

Some Additions to the Tingid Fauna of South India

The lace wing bugs belonging to the family Tingidae (Hemiptera) have been studied extensively elsewhere. A preliminary list of the Tingid fauna of South India was published in 1962 (Mohanasundaram, 1962). Since then, several species have been either collected or identified from previous collections. The present note is based on the collections of lace wing bugs made in South India by the author during the period 1962-70 and from the unidentified tingid specimens retrieved from the mixed insect collections of the Entomology Section, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore.

1. *Cysteochila delineata* (Distant) (Distant, 1910, p. 119) Syn. *Bredembachius delineatus* Distant.

The species was described from Calcutta and later collected from *Bauhinia purpuria*.

Specimens are available as collected from a red flowered tree from Bangalore by T. B. Fletcher on 26-8-1913.

2. *Bako malayanus* (Drake)

Syn. *Galeotingis malayana* Drake

Recorded on *Panicum repens*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Cenchrus glaucus*, *Oryza sativa* and *Saccharum officinarum* by Mohanasundaram (1962). The present specimens were collected from Bamboo leaves in Coimbatore which is a new host record.

3. *Amnianus ravanus* (Kirkaldy)

Syn. *Phyllontochila ravana* Kirkaldy (Distant 1904, p. 136)

This species was recorded from Ceylon on *Vitex trifolia*. Specimens

are on hand collected by P. S. Nathan, from Talliparamba, N. Malabar during July-August, 1918. Host has not been given.

4. *Monosteria edeia* Drake & Livingstone Drake & Livingstone (1964)

This species was described from *Zizyphus jujuba* in North India.

Several specimens have been collected from the same host from Vizagapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), July 1965.

5. *Naochila sufflata* (Drake & Poor)

(Drake & Ruhoff, 1965)

This was originally recorded on *Ehretia laevis* and *Lantana* sp. from Dehra Dun area.

Specimens were collected from a tree belonging to *Ficus* sp. from Oilseed Research Station, Salem, September 1964.

6. *Hegesidemus otiosus* Drake

(Drake & Ruhoff, 1965; p. 241)

It was recorded from Nilgiri Hills without host record.

The present specimens were collected at Doddapetta Peak in Nilgiris at 8000 feet on *Strobilanthus* plants on 11-9-1970.

7. *Paracopium cingalense* (Walker)

Syn. *Dictyonota cingalense* (Distant, 1904; p. 128)

This species has been previously recorded from India and Ceylon. E. J. Woodhouse had found it causing hypertrophy of the corolla of *Clerodendron phlomoides* flowers in Bengal.

Specimens are on hand collected by N. K. M. in Coimbatore on 8-7-1938

labelled as "in fruits of *Chlorodendron chlomidis*". The floral cecidia in this case has been wrongly conceived as fruits

8. *Tingis (Caenotingis) beesoni* Drake
(Drake & Ruhoff, 1965; p. 405)

Recorded from Burma on *Gmelia arborea*. Specimens are on hand labelled as "Vizagapatam, Anakapalli, 26-12-1928, V. T. Rao Coll. on *Gmelia arborea*".

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