

Oncocephalus stysi, a new species of Stenopodainae (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Reduviidae) from Israel*)

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Abstract. A new species of the genus *Oncocephalus* Klug, 1830, *O. stysi* sp. nov., is described from Israel. The new species is very similar and related to *O. aspericollis* Reuter, 1882, and *O. hierosolymensis* Moulet, 2001. A new species-group, the *aspericollis*-group, is defined within *Oncocephalus* for these three species; their diagnostic characters are discussed and a key is presented for their identification.

Résumé. Une nouvelle espèce du genre *Oncocephalus* Klug, 1830, *O. stysi* sp. nov., est décrite d'Israël et comparée aux espèces les plus proches *O. aspericollis* Reuter, 1882 et *O. hierosolymensis* Moulet, 2001. Ces trois *Oncocephalus* sont regroupés dans un nouveau groupe d'espèces, le groupe-*aspericollis*; leurs caractères discriminants sont discutés et une clé d'identification est proposée.

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Introduction

Oncocephalus Klug, 1830, is the largest genus in the reduviid subfamily Stenopodainae, containing nearly 200 species mainly from the Palaearctic region and tropical Africa. The genus is poorly known in America (MALDONADO CAPRILES 1990). More than 70 species occur in the Palaearctic region (PUTSHKOV & PUTSHKOV 1996).

The generic characters of *Oncocephalus* are summarized as follows: anterior lobe of the head with two strong tubercles; fore femora with one or two row(s) of teeth on the ventral side; tarsi 3-segmented. The species of the genus are generally very similar to each other, especially in colouration which is light brown, beige, swarthy or light greyish. The species can be often separated only based on the examination of male genitalia.

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