

## A new hypogeal species of *Oregmopyga* Hoy (Hemiptera: Coccoidea: Eriococcidae) from southern California, U.S.A., and a key to species of the genus

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### Abstract

A new species of hypogeal eriococcid, *Oregmopyga viscosa* Kondo **sp. nov.**, is described and illustrated based on the adult female and the second-instar male and female. This species is known from Inyo, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties in southern California, where it lives just below the soil surface on the crown of its host, probably always *Hymenoclea salsola* Torr. & A. Gray (Asteraceae). A revised key to the adult females of all nine species of *Oregmopyga* is included.

### Resumen

Una nueva especie de eriocócido subterráneo, *Oregmopyga viscosa* Kondo **sp. nov.** (Hemiptera: Coccoidea), se describe e ilustra basándose en la hembra adulta y el segundo estadio de la hembra y el macho. Esta especie ha sido encontrada en los condados Inyo, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino y San Diego en el sur de California. La especie vive cerca de la superficie en el tallo de su hospedero, siempre siendo probablemente *Hymenoclea salsola* Torr. & A. Gray (Asteraceae). Se incluye una clave revisada para las hembras adultas de todas las nueve especies de *Oregmopyga*.

**Key words:** California, eriococcid, *Hymenoclea*, new species, *Oregmopyga*

### Introduction

The scale insect family Eriococcidae contains approximately 550 described species, of which 89 occur in the Nearctic region (Ben-Dov *et al.* 2004). In the Nearctic, four closely-related genera, *Cornoculus* Ferris, *Oregmopyga* Hoy, *Ovaticoccus* Kloet, and *Spiroporo-*