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Dermaptera

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Labidura riparia (Pallas)

Forficula riparia PALLAS, 1773, Reise Russischen Reichs 2 (2): 727.

Afghanistan: Kabul 1800 m, 1 ♂, VII. 1956 (J. DELERÉ); Herat 970 m, 1 ♀, 15. IV. 1956 (S. WILKE); Herat 970 m, 1 ♀, 5. V. 1956 (H. G. AMSEL).

Only three Dermaptera were collected during Dr. AMSEL's Expedition to Afghanistan, all of which belong to the cosmopolitan *Labidura riparia*, a species which tends to be an arenicole and is often common on sandy coasts, the margins of lakes and streams. It appears to have become distributed throughout the world in suitable biotopes and its worldwide distribution would seem to have taken place long ago as a distinct subspecies occurs in Australia, and in South America it is accompanied by one or two very closely related species.

In areas of pure sand, such as coastal regions, this species is usually very light in colour but from savannah or localities where the soil is dark with plant humus it is much darker in colour. The Afghanistan specimens collected by the Expedition are dark.

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