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Thirteen new Costa Rican species belonging to the genus *Triraphis* Ruthe (Braconidae: Rogadinae) with their host records

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Abstract

Thirteen new species belonging to the genus *Triraphis* Ruthe are described and illustrated: *Triraphis baios* **sp**. **nov**., *T. balteus* **sp**. **nov**., *T. chinusi* **sp**. **nov**., *T. cortazari* **sp**. **nov**., *T. defectus* **sp**. **nov**., *T. guarusa* **sp**. **nov**., *T. huidobroi* **sp**. **nov**., *T. ikelosops* **sp**. **nov**., *T. melasops* **sp**. **nov**., *T. paraholos* **sp**. **nov**., *T. proxilus* **sp**. **nov**., *T. simphlex* **sp**. **nov**. and *T. willei* **sp**. **nov**. The lepidopteran hosts were feeding on 17 genera of plants within 16 families. Two families of Lepidoptera are reported as new hosts for *Triraphis*: *Acraga* sp. (Dalceridae) parasitized by *T. paraholos* **sp**. **nov**. and *Norape* sp. (Megalopygidae) by *T. guarusa* **sp**. **nov**. Moreover, four *Triraphis* species are treated as new combinations under the genus *Triraphis sensu* van Achterberg: *Triraphis areatus* (Cresson) **comb**. **n**., *T. fasciipennis* (Cresson) **comb**. **n**., *T. fusciceps* (Cresson) **comb**. **n**. and *T. ornatus* (Cresson) **comb**. **n**..

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Triraphis paraholos **sp. nov.**, and the family Megalopigydae with the genus *Norape* sp. parasitized by *T. guarusa* **sp. nov.**

The new species *Triraphis baios* and *T. sicbaios* are gregarious parasitoids as the previously described *Triraphis gregarius* (Watanabe, 1970). However, the actual number of host records and biological information for the genus *Triraphis*, as *Rogas sensu lato*, is poor (Shaw 1996) and the present number of gregarious species is probably underestimated by the present lack of biological information.

Otherwise, the genus *Triraphis* in Costa Rica is using the lepidopteran families Riodinidae (2 genera), Lycaenidae (2 genera) and Limacodidae (4 genera) as host. Interestingly, some of the host caterpillars are using totally unrelated host plant families for feeding (i.e. *Melanis sanguinea* is feeding on the plant families Bromeliaceae, Fabaceae and Euphorbiaceae). In summary, the total known number of host plant genera used by the lepidopteran larvae as host by *Triraphis* in Costa Rica is 17, in 16 different families (see Table 1).

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