

***Caragonia*, a new genus of Cicadellini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) from Southeastern Brazil**

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Abstract

Caragonia gen. nov. is described and placed in the nominate tribe of Cicadellinae, based on a previous phylogenetic analysis of the closely related genus *Balacha* Melichar. The new genus can be distinguished from other Neotropical genera of Cicadellini by a combination of the following features: crown slightly produced anteriorly, forming nearly a right angle with frons in lateral view; pronotum wider than head with lateral margins convergent anteriorly; female sternite VII with a median longitudinal elevated fold, posterior margin with narrow and deep concavity, lateral margins well produced posteriorly; teeth of second valvulae of ovipositor gradually declivous posteriorly; aedeagus cylindrical and elongate, shaft with base directed anteriorly and then curving gradually posteriorly, with apical pair of processes; paraphyses with stalk longer than rami; and subgenital plates with apex broadly round. *Caragonia bella* sp. nov. is described and illustrated from Southeastern Brazil (São Paulo and Minas Gerais states) and assigned as the type-species of *Caragonia* gen. nov. *Tettigonia monstrosa* Signoret, previously placed in the genus *Caragonalia* Young, is transferred to the new genus based on characters of the external morphology and female genitalia.

Key words: *Caragonia*, taxonomy, new genus, new species, new combination, *Tettigonia monstrosa* Signoret.