

Two new species and a new record of *Anacroneuria* (Plecoptera: Perlidae) from Central Brazil

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Abstract

We studied specimens of *Anacroneuria* (Plecoptera: Perlidae) collected from the region of Goiás City, Goiás State, Brazil. Two new species of *Anacroneuria*, *A. meloi* Bispo & Novaes and *A. corae* Bispo & Novaes are described and *A. debilis* (Pictet) is recorded for the first time from Goiás State.

Key words: aquatic insects, streams, biodiversity, Neotropical

Resumo

Nós estudamos espécimes de *Anacroneuria* (Plecoptera: Perlidae) coletados na região da Cidade de Goiás, Estado de Goiás. Duas novas espécies de *Anacroneuria*, *A. meloi* Bispo & Novaes e *A. corae* Bispo & Novaes são descritas e *Anacroneuria debilis* (Pictet) é registrada pela primeira vez no Estado de Goiás.

Palavras chave: insetos aquáticos, riachos, biodiversidade, Neotropical

Introduction

Anacroneuria dourada Jewett and *A. galba* Jewett (Jewett 1960) were the first two species of Plecoptera described from Central Brazil (Goiás State). However, their descriptions were inadequate and the types apparently lost. More recently, two species of *Tupiperla* (Gripopterygidae) (Froehlich, 1998; Bispo & Froehlich, 2007), three of *Kempnyia* (Perlidae) (Bispo & Froehlich, 2004a) and three other species of *Anacroneuria* (Perlidae) (Bispo & Froehlich, 2004b) were recorded from Goiás State; six of these were described as new species. Additionally, unidentified species of the genera *Gripopteryx* (Gripopterygidae) and *Macrogynoplax* (Perlidae) represented only by immatures or by females were noted (Bispo *et al.*, 2002). In this paper, specimens of three species of *Anacroneuria* from Goiás State were studied, two of represent new species and are described below. Comments regarding the third species, *A. debilis* (Pictet, 1841) is also given.

Material and methods

The specimens studied were collected by A. S. Melo, V. G. Ferro, C. B. Pizza and F. Silveira at Fazenda Ferreirinha (altitude 504 msl, 15°39'39"S, 50°12'04"W), Goiás City (Cidade de Goiás) Municipality, Goiás State, Central Brazil. The specimens studied are deposited in the Entomological Collection of the Laboratório de Biologia Aquática (UNESP, Assis). For identification, the genitalia of males were cleared using KOH. The specimens were

Remarks. The penial armature of *A. corae* is similar to *A. toriba* Froehlich (Froehlich, 2002; 2010). However, *A. corae* is smaller and has a wing with less pigmented spot forming a window. Additionally, the female subgenital plate is 4-lobed (bilobed in *A. toriba*) and has a less elongated egg.

Etymology. The patronym honors Cora Coralina, pseudonym of Ana Lins dos Guimarães Peixoto Bretas (1889–1985), who was an important poet born in Goiás City (Goiás State), region where the specimens were collected.

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