

Taxonomic notes on the genus *Epidaus* Stål (Heteroptera: Reduviidae: Harpactorinae) from Vietnam, with the description of a new species

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Abstract

Four species of *Epidaus* Stål from Vietnam are recognized and keyed. *Epidaus sexspinus* Hsiao and *Epidaus longispinus* Hsiao are reported for the first time from Vietnam. *Epidaus bachmaensis* Truong, Zhao & Cai, sp. nov. is described and its dorsal habitus, head, pronotum, male genitalia, and other diagnostic morphological features are illustrated.

Key words: Reduviidae, Harpactorinae, *Epidaus*, taxonomy, Vietnam, new species, new records, key.

Introduction

Epidaus Stål is a medium-sized genus of the reduviid subfamily Harpactorinae with 23 described species in the world (Maldonado-Capriles, 1990). The genus was established by Stål (1859) with the Philippine species *Zelus transverses* Burmeister, 1835 as type species. Most species are distributed in the Oriental Region and only two species occur in the Palearctic Region. So far, only *E. famulus* Stål, has been reported from Vietnam (Truong, 2002). Our recent examination of Vietnamese reduviids resulted in the recognition of two species hitherto unknown from this country, and a new species which we describe here.

Materials and Methods

This study is based on materials preserved in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA (AMNH); the Entomological Museum of the China Agricultural