



Two new species of the apterous Carventinae genus *Comorocoris* Heiss, 1985 from Madagascar (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Aradidae)

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Abstract

The monobasic genus *Comorocoris* Heiss, 1985 was erected for the peculiar apterous species *C. testudiformis* from Moheli Island [= Mwali] of the Comoro Archipelago. Recent forest litter sifting in Madagascar unexpectedly brought to light two new species belonging to this genus which are described and illustrated. A key to the three species is given.

Key words: Hemiptera, Heteroptera, Aradidae, Carventinae, apterous, new species, *Comorocoris*, Madagascar

Résumé

Le genre monotypique *Comorocoris* Heiss, 1985 a été établi pour une espèce bizarre et aptère, *C. testudiformis* Heiss, 1985 décrite de l'Isle de Moheli [= Mwali] de l'archipel de Comores. Le tamisage de la litière forestière, effectué par nous récemment à Madagascar, a mené à la découverte inattendue de deux espèces nouvelles de ce genre qui sont décrites et figurées dans cette contribution. Une clé d'identification des trois espèces de *Comorocoris* est aussi présentée.

Résumé en malgache

Ny zanra karazana tokana *Comorocoris* Heiss, 1985 izay hita fa hafahafa sy tsy misy elatra, *C. testudiformis*, voasoratr'i Isle de Moheli [= Mwali] tany archipel ny Comores. Ny fanivanana ny zezika anaty ala, izay nataontsika vao haingana tao Madagascar, dia nahazahoana voka-pikarohana nahafa-po karazana roa vaovao avy amin'io ganra io izay voasoratra sy hita ao amin'ny fizarazaram-paritra. Ny fanalakidy famantarana ireo karazana *Comorocoris* telo ireo dia efa misy ihany koa.

Introduction

As a result of recent collecting activities by the junior authors (PB, LSR) in Madagascar using forest litter sifting methods, several new taxa of Aradidae were found. Among them are also two apterous species unexpectedly sharing all essential characters of the monotypic genus *Comorocoris*, e.g., bulbously elevated thorax and abdomen, structure of head and antennae, shape of pronotum, position of spiracles but are distinctive in other characters. These species are described as *Comorocoris inexpectatus* n.sp. and *Comorocoris glabridorsum* n.sp.