

## **The blue-rinse moth with the secret inflatable hair-drier, the star-spangled can-opener and other wonders of the wainscot world**

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New Zealand used to have an amazing radiation of Hadeninae (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae), beating anything the Australians have to offer by a trans-Tasman mile. Recent taxonomic shenanigans have resulted in New Zealand losing all its hadenines, but fortunately these have been replaced by exactly the same number of noctuines of the tribe Leucaniini. How many are there? In how many genera? What do their genitalia look like when squashed and mounted on slides? Why, oh why? All of these questions will be addressed, though not necessarily answered.

