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## **A catalogue of the families Chrysolampidae, Eupelmidae, Eurytomidae, Leucospidae, Ormyridae, Perilampidae, Torymidae and Trichogrammatidae (Hymenoptera, Chalcidoidea) of Eritrea**

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**A b s t r a c t :** In Eritrea the family Chrysolampidae is represented by one species in the genus *Aperilampus* WALKER, 1871, the family Eupelmidae by three species in the genus *Eupelmus* DALMAN, 1820, the family Eurytomidae by five species in the genera *Eurytoma* ILLIGER, 1807 (four species) and *Sycophila* WESTWOOD, 1832 (one species), the family Leucospidae by two species in the genus *Leucospis* FABRICIUS, 1775, the family Ormyridae by one species in the genus *Ormyrus* WESTWOOD, 1832, the family Perilampidae by two species in the genus *Perilampus* LATREILLE, 1809, the family Torymidae by one species in the genus *Torymoides* WALKER, 1871 and the family Trichogrammatidae by one species in the genus *Pseudoligosita* GIRAULT, 1913.

**K e y w o r d s :** Chrysolampidae, Eupelmidae, Eurytomidae, Leucospidae, Ormyridae, Perilampidae, Torymidae, Trichogrammatidae, catalogue, Eritrea.

### **Introduction**

I have rejected the idea of publishing a separate paper for each family of the Chalcidoidea, because of recent changes in the classification of the superfamily and the fact, that the fauna of Eritrea is poorly known. Several families have already been catalogued by the author (see References). In this paper all other families except Pteromalidae s.l. are treated.

### **Annotated catalogue**

Synonyms or misidentifications are marked with an asterisk (\*) and printing errors with an exclamation mark (!).

#### **Family Chrysolampidae**

The family Chrysolampidae contains two subfamilies, Chrysolampinae and Philodominae, of which the latter is recorded from Eritrea. Philomidinae, which are parasitoids of ground nesting bees of the family Halictidae, are represented only by an unnamed species.

#### **Subfamily Philomidinae**

##### ***Aperilampus* sp.**

*Aperilampus aurantiacus* (BIRÓ (in litt.?) var. *nigripes* (n.var.?): STRAND 1911: 9 (taxonomy, description, Eritrea without exact locality). Unavailable name.

*Aperilampus aurantiacus* var. *nigripes* STRAND, 1911: HERATY et al. 2019: 46 (taxonomy (image examined), Eritrea without exact locality).

Distribution: no exact locality.

### Family Eupelmidae

Eupelmidae are parasitoids or hyperparasitoids of several insect orders and spiders. Some species are phytophagous. In Eritrea the family is poorly known. It is represented by three species of the subfamily Eupelminae.

#### Subfamily Eupelminae

##### *Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914

*Eupelmus afer* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1914: 202 (description ♀ ♂, biology, Dedda, Nefasit), 203 (figs 6, 7.1, 2).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: SILVESTRI 1915a: 286 (keys ♂, ♀), 290 (biology, Nefasit).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: THOMPSON 1943: 27 (world host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: THOMPSON 1955: 318 (world host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: NARAYANAN & CHAWLA 1962: 458 (host-parasitoid catalogue), 471 (host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: STIBICK 2004: 39 (tab. 2: world catalogue parasites and predators of Tephritidae: Ethiopia = Eritrea).

*Eupelmus afer* SILVESTRI, 1919 (!): GIBSON 2011: 18-19 (taxonomy, not examined).

*Eupelmus (Eupelmus) afer* SILVESTRI, 1914: GIBSON & FUSU 2016: 313 (taxonomy, figs 129a-f, biology, Dedda, Nefasit).

Host: Diptera, Tephritidae: *Bactrocera oleae* (ROSSIUS, 1790) (SILVESTRI 1914, 1915a).

Distribution: Dedda, Nefasit.

*Eupelmus afer* is also known from South Africa.

##### *Eupelmus saissetiae* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eupelmus saissetiae* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 258 (biology), 286 (keys ♂, ♀), 289 (description ♀ ♂, fig. 45, Nefasit).

*Eupelmus saissetiae* SILVESTRI, 1915: FULMEK 1943: 76 (world host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Eupelmus saissetiae* SILVESTRI, 1915: THOMPSON 1944a: 103 (world host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Eupelmus saissetiae* SILVESTRI, 1915: THOMPSON 1955: 321 (world parasitoid-host catalogue).

Host: Hemiptera, Coccidae: *Saissetia oleae* (OLIVIER, 1791) (SILVESTRI 1915a).

Distribution: Nefasit.

*Eupelmus saissetiae* is recorded only from Eritrea.

##### *Eupelmus spermophilus* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eupelmus spermophilus* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 277 (biology), 286 (keys ♂, ♀), 287 (description ♀ ♂, figs 42, 43.1-5, biology, Nefasit), 288 (fig. 44).

*Eupelmus spermophilus* SILVESTRI, 1915: POWELL et al. 2019: 186 (taxonomy), 187 (taxonomy), 189 (taxonomy, biology, South Africa), 190 (figs 4A, B), 194 (fig. 8: taxonomy), 195 (taxonomy, biology, Eritrea (SILVESTRI 1915a)).

Distribution: Nefasit.

*Eupelmus spermophilus*, which is an olive seed feeder (CALECA et al. 2019: 125; POWELL et al. 2020: 441), is also known from South Africa.

### Family Eurytomidae

Eurytomidae are partly phytophagous, of which some species are considered pests, e.g. in olive plantations. The entomophagous species are parasitoids or hyperparasitoids of insect larvae living in plant tissue, mainly of gall-inducing Hymenoptera and Diptera. Hitherto four species have been recorded from Eritrea.

#### Subfamily Eurytominae

##### *Eurytoma elongatula* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eurytoma elongatula* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915b: 339 (description ♀ ♂, figs 2.1-5, biology, Nefasit).  
*Eurytoma elongata* SILVESTRI, 1915: MASI 1940: 280 (catalogue Afrotropical region), 281 (biology).  
*Eurytoma elongatula* SILVESTRI, 1915: GATES & DELVARE 2008: 11 (taxonomy, Nefasit, catalogue Afrotropical region as *Eurytoma elongata*), 22 (tab. 1: parasitoid-host catalogue Afrotropical region).

Distribution: Nefasit.

*Eurytoma elongatula* is known only from Eritrea.

##### *Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eurytoma oleae* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 275 (description ♀ ♂, fig. 30, biology, Nefasit), 276 (figs 31.1-10), 277 (fig. 32).  
*Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915: MASI 1940: 280 (catalogue Afrotropical region), 281 (biology).  
*Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915: THOMPSON 1944: 103 (world host-parasitoid catalogue).  
*Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915: THOMPSON 1955: 328 (world parasitoid-host catalogue).  
*Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915: DOMENICHI 2002: 305 (taxonomy, Eritrea without exact locality).  
*Eurytoma oleae* SILVESTRI, 1915: GATES & DELVARE 2008: 12 (taxonomy, biology, Nefasit, catalogue Afrotropical region), 23 (tab. 1: parasitoid-host catalogue Afrotropical region).

Distribution: Nefasit.

*Eurytoma oleae*, a phytophagous species on olives, is also recorded from South Africa.

##### *Eurytoma spermophaga* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eurytoma spermophaga* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915b: 337 (description ♀ ♂, biology, Nefasit), 338 (figs 1.1-6).  
*Eurytoma spermophaga* SILVESTRI, 1915: MASI 1940: 280 (catalogue Afrotropical region), 281 (biology).  
*Eurytoma spermophaga* SILVESTRI, 1915: GATES & DELVARE 2008: 13 (taxonomy, Nefasit, catalogue Afrotropical region), 23 (tab. 1: parasitoid-host catalogue Afrotropical region).

Distribution: Nefasit.

*Eurytoma spermophaga* is known only from Eritrea.

##### *Eurytoma varicolor* SILVESTRI, 1915

*Eurytoma varicolor* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 277 (biology), 278 (description ♀ ♂, fig. 33, biology, Nefasit), 279 (figs 34.1-6, 35).

*Eurytoma varicolor* SILVESTRI, 1915: MASI 1940: 280 (catalogue Afrotropical region), 281 (biology).

*Eurytoma varicolor* SILVESTRI, 1915: DOMENICHI 2002: 305 (taxonomy, Eritrea without exact locality).

*Eurytoma varicolor* SILVESTRI, 1915: GATES & DELVARE 2008: 14 (taxonomy, Nefasit, catalogue Afrotropical region), 23 (tab. 1: parasitoid-host catalogue Afrotropical region).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Nefasit.

*Eurytoma varicolor*, which is probably a parasitoid of the phytophagous *Eupelmus spermophilus* SILVESTRI, 1915 (POWELL et al. 2020: 441-442), is also recorded from South Africa.

### ***Eurytoma* sp.**

*Eurytoma* sp.: DE LOTTO & NASTASI 1955: Publication not seen.

*Eurytoma* sp.: ABATE 1991: 9 (parasitoid-host catalogue Ethiopia: Eritrea, Ethiopia).

H o s t : Diptera, Agromyzidae: *Ophiomyia phaseoli* (TRYON, 1895) (DE LOTTO & NASTASI 1955).

### ***Sycophila aethiopica* (SILVESTRI, 1915)**

*Decatoma aethiopica* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 277 (biology), 280 (fig. 36), 281 (description ♀ ♂, figs 37.1-6, biology, Nefasit), 282 (fig. 38, footnote: taxonomy).

*Sycophila aethiopica* (SILVESTRI, 1915): BOUČEK, WATSHAM & WIEBES 1981: 214 (taxonomy).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Nefasit.

*Sycophila aethiopica*, which is a parasitoid of the phytophagous *Eupelmus spermophilus* SILVESTRI, 1915 (POWELL et al. 2020: 441), is also known from South Africa.

## **Family Leucospidae**

Members of the family Leucospidae, which belong to the largest chalcid wasps, can be recognized by the enlarged and toothed hind femora, the wasp like colouration (black and yellow or red), and the heavily sclerotized body. The ovipositor of the females is curved upwards and forwards over the abdomen depending on his length. Leucospidae are parasitoids of Megachilidae. Host records of Vespidae (Eumeninae) and Sphecidae, which construct mud nests, should be checked carefully.

### ***Leucospis africana* CAMERON, 1907**

*Leucospis africana* CAMERON, 1907: BOUČEK 1974: 102 (key), 105 (figs 123-126), 106 (taxonomy, description ♂, biology, Adi Caie), 231 (host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Leucospis africana* CAMERON, 1907: MADL & SCHWARZ 2012: 1222 (catalogue Afrotropical region).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Adi Caie.

*Leucospis africana* is recorded from the Afrotropical (Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) and Palaearctic (Saudi Arabia) regions. None of the hosts (Megachilidae: *Megachile spinarum* COCKERELL, 1937 and *Serapista denticulata* (SMITH, 1854)) is known from Eritrea (MADL 2019).

### ***Leucospis tricolor* KIRBY, 1883**

*Leucospis tricolor* KIRBY, 1883: BOUČEK 1974: 106 (key), 109 (fig. 150), 111 (figs 151-153), 126 (taxonomy, biology, Ghinda), 231 (host-parasitoid catalogue).

*Leucospis tricolor* KIRBY, 1883: MADL & SCHWARZ 2012: 1227 (catalogue Afrotropical region), 1235 (fig. 3).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Ghinda.

*Leucospis tricolor* is also recorded from the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania (mainland, Zanzibar), Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Four species of Megachilidae are known as hosts (*Pachyanthidium bicolor* (LEPELETIER DE SAINT-FARGEAU, 1841), *Pachyanthidium cordatum* (SMITH, 1854), *Pseudoanthidium truncatum* (SMITH, 1854) and *Serapista denticulata* (SMITH, 1854)), of which only *Pseudoanthidium truncatum* is recorded from Eritrea (MADL 2019: 1386).

### **Family O r m y r i d a e**

Ormyridae are parasitoids or hyperparasitoids of insects living in galls induced by Hymenoptera or Diptera. Until now, only one species has been recorded from Eritrea.

### ***Ormyrus striatus* CAMERON, 1907**

*Ormyrus striatus* CAMERON, 1907: SILVESTRI 1915a: 277 (biology), 283 (taxonomy, description ♀ ♂, fig. 39, biology, Dedda, Nefasit), 284 (figs 40.1-5), 285 (fig. 41).

*Ormyrus striatus* CAMERON, 1907: NEUENSCHWANDER 1982: 516 (fig. 6 as *Ormyrus* sp.), 517 (key).

*Ormyrus striatus* CAMERON, 1907: MARCHIORI 2022: 245 (parasitoid-host catalogue Afrotropical region), 246 (fig. 27).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Dedda, Nefasit.

*Ormyrus striatus* is also known from South Africa.

### **Family P e r i l a m p i d a e**

Perilampidae are hyperparasitoids or parasitoids of various insect orders, e.g. Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera and Coleoptera. They are parasitoids of wood boring beetles (Anobiidae, Platypodidae), but mainly hyperparasitoids of economic Lepidoptera via parasitic Diptera (Tachinidae) and Hymenoptera (Braconidae, Ichneumonidae).

### ***Perilampus horocos* (ARGAMAN, 1990)**

*Afroperilampus horocos* sp.n.: ARGAMAN 1990: 206 (fig. 49), 210 (key), 212 (fig. 85), 246 (description ♀ ♂, Keren (paratype ♀)).

*Afroperilampus horocos* ARGAMAN, 1990: ARGAMAN 1991: 9 (world catalogue: East Africa).

*Perilampus horocos* (ARGAMAN, 1990): DARLING 1996: 110-111 (taxonomy).

*Perilampus horocos* (ARGAMAN, 1990): KIMSEY & BROTHERS 2016: 164 (catalogue species described by Q. Argaman: only Tanzania: Arusha).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Keren.

*Perilampus horocos* is also recorded from Tanzania.

### ***Perilampus nimrodus* (ARGAMAN, 1990)**

*Lufarfar nimrodus* sp.n.: ARGAMAN 1990: 232 (key).

*Lufarfar nimrodus* sp.n.: ARGAMAN 1991: 4 (description ♀, Assab), 13 (world catalogue: East Africa = Eritrea).

*Perilampus nimrodus* (ARGAMAN, 1990): DARLING 1996: 125 (taxonomy).

*Perilampus nimrodus* (ARGAMAN, 1990): KIMSEY & BROTHERS 2016: 165 (catalogue species described by Q. Argaman).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Assab.

*Perilampus nimrodus* is known only from Eritrea.

### **Family Torymidae**

Species of the large family Torymidae, which is represented by only one species in Eritrea, are parasitoids of several insect orders, e.g. Diptera, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Mantodea, Orthoptera.

#### **Subfamily Toryminae**

##### ***Torymoides* sp.**

*Dimeromicrus* sp.: DE LOTTO & NASTASI 1955: Publication not seen.

*Dimeromicrus* sp.: ABATE 1991: 21 (parasitoid-host catalogue Ethiopia: Ethiopia = Eritrea).

### **Family Trichogrammatidae**

Trichogrammatidae are egg parasitoids of several insect orders, e.g. Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, Orthoptera and are often used in biological control programs. The genus *Zorontogramma* SILVESTRI, 1915, which has been described as new from Eritrea, is considered a synonym of *Pseudoligosita* GIRAUT, 1913.

#### **Subfamily Oligositinae**

##### ***Pseudoligosita distincta* (SILVESTRI, 1915)**

*Zorontogramma distinctum* sp.n.: SILVESTRI 1915a: 327 (fig. 76), 328 (figs 77.1-8), 329 (typus generis, description ♀, biology, Nefasit).

*Zorontogramma distinctum* SILVESTRI, 1915: GAHAN & FAGAN 1923: 156 (world catalogue generotypes Chalcidoidea).

*Oligosita (Zorontogramma) distincta* (SILVESTRI, 1915): NOWICKI 1936: 116 (taxonomy).

*Oligosita (Zorontogramma) distinctum* (SILVESTRI, 1915): DOUTT & VIGGIANI 1968: 538 (figs 41E, F), 539 (taxonomy, world catalogue: Eritrea (SILVESTRI 1915a)).

*Oligosita distinctum* (SILVESTRI, 1915): YOUSUF & SHAFEE 1986: 59 (world catalogue).

*Pseudoligosita distincta* (SILVESTRI, 1915): PINTO & VIGGIANI 2004: 288-289 (taxonomy).

D i s t r i b u t i o n : Nefasit.

*Pseudoligosita distincta* is known from the Afrotropical (Eritrea) and Palaearctic (Hungary, Sweden) regions.

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## Zusammenfassung

Die Familie Chrysolampidae ist in Eritrea mit einer Art der Gattung *Aperilampus* WALKER, 1871 vertreten, die Familie Eupelmidae mit drei Arten der Gattung *Eupelmus* DALMAN, 1820, die Familie Eurytomidae mit fünf Arten der Gattungen *Eurytoma* ILLIGER, 1807 (vier Arten) und *Sycophila* WESTWOOD, 1832 (eine Art), die Familie Leucospidae mit zwei Arten der Gattung *Leucospis* FABRICIUS, 1775, die Familie Ormyridae mit einer Art der Gattung *Ormyrus* WESTWOOD, 1832, die Familie Perilampidae mit zwei Arten der Gattung *Perilampus* LATREILLE, 1809, die Familie Torymidae mit einer Art der Gattung *Torymoides* WALKER, 1871 und die Familie Trichogrammatidae mit einer Art der Gattung *Pseudoligosita* GIRAUT, 1913.

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