

Pronophila epidipnis orcidipnis Pyrcz & Viloría, new subsp.

(Fig. 21-22)

Pronophila epidipnis Thieme, 1907:204. 7 syntypes (males): Venezuela, Mérida, in collections Staudinger [ZMHU, 3 males examined] and O. Thieme [whereabouts unknown].

[*Pronophila epidipnis* subsp. nov. Pyrcz & Viloría, MS]; Viloría, 2000:267.
 [*Pronophila epidipnis* n. ssp. Pyrcz & Viloría, MS, no. 1036f]; Lamas *et al.*, 2004:214.

Diagnosis.— As in the nominate subspecies from Mérida, *P. epidipnis orcidipnis* has only a faint lightening of the dark brown color on the forewing upperside subapical area, contrary to *Pronophila epidipnis orchewitsoni* Adams & Bernard, **stat. rev.**, in which white, greyish or bluish patches are always present. Compared to the nominate subspecies, this new subspecies has a slightly more marked orange patch on the forewing underside, basal to the Cu₂-M₃ ocellus, about the same size as in *P. epidipnis orchewitsoni*; the hindwing underside ground color is dull grey, and the markings are even less contrasting than in nominate *P. epidipnis*; the median and submarginal bands are very faint; the postmedian ocelli are not ringed with black as in *P. epidipnis orchewitsoni*. Contrary to *P. epidipnis epidipnis*, the hindwing apical margins not rufous but grey as in the remaining color.