

Metrioptera bodenheimeri, sp. n. from Palestine.

(Orthoptera, Tettigoniidae).

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♂. Resembling *M. affinis* Fieb. in its size and in habitus.

General coloration very pale greyish ochraceous. Pronotum rounded; its disc scarcely impressed in metazona, convex in prozona, not forming angles with the lateral lobes, which are also less vertical than in *M. affinis* and with the hind margin bordered with pale. Elytra fully developed; radial veins blackish in the basal third; the typical pattern scarcely perceptible. Abdomen unicolorous.



Metrioptera bodenheimeri sp. n., end of abdomen. T = titillator.

Last tergite with triangular pointed lobes. Cerci extremely long, projecting far beyond the subgenital plate, incurved and in the apical third recurved as well, beyond the middle strongly flattened out; their inner edge almost acute, black; a blunt triangular tooth, also black, is placed quite near the apex. Titillator (one of its side-pieces) straight, with several small teeth on the upper edge near the apex. Subgenital plate large, rather

strongly narrowed backwards, with an acute triangular emargination at the apex; styli long, slender.

Length of body 29; pronotum 8,5; elytra 30 mm. (hind legs missing).

Described from a single male taken at Emek, Palestine, 7. VII. 1926, by Dr. F. Bodenheimer, to whom the species is dedicated. The type is in the British Museum.

The cerci of this species are so very remarkable that I do not hesitate to describe it, as new, from a single and imperfect specimen. Its pronotum is of a round shape, unusual in this group of the genus.

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