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Revealing the diversity of *Cloeodes* Traver, 1938 (Ephemeroptera: Baetidae) in the Neotropics: description of eleven new species from Brazilian mountain ranges

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Abstract

In the present work, based on material from distinct mountain ranges in Brazil, 11 new species of *Cloeodes* with hind wings or hind wing pads are described, illustrated and discussed. Among the new species, in *C. aiuruoca*, *C. amantkyra*, *C. atlanticus*, *C. boldrinii* and *C. ioachimi*, the apex of the fore femora in the nymphs is extremely projected (a characteristic previously found only in two species of the genus). *Cloeodes guara* and *C. tracheatus* share the presence of unusual large and dark gills. *Cloeodes melanotarsus* is readily distinguished by conspicuous blackish tarsi, *C. lucifer* by the bright yellow coloration of tergum I, and *C. xyrognathos* by blade-like incisors. *Cloeodes magnus*, besides being the largest species of the genus, with a body size reaching 12 mm, possess short maxillary palp. Comments on the presence of *C. irvingi* and *C. opacus* in Brazil are also provided. An interactive online key is provided for the nymphs of all the species of *Cloeodes* in which hind wing pads are present.

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