Hymenoptera sometimes to a striking degree.

In the Korean Peninsula, Matsumura (1931a, 1931b) first reported four species of the Sesiidae, and 10 species belonging to four genera were added by Inoue et al. (1982), Park (1983), Korea Check list (1984), and Park (1986). In the present study, The 26 species recorded from Korea. Of them, 4 species are new species. 16 species are reported for the first time from Korea. The species (Entrichella constricta (Bulter, 1878), Paranthren tabaniformis tabaniformis (Rottemburg, 1775), Paranthrenopsis editha (Butler, 1878), Pennisetia pectinata (Staudinger, 1887), Sesia rhynchioides (Butler, 1881), Sesia yezoensis (Hampson, 1919), Melittia inouei Arita & Yata, 1987, Toleria romanovi (Leech, 1889), Nokona regalis (Butler, 1887), Nokona pernix (Leech, 1889), Synanthedon bicingulata (Staudinger, 1887), Synanthedon hitangvora Yang, 1977, - Synanthedon unocingulata Bartel, 1912, Synanthedon quercus (Matsumura, 1911)) are dealt with redescrption, illustration of genitalia, and venation.