

Revision of *Silhouettanus* with description of nine new species (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Schizopteridae)

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Abstract

The description of *Silhouettanus alboclavatus* Emsley, 1969 (Hemiptera: Schizopteridae) is recognized, supplemented and nine new species of *Silhouettanus* Emsley, 1969 (Hemiptera: Schizopteridae) are described from Queensland and New Caledonia. They are *S. bamaganus* sp. n., *S. insulomagnus* sp. n., *S. insuloparvus* sp. n., *S. lintrarius* sp. n., *S. magnus* sp. n., *S. monteithi* sp. n., *S. pilosus* sp. n., *S. tinnulus* sp. n. and *S. turbator* sp. n. A key to males of the species is provided. Notes on two undescribed Australian genera also with porrect heads and the holotype of *Dictyonannus flavus* Gross, 1951 are given. Morphological comparisons with other schizopterid genera are given.

Key words: porrect head, undescribed genera, taxonomy, Australia, New Caledonia, Seychelles

Introduction

Silhouettanus is a poorly known schizopterid genus whose description was dispersed through Emsley's (1969) monograph on the family. The description below of seven new species from Australia and two from New Caledonia, congeneric with a taxon from the Seychelles, also provides an opportunity to confirm the validity of the genus. *Silhouettanus* is unusual among Schizopteridae in possessing a porrect head, which suggests affinities to the Australian *Dictyonannus* Gross, 1951 and the New Guinean *Nannodictyus* Štys, 1974. Two indeterminate Australian taxa allied to these three genera are outlined below.

This is the tenth paper in a series on the schizopterid fauna of Australia building on the descriptions of three genera by Gross (1951). It is the second in which a genus described from the Seychelles has yielded a rich Australian fauna, the other being *Ogeria* Distant, 1913 (Hill, 1990). Two new species from New Caledonia are also described. Specimens for these papers mostly came from the excellent collections of the Australian National Insect Collection and the Queensland Museum but for this paper material was also available from surveys by the Northern Australian Quarantine Service in the Torres Strait region. A few undescribed schizopterid genera represented by small series in the collections remain to be described along with many new species in the previously treated genera. The ceratocombid fauna of Australia, mostly the widespread *Ceratocombus* Signoret, 1852 but also undescribed Issidomimini from far north Queensland and Torres Strait, present in the preceding collections, remains to be described.

Methods and material

The methods are those of Hill (2013) except that a greater proportion of stereoscopic drawings were prepared without a graticule because of small size.

Terminology. For setae, short, medium and long mean less than, equal to and longer than the diameter of the appendage or width of the structure bearing them, respectively. The metascutum includes the inclined posterior areas between the metascutellum and metapleura and may correspond with the hyperpleural lobes of Emsley (1969) and Štys (1982). The arolial sac corresponds to the empodial vesicle of Emsley (1969) and bladder-like

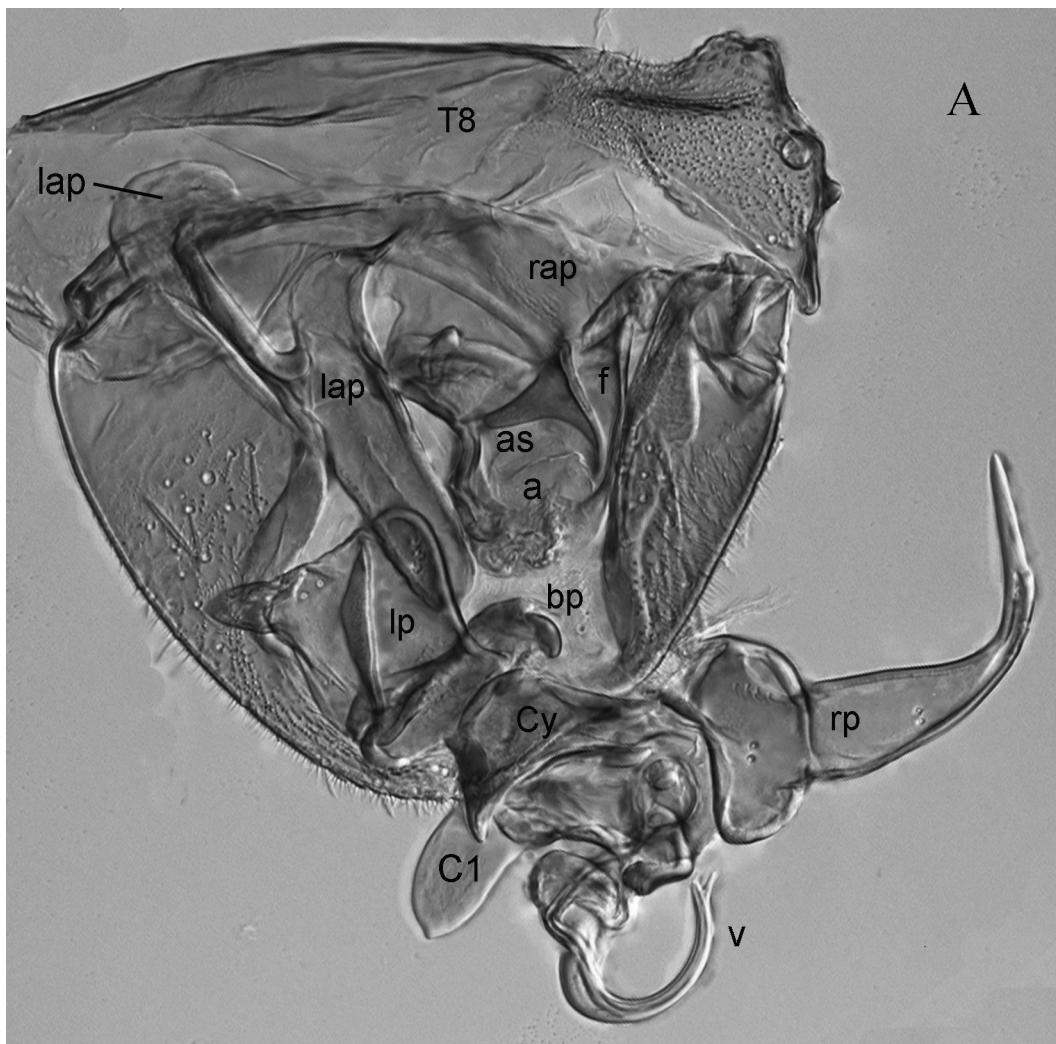


FIGURE 19. A, *Silhouettanus insulomagnus* male genitalia on slide, dorsal. Abbreviations: a, anophore; as, anophoric spine; bp, basal plate; C1, major conjunctival process; Cy, basal conjunctival sclerite; f, fracture of anophore and spine near base of rap. lap, left anophoric appendage; lp, left paramere; rap, right anophoric process; rp, right paramere; v, vesica.

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