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Corynoneura Winnertz from East Asia, with a systematic review of the genus (Diptera: Chironomidae: Orthocladiinae)

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Abstract

Nine new species of Corynoneura Winnertz, C. confidens sp. n., C. cylindricauda sp. n., C. inefligiata sp. n., C. korema sp. n., C. latusatra sp. n., C. macdonaldi sp. n., C. medicina sp. n., C. nankaiensis sp. n. and C. prominens sp. n. are described and illustrated as males. C. arctica Kieffer, C. edwardsi Brundin, C. ferelobatus Sublette et Sasa, C. gratias Schlee, C. lobata Edwards, C. scutellata Winnertz and C. yoshimurai Tokunaga are classified based on Chinese specimen. Ten Japanese species: C. fujiundecima Sasa, C. ginzanquinta Sasa et Suzuki, C. inawapequea Sasa, Kitami et Suzuki, C. kibunelata Sasa, C. kibunespinosa Sasa, C. kisogawa Sasa et Kondo, C. seiryuresea Sasa, Suzuki et Sakai, C. sorachibecea Sasa et Suzuki, C. tokarapequea Sasa et Suzuki, C. tokaraquerea Sasa et Suzuki are reexamined based on the holotypes. C. ginzanquinta Sasa et Suzuki is transferred to the genus Thienemanniella Kieffer. A preliminary estimate of the phylogenetic relationships of the sufficiently known males is given. A key to the sufficiently known males of Corynoneura is provided.

Key words: Chironomidae, Orthocladiinae, Corynoneura, key, new species, phylogeny, East Asia

Introduction

Corynoneura Winnertz is world-wide in distribution with many undescribed species. Corynoneura, Thienemanniella Kieffer and a few recently described genera are the only chironomids in which the radial sector is retracted, swollen and fused with costa apically, forming a thick clavus terminating at or before the midpoint of the wing. The larvae also are distinctive by having the antenna at least as long as the head capsule and in having only 4 antennal segments. The larvae are found in nearly all types of aquatic habitats from standing water in ditches to fast flowing mountain streams. Because of their small size they have been frequently overlooked and their distribution under-recorded. The larvae of both Corynoneura and Thienemanniella are often found in fissures in submerged stones in fast flowing waters.

Winnertz (1846) established the genus *Corynoneura*, with *Corynoneura scutellata* Winnertz, 1846 as the type species. So far 58 species have been recognized. Thirty-eight species are recorded from the Palaearctic Region, 9 from the Nearctic Region, 3 from the Neotropical Region, 16 from the Oriental Region, 4 from the Afrotropical Region and 3 from the Australasian Region (Ashe & Cranston 1990; Boesel & Winner 1980; Cranston *et al.* 1989; Cranston & Martin 1989; Freeman 1953, 1961; Freeman & Cranston 1980; Hazra *et al.* 2003; Hirvenoja & Hirvenoja 1988; Makarchenko *et al.* 2005; Makarchenko & Makarchenko 2006; Schlee 1968b; Singh & Maheshwari 1987; Sublette & Sasa 1994; Tokunaga 1936; Tuiskunen 1983; Wang 2000; Yamamoto 2004).

Prior to this study 29 species of the genus had been reported from East Asia: 6 from China, 20 from Japan, 2 from Mongolia and 13 from the Russian Far East (Makarchenko *et al.* 2005; Makarchenko & Makarchenko 2006; Sasa 1979, 1985, 1989; Sasa *et al.* 1988; Sasa *et al.* 1999; Sasa & Kikuchi 1995; Sasa & Kondo 1993; Sasa & Suzuki 1995, 1998, 2000a, 2000b, 2001; Sasa *et al.* 1998; Wang 2000; Yamamoto 2004).

Based on the holotype *C. ginzanquinta* Sasa *et* Suzuki from Japan is transferred to *Thienemanniella* Kieffer. It will be redescribed elsewhere. In addition, 9 new species from China are described below based on material at Nankai University. Accordingly, there presently are 37 species known for the East Asia Region.

Methods and material

Morphological nomenclature follows Sæther (1980) with additions and corrections given by Sæther (1990). Material examined was mounted on slides following the procedure outlined by Sæther (1969). Measurements are given as ranges, followed by the mean when more than two specimens were measured, followed by the number (n) of specimens measured. In the figures of the male genitalia, the dorsal view is shown to the left, the ventral view to the right.