

## Clouded drab - *Orthosia incerta* Hufn.

The moth has a wingspan of 38-40 mm. The basic colour of the forewings is highly variable: one can find specimens with reddish-brown, dark brown or light grey complexity. In case the basic colour is not too dark, the usual noctuid pattern is conspicuous, especially the contours of the round dot and the reniform dot. There is a well visible line across, by the edge of the wings. The hindwings are greyish brown.

The host plants of the caterpillar include many broad-leave forest trees, i.e. linden, etc., but it feeds also on perennials like *Rumex*. Occasional damages have been reported on apple, pears, and ornamentals. There is a single damaging period in each year in May-June.

The caterpillars feed on the leaves, later they can damage also the forming fruits. They are carnivorous; can feed on other caterpillars, i.e. of *Tortrix viridana*, or also of their own species.

The CSALOMON<sup>®</sup> pheromone trap should be placed at the height of 1 - 1.5 m near the trunks of trees, on branches of trees and bushes.

Usual starting date for trapping is beginning of March (Hungary).

Selectivity of the CSALOMON<sup>®</sup> trap (based on tests performed in Hungary): in Hungary occasionally some catches of the noctuid *Conistra rubiginea* can be observed.

This is smaller, reddish, and can be told apart easily from the clouded drab on the basis of its differing wing pattern and colour.



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*The moth, which is captured in the trap*

A CSALOMON<sup>®</sup> pheromone trap starts slowly to decrease its attractive activity after 4-6 weeks of field exposure (depending on actual weather conditions).

After this period it is advisable to set up a new trap for reliable detection and monitoring.

Trap design recommended: for detection our sticky trap design (RAG) is most suitable. It proved to be excellent and very sensitive for detection of occurrence and monitoring of flight dynamics of the species.

The sticky insert can become saturated with captured specimens within a relatively short period (1-2 days even) at high population densities, so frequent renewal of sticky inserts may become necessary.

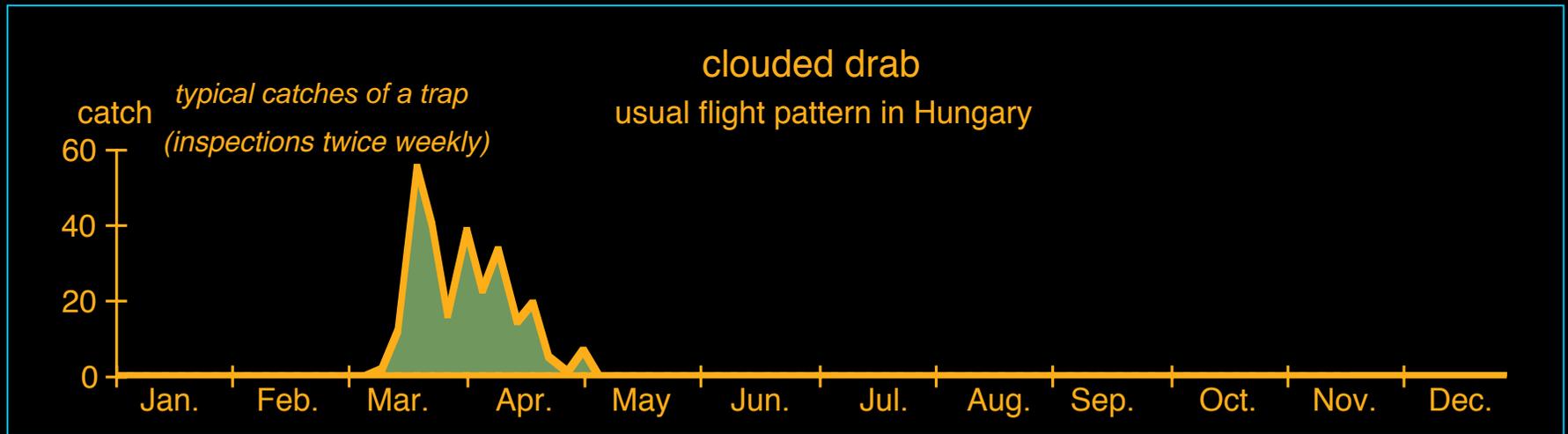
There are few references in the literature dealing with the identification, synthesis and application of the sex attractant of the clouded drab:

*Booij C.J.H. and Voerman S. Ent. exp. & appl. 36:15-16, 1984.*



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