



## A review of the genus *Criotettix* Bolivar (Orthoptera: Scelimenidae) from China

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### Abstract

A total of nineteen species of *Criotettix* Bolivar occurring in China were systematically researched in this paper. Two species, *Criotettix longinota* sp. nov. and *Criotettix nigripennis* sp. nov. are described as new to science. Synonymy, distribution and a key to species are presented. The type specimens are deposited in the Institute of Zoology, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China.

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### Introduction

The genus *Criotettix* was erected by Bolivar in 1887. Here it is considered a member of the family Scelimenidae. This genus currently includes 60 known species (Shishodia 1991, Blackith 1992, Zheng 2005). They are mainly distributed in Indonesia, New Guinea, Philippines, Burma, India, Sri Lanka, Japan, Malaya and China (Kirby 1914, Gunther 1939, Rehn 1952, Shishodia 1991, Blackith 1992, Zheng 2005). This paper deals with 19 species of the genus occurring in China and two species are described as new. The type specimens are deposited in the Institute of Zoology, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China.

### Genus *Criotettix* Bolivar

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Type species: *Criotettix bisppinosus* (Dalman, 1818)

Body moderate-sized or small, slender. Head not exserted, vertex generally as broad as or wider than an eye, narrowed in front, extends upto the level of eyes in front, depressed on either side, median carinula distinct anteriorly, lateral carinula elevated on the level of eyes and reflexed laterally in front, frontal costa bifurcate

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