

## A new species of the genus *Phytocoris* (Heteroptera: Miridae) from the United Arab Emirates

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**Abstract.** A new species of the family Miridae, *Phytocoris* (*Eckerleinius*) *sweihanus* sp. nov., is described from the United Arab Emirates.

**Key words.** Taxonomy, Heteroptera, Miridae, Mirinae, *Phytocoris*, new species, United Arab Emirates

### Introduction

One of us (Antonius van Harten) has been working on the little known insect fauna of the United Arab Emirates since 2004 (see VAN HARTEN 2005). A new species of the family Miridae, *Phytocoris* (*Eckerleinius*) *sweihanus* sp. nov., which has been found during the project, is described below.

### Taxonomy

#### *Phytocoris* (*Eckerleinius*) *sweihanus* sp. nov.

(Figs. 1-3)

**Type material.** HOLOTYPE: ♀, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: ABU DHABI EMIRATE, National Avian Research Centre near Sweihan, desert environment, light trap, 14.iii.-21.v.2005. PARATYPES: Same locality and date as holotype, 1 ♂ 7 ♀♀. SHARJAH EMIRATE: Sharjah, town garden, light trap, 20.i.-6.iv.2005, 1 ♂ 3 ♀♀. FUJAIRAH EMIRATE: Wadi Safad, at a farm in mountain area, light trap, 5.iii.2005, 1 ♀; all A. van Harten lgt. All specimens are currently deposited in the collection of R. E. Linnavuori, Raisio, Finland. The holotype will be deposited in the National Museums and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff, Great Britain.

**Description.** Macropterous; body parallel-sided; total length 5.5-6.0 mm.

**Coloration.** Dorsal surface pale yellow ochraceous, opaque; eyes brown; antennal segment 1 whitish ochraceous with indistinct brownish spots, apex brown; segment 2 faintly brownish with base and median ring whitish; segments 3 and 4 brownish with base of segment 3 whitish; pronotum pale, whitish basally and medially, the whitish stripes narrowly bordered by