

Records of African Cassidinae (Col., Chrysomelidae) from the Museum G. Frey

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The records included in this report are the results of an expedition to several regions in Africa and therefore the species are listed systematically under geographical headings.

With one exception the specimens were collected by Dr. E. Haaf.

SOUTH and EAST AFRICA

Aspidomorpha confinis ssp. *concinna* Weise

Aspidomorpha concinna Weise, 1899, Arch. Naturgesch. 65 : 258 (Dar-es-Salaam).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 1 specimen.

This is the South and East African subspecies of *A. confinis* (Klug).

Aspidomorpha debilis Spaeth

Aspidomorpha debilis Spaeth, 1934, Rev. Zool. Bot. Afr. 24 : 385 (Natal).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 4 specimens.

Aspidomorpha lateralis Weise

Aspidomorpha lateralis Weise, 1899, Arch. Naturgesch. 65 (1) : 260 (Morogoro).

Tanganyika: Magamba, Usambara, XI. 1959, 3 specimens.

Aspidomorpha tecta Boheman

Aspidomorpha tecta Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2 : 276 (Cape of Good Hope and Caffraria).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 1 specimen.

Two specimens from Pietermaritzburg agree with the ab. *silacea* Boheman. This is a South and East African species.

Aspidomorpha (Weisocassis) prasina Weise

Aspidomorpha prasina Weise, 1899 Arch. Naturgesch. 65 (1) : 258 (Mombo, Kwai: Dar-es-Salaam).

Tanganyika: Makoa, 1400 m., Kilimandjaro, I. 1960, 1 specimen.

Aspidomorpha (Conchyloctenia) tigrina (Olivier)

Cassida tigrina Olivier, 1808, Ent., 6: 957; 95, t.5, f.78.

Natal: Mahlaleen River, Richmond, XII. 1959, 1 specimen.

Transvaal: Skukuza, Kruger National Park, XI. 1959, 2 specimens; Pretoria, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

Tanganyika: Dar-es-Salaam, 1959, 1 specimen.

A common South and East African species.

Ischiocassis convexa (Boheman)

Cassida convexa Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2 : 418 (Caffraria).

Transvaal: Skukuza, Kruger National Park, XII. 1959, 2 specimens;

Pretoria, XI. 1959, 2 specimens; Rustenburg, XI. 1959, 1 specimens.

Natal: Mahlaleen River, Richmond, XII. 1959, 5 specimens.

This common South African species is represented by a series showing a wide variation in colour and size.

Cassida amorifica Boheman

Cassida amorifica Boheman, 1862, Mon. Cassid. 4: 315 (Near Lake N'Gami).

Transvaal: Rustenburg, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

This species has been recorded from South and East Africa.

Cassida depicta Boheman

Cassida depicta Boheman, 1862, Mon. Cassid. 4: 315 (Old Calabar).

Uganda: Entebbe, I. 1960, 1 specimen.

A tropical African species recorded from the West coast to the East coast.

Cassida innotata Boheman

Cassida innotata Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2: 403 (Caffraria).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 1 specimen.

A species known from South, Central and tropical Africa.

Cassida quatuordecim-signata Spaeth

Cassida quatuordecim-signata Spaeth, 1899, Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien. 49: 217 (Natal).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 3 specimens.

Cassida thomsoni Boheman

Cassida thomsoni Boheman, 1862, Mon. Cassid. 4: 302 (Near Lake N'Gami).

Transvaal: Skukuza, Kruger National Park, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

Cassida vespertilio Boheman

Cassida vespertilio Boheman, 1862, Mon. Cassid. 4: 310 (Cape of Good Hope).

Natal: Pietermaritzburg, XII. 1959, 2 specimens.

Cassida (Odontionycha) melanophthalma Boheman

Cassida melanophthalma Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2: 480 (Cape of Good Hope).

Natal: Mahlaleen River, Richmond, XII. 1959, 1 specimen.

This species has previously been recorded only from Cape Province.

Aethiopocassis pauli (Weise)

Cassida pauli Weise, 1898, Arch. Naturgesch. 44 (1): 222 (Usambara).

Tanganyika: Magamba, Usambara, XI. 1959, 5 specimens.

Aethiopocassis plagipennis (Spaeth)

Cassida plagipennis Spaeth, 1916, Ann. naturh. Hofmus. Wien, 30: 46 (Jandala).

Tanganyika: Magamba, Usambara, XI. 1959, 4 specimens.

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Aspidomorpha areata (Klug)

Cassida areata Klug, 1835, Erman's Reise, Ins.: 48.

Kivu; Bukavu, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

This specimen is the nominotypical form which has a distribution throughout the eastern half of Africa from Cape Province to Ethiopia.

Aspidomorpha chlorina Boheman

Aspidomorpha chlorina Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid., 2: 259 ("Africa meridionalis?") Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 36 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 8 specimens.

A West and Central African species.

Aspidomorpha confinis (Klug)

Cassida confinis Klug, 1835, Erman's Reise, Ins., 47.

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 14 specimens.

The nominotypical form of this species is found in West and Central Africa.

Aspidomorpha fatua Spaeth

Aspidomorpha (Spaethia) fatua Spaeth, 1917, Ann. hist. nat. Mus. hung., 15: 429 (Cameroon: Joko).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 6 specimens.

This little recorded species was previously known only from the Cameroons and the Lulua district of the Congo. The present record indicates that this species is distributed throughout the whole of tropical Central Africa.

Aspidomorpha icterica Boheman

Aspidomorpha icterica Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid., 2: 306 (Caffraria).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 17 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

A well known species from South, Central and West Africa.

Aspidomorpha isparetta Boheman

Aspidomorpha isparetta Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2: 252 (Senegal).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 35 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

This well known tropical African species is very variable in size, shape and colour. The present series includes the ab. *schonherri* Boh., ab. *afzelii* Boh., ab. *stolata* Boh. and the ab. *galamensis* Boh. One particular variant is entirely pale yellow on its dorsal surface and closely resembles *A. diaphana* (Sahlb.) in colour.

Aspidomorpha mutata Boheman

Aspidomorpha mutata Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid., 2: 311 (Sierra Leone).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 5 specimens.

A West and Central African species.

Aspidomorpha nigromaculata (Herbst)

Cassida nigromaculata Herbst, 1799, Natursyst. Käfer, 8: 277; t.133, f.8 (Sierra Leone).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 11 specimens.

This species is known from West and Central Africa, and from Ethiopia.

Aspidomorpha obovata (Klug)

Cassida obovata Klug, 1835, Erman's Reise, Ins.: 48 (Isle de Prince).

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

Recorded from the West and Central area of tropical Africa.

Aspidomorpha officiosa Boheman

Aspidomorpha officiosa Boheman, 1862, Mon. Cassid. 4: 255 (Old Calabar).

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

This species is known from West Africa and the Congo.

Aspidomorpha quadrimaculata (Olivier)

Cassida quadrimaculata Olivier, 1808, Ent., 6: 945: 97, t.4, f.68.

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

A West, Central and East African species.

Aspidomorpha quadriramosa Boheman*Aspidomorpha quadriramosa* Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid., 2: 305 (Guinea).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 3 specimens.

A West and Central African species.

Aspidomorpha strigosa (Gorham)*Cassida strigosa* Gorham, 1892, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 95 (Aruwimi Valley).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 5 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

An East and Central African species.

Aspidomorpha togata Thomson*Aspidomorpha togata* Thomson, 1858, Arch. Ent., 2: 227 (Old Calabar).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 2 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

This species is known from West and Central Africa and is represented in this collection by two specimens of *A. togata ruwensorica* ab. *pinguis* Spaeth and one specimen (Yangambi) of *A. togata* ab. *segregata* Spaeth.

Aspidomorpha (Conchyloctenia) mouffleti (Boheman)*Cassida mouffleti* Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid., 2: 346 (Gabon).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 1 specimen.

A West, Central and East African species.

Laccoptera (Eulaccoptera) corrugata (Sahlberg)*Cassida corrugata* Sahlberg, 1823, Peric. Ent. 4: 60, t.3, f.6.

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 28 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 8 specimens.

A common West and Central African species.

Cassida tosta Klug*Cassida tosta* Klug, 1835, Erman's Reise, Ins., 47.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 3 specimens.

Two of these specimens are uniformly brown in colour. A West, Central and East African species.

Chiridopsis aubei (Boheman)*Coptocyclus aubei* Boheman, 1855, Mon. Cassid. 3: 195 (Old Calabar).

Ituri; Nia-Nia, XI. 1959, 48 specimens.

Yangambi, XI. 1959, 11 specimens.

This species has been recorded from West Africa to Uganda and Tanganyika.

Chiridopsis baumani (Spaeth)

Chirida baumani Spaeth, 1902, Ann. Soc. ent. Belg., 46: 459 (Mgala; Kagera-Nil, prope lacum Ukerewe).

Kivu; Bukavu, XI. 1959, 3 specimens.

A West, Central and East African species.

WEST AFRICA

Aspidomorpha indistincta Boheman

Aspidomorpha indistincta Boheman, 1854, Mon. Cassid. 2: 248 (Senegal).

Senegal: Dakar, I. 1960, G. Frey. 1 specimen.

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