

**A new species of the genus *Phytocoris*
(Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Miridae)
from southern Iran**

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Abstract. A new species of the family Miridae, *Phytocoris* (*Compsocerochoris*) *stysi* sp. nov., is described from the Khuzestan province in southern Iran.

Key words. Heteroptera, Miridae, Mirinae, *Phytocoris*, taxonomy, Iran

Introduction

Phytocoris Fallén, 1814, is one of the most speciose genera of the family Miridae. In the fauna of Iran, *Phytocoris* is represented by six subgenera and 52 species, 39 of which are endemic (KERZHNER & JOSIFOV 1999; HEISS & LINNAVUORI 2002; LINNAVUORI 1999, 2000a,b, 2006, 2007; LINNAVUORI & MODARRES 1999). In this paper, I describe an additional species, *Phytocoris* (*Compsocerochoris*) *stysi* sp. nov., found in the Khuzestan province in southern Iran. It is the tenth representative of the subgenus *Compsocerochoris* Reuter, 1876, in the Iranian fauna (LINNAVUORI 1999, 2006).

Taxonomy

***Phytocoris* (*Compsocerochoris*) *stysi* sp. nov.**

(Figs. 1-2)

Type material. HOLOTYPE: ♂, IRAN: KHUZESTAN: near Lali, 6.-8.v.2007, R. Linnavuori lgt. PARATYPES: 4 ♂♂ 1 ♀, the same data as holotype; 1 ♂ 1 ♀, Zeydoon, 26.-28.iv.2007, R. Linnavuori lgt. All types 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. Both sexes macropterous; body parallel-sided; total length 6.0-6.5 mm.

Colouration. Yellow ochraceous with abundant brownish pattern. Basal margin of vertex, longitudinal median stripe and lateral arcs on frons reddish, median basal spot on tylus and spots on genae and lora blackish brown; eyes greyish. Antennal segment 1 whitish yellow