

## A new species of *Phasmatocoris* Breddin (Hemiptera: Reduviidae: Emesinae) from the Amazon, Brazil

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### Abstract

*Phasmatocoris xavieri* sp. nov. is described based on male and female adults and a last-stage nymph. The specimens were found on the walls and roof of a cave named “Gruta dos Animais” (02°03'02,64S/59°57'51,47W), a sandstone cave located in primary “terra firme” forest to the north of the city of Manaus, Amazonas State in Brazil. The individuals were about 30m from the entrance, in an aphotic zone. Adults share characteristics with the species *Phasmatocoris magdalena* Wygodzinsky, *P. sturmi* Wygodzinsky, and *P. moraballi* Wygodzinsky.

**Key words:** Heteroptera, Insecta, new taxon, systematics, Neotropical region, Amazon

### Resumo

*Phasmatocoris xavieri* sp. nov. é descrita com base em machos e fêmeas adultas e em uma ninfa de último instar. Os espécimes foram encontrados nas paredes e no teto de uma caverna chamada “Gruta dos Animais” (02°03'02,64S/59°57'51,47W), uma caverna de arenito localizada em uma área de floresta primária de terra firme ao norte da cidade de Manaus, Estado do Amazonas, Brasil. Os exemplares estavam a cerca de 30m da entrada, em uma zona afótica. Os adultos têm características em comum com as espécies *Phasmatocoris magdalena* Wygodzinsky, *P. sturmi* Wygodzinsky e *P. moraballi* Wygodzinsky.

**Palavras-chave:** Heteroptera, Insecta, novo táxon, sistemática, Região Neotropical, Amazônia

### Introduction

Wygodzinsky (1966) included in *Phasmatocoris* Breddin, all the species previously placed in *Rothbergia* McAtee & Malloch, and *Myiagreutes* Bergroth, considering these to be junior synonyms of *Phasmatocoris*. Wygodzinsky (1966) grouped these species on the basis of the particular structure of male genitalia, despite their morphological variety (Forero 2007). This genus now contains 13 described species, four of them known from Brazil (Wygodzinsky 1966; Maldonado Capriles 1990).

Wygodzinsky (1966) stressed the wide range of ecological situations in which the various species can be found, from the tropical rain forests of the east slope of the Andes and those of the Amazonian, to semi-arid regions (Wygodzinsky 1966).