

Notes on the genus *Astinus* Stål (Heteroptera: Reduviidae: Harpactorinae) from Vietnam, with the description of the female of *Astinus intermedius* Miller

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Abstract

Two species of *Astinus* Stål of the reduviid subfamily Harpactorinae (*A. siamensis* and *A. intermedius*) from Vietnam are recognized and keyed. *Astinus intermedius* Miller, 1954 is reported for the first time from Vietnam. The female of *A. intermedius* is described. The dorsal habitus, head and pronotum, genital structures, and other diagnostic morphological features of the two species are illustrated.

Key words: *Astinus*, *Astinus intermedius*, new record, Reduviidae, Harpactorinae, key, Vietnam

Introduction

Astinus Stål, a small harpactocorine genus, was established in 1859 by Stål with *Ploeogaster m-album* Amyot & Signoret, 1843 as type species. Stål (1863), Distant (1903), and Miller (1941, 1954) described additional four species from other Oriental regions. Maldonado-Capriles (1990) cataloged five species in the genus. Hsiao (1979) and Hsiao & Ren (1981) recorded *Astinus siamensis* Distant from China and Vietnam. In a study of Vietnamese reduviids, we found one female identifiable as *Astinus intermedius* Miller, which had originally been described from one male from Borneo. To facilitate the identification of these little-known species, here we describe the female of *A. intermedius*, redescribe *A. siamensis*, and illustrate the important morphological features of both species.