



Additional records of Heteroptera (Hemiptera) from Argentina

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Abstract

New Heteroptera findings of Anthocoridae (1 sp.), Coreidae (5 sp.), Cydnidae (1 sp.), Miridae (6 sp.), Nabidae (2 sp.), and Reduviidae (8 sp.) are given from Argentina. New country records are mentioned for the families Coreidae: *Lybius dichrous* Stål, *Vilga* (*Vilgula*) *serrulata* Montandon, *Vilga* (*Laevivilga*) *divaricata* Distant; and Reduviidae: *Apiomerus flavipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, *Rasahus paraguayensis* Coscarón, *Ricolla femoralis* Distant, and *R. quadrispinosa* (Linné).

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Introduction

Argentina is a link between two large geographic regions (Morrone, 1996), and this has increased the biodiversity of arthropods. In Argentina we find an “austral” biota with affinity to the fauna of the south of Chile, Australia (including Tasmania), New Zealand, and New Guinea; and a “tropical” fauna (30°S) with affinity with the rest of South America, Mesoamerica, and the tropics of the Old World.

Heteroptera is important in several ways for agricultural, medical, and veterinary entomologists, including studies on current climatic change (Musolin and Fujisaki, 2006). According to Schaefer and Panizzi (2000), the more we know about these insects the better we can control the harmful ones and exploit the useful ones. All of this will permit us to enlarge their biodiversity knowledge and to affect different ways to conserve them.

Continuing with the previous contributions (Melo and Coscarón, 2004; Melo *et al.* 2004), the new records here will enlarge the known distribution of Argentinean Heteroptera. The studied material is deposited in the Museo de La Plata (Argentina).

Anthocoridae

Tribe Oriini Carayon

Orius pallidus (Poppius, 1909)

Triphleps pallidus Poppius 1909: 39.

Thriphleps pallidus 1921: 27.

Orius pallidus Carpintero 2002: 38.

New records. ♀ **Argentina:** Salta, Vaqueros: 28° 42'05.83" S, 65° 24'12.10" W, Olivo col.