

A new species of *Pristaulacus* from the Sikkim Himalaya. (Hym.)

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Pristaulacus rufobalteatus sp. nov. ♀.

Black, the apex of the 1st abdominal segment, the 2nd and the base of the 3rd, red; the 4 anterior legs, except the coxae, red; the hinder knees, apex of tibiae and the tarsi of a darker red; wings hyaline, iridescent, slightly tinged with violaceous; an oblique irregular cloud behind the transverse median and the transverse basal nervure, it curving round to the latter on the front half; a deeper cloud, of equal width, extending from the stigma close to the cubitus on the basal half of the 2nd cubital cellule; and there is a much fainter cloud along the apex; the nervures and stigma black. Collar bidentate, the teeth stout. Tarsal claws with 4 stout teeth. — Length 13, terebra 13 mm.

Front and vertex smooth, shining, almost impunctate, thickly covered with silvery pubescence. Ocelli in a curve, separated from each other by about the same distance as they are from the eyes; there is a distinct fovea behind each of the posterior. Apex of clypeus rufous; curved, the centre ending in a distinct tooth. Mandibles dark rufous at the base; palpi black. Prothorax closely punctured. Mesonotum strongly, closely transversely striated; the middle lobe furrowed down the centre. Scutellum smooth, the apex with 3 stout, widely separated transverse keels. Median segment coarsely reticulated; a deep, wide, crenulated furrow at the base. Upper part of propleurae reticulated, the rest closely punctured. Upper basal half of mesopleurae closely, somewhat strongly punctured; the rest irregularly reticulated. First transverse cubital nervure roundly, obliquely curved; the 2nd roundly broadly dilated outwardly, the lower two third almost obliterated; 2nd abscissa of cubitus curved towards the radius in the middle and having a minute stump there. First recurrent nervure received in the 1st cubital cellule, clearly distant from the 1st transverse cubital. Hind coxae closely transversely striated.

This species may be separated from *P. fasciatipennis* Cam. from Borneo thus:

1. Prothorax with 4 teeth; fore wings with a large, long cloud, legs entirely black; antennal scape red. 1st recurrent nervure interstitial.
P. fasciatipennis.
- Prothorax with 2 teeth; fore wings with only a small cloud at the base; 4 anterior legs red; antennal scape black; 1st recurrent nervure received in apex of 1st cubital cellule.
P. rufobalteatus.

The species belongs to *Bradley's* genus *Deraiodontus* (Trans. Am. Ent. Soc. XXVII, 321), which, however, is regarded by *Kieffer* (Bull. d. l. Soc. d'Hist. nat. de Metz, XI, 8) as a mere synonym of this *Pristaulacus*.

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Litteratur.

Theobald, Fred. — Diptera Fam. Culicidae. — Genera Insectorum, P. Wytsman, Bruxelles (irs. 15,50).

Bei dem rapiden Anwachsen der Mückenlitteratur in den letzten Jahren ist es ein verdienstvolles Werk, einen kurzen, zusammenfassenden Leitfaden zu geben, mit welchem der Entomologe, der anderen Gruppen sein Interesse geschenkt hat, sich einen Ueberblick verschaffen kann.

Tabellen für die Unterfamilien und alle Genera gehen der jedesmaligen Aufzählung der Arten voran. Auf 2 bunten Tafeln finden sich 24 der markantesten Formen mit vergrösserten Schuppen, welche bei der Einteilung eine grosse Rolle spielen, abgebildet. Die Ausstattung ist die vorbildlich gute, welche die Wytsmanschen Publikationen auszeichnet.

In dieser Darstellung der Genera befinden sich auch die Beschreibungen von drei neuen Arten (unter dem Strich), welche leicht übersehen werden können. *Stegomyia Thomsoni* (18), *Lepidotomyia magna* (22) und *Sayomyia queenslandensis* (43).

Adams, C. F. — On the North-American Species of *Siphonella*. (Psyche 1904, 103, 104).

Der Beschreibung von zwei neuen Arten: *S. parva* und *quinquelineata* (104) geht eine Tabelle von 10 sp. voran.

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