

## *Corades medeba columbina* Staudinger, 1894

*Corades medeba* var. *columbina* Staudinger, 1894: 77.

**Material examined.**— VENEZUELA: 5 males, Betania-El Potrero, 2400-2600m, 28/29 May 1994, A. Vilorio, J. Camacho, M. García *leg.*; 2 males, bosque arriba de Betania, 2400-2500m, 14 Aug 1996, A. Vilorio, V. Carrizo, D. González *leg.*; 1 male, same data, 2400-2450m, 15 Aug 1996, A. Vilorio, V. Carrizo, J. González *leg.*; 1 male, same data, 2350m, 16 Aug 1996, A. Vilorio, V. Carrizo *leg.*; 1 male, selva nublada arriba de Betania, 2400-2480m, 24 Aug 1996, A. Vilorio, V. Carrizo, L. E. González *leg.* [MALUZ]; 6 males, Betania, 2200-2300m, 16 Apr 1996, T. Pyrcz *leg.*; 1 male, same data, 15 Apr 1996; 5 males, same data, 2700m, Aug 1987 [TWP].

**Remarks.**— This is a widespread species ranging from Venezuela (Cordillera de la Costa) to Bolivia. The differences in the color pattern between various populations of *C. medeba* consist basically in the gradual enlargement of orange markings on the hindwing underside from north to south. In the populations found in the Cordillera de Mérida and Colombia (including El Tamá), described as *columbina*, orange markings are shaped as small, rounded spots. Specimens from Ecuadorian populations show a faint orange streak, which connects the spots to the wing base. In south Peruvian and Bolivian specimens, corresponding to the nominate subspecies, the streak and the patch merge into one, wide elongated patch. *C. medeba* is the lower representative of the parapatric duo involving *C. cybele* Butler (Adams, 1986).