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Front cover and on title page—Adult female of *Icerya jaihind* (Rao) (Coccoidea, Monophlebidae) in Aberdeen Country Park, Hong Kong Island.

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Abstract

An account of the Sternorrhyncha recorded from Hong Kong, comprising approximately 485 species, is presented. This is primarily based upon voucher holdings in the collection of the Natural History Museum, London and it includes incompletely identified taxa. Also included are records based solely on published data. Host plant data are included where known and there are four appendices for quick cross-reference of names, groups and hosts. One new species in the Aleyrodidae is described, *Rhachisphora takahashii* **sp. nov.**. One new synonymy in the Aleyrodidae is proposed, *Aleurocanthus cheni* Young (1942) becoming a junior synonym of *A. spiniferus* (Quaintance, 1903) **syn. nov.**. Two nomenclatural changes in the Psylloidea are proposed: *Colophorina hungtouwensis* Fang & Yang (1986) **comb. nov.** is transferred from *Psylla*; *Macrorhomotoma sinica* Yang & Li (1984) is proposed as a junior synonym of *M. gladiatum* Kuwayama (1908), **syn. nov.**. One nomenclatural change in the Diaspididae (Coccoidea) is proposed: *Neoparlatoria lithocarpi* Takahashi (1934) is removed from synonymy with *N. formosana* Takahashi (1931), **stat. rev.**

Key words: Hong Kong, China, Sternorrhyncha, Hemiptera, host plants, check lists, specimen vouchers, specimen preparation

Abbreviations used in this paper

AFCD—Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China
ANIC—Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO, Canberra, Australia
BMNH—The Natural History Museum, London, U.K., formerly British Museum (Natural History)
CAS—California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, U.S.A.
CIE—former Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London
CDFA—California Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, U.S.A.
HK—Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China
HUSJ—Entomological Institute, Faculty of Agriculture, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan
ICZN—International Code of Zoological Nomenclature
IEAUN—Dipartimento de Entomologia e Zoologia Agraria di Portici, Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy
IIE—former CAB International Institute of Entomology, London
LEW—Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen, Netherlands
MHNG—Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland
MMB—Moravian Museum, Brno, Czech Republic
NT—New Territories
NZAC—New Zealand Arthropod Collection, Auckland, New Zealand
PPRD—Plant and Pesticides Regulatory Division, based at AFCD Headquarters at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon
TARI—Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute, Taichung, Taiwan
TLF—Tai Lung Experimental Station (previously known as Tai Lung Farm), Lin Tong Mei, Sheung Shui, NT (the agricultural experimental station of AFCD)
UCD—R.M. Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis, U.S.A.
USDA—United States Department of Agriculture
USNM—US Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland, U.S.A. (custodians of the Sternorrhyncha collections of the United States National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC)
ZMB—Zoological Museum, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

Introduction to Sternorrhyncha

The Sternorrhyncha are one of the suborders of Hemiptera, an order of insects whose members feed via mouthparts modified into stylets. This feature facilitates the piercing of a substrate and ingestion of liquid food through a tube-like structure guided by a rostrum. All sternorrhynchous groups are phytophagous, feeding on plant sap. The Sternorrhyncha comprises about 16,000 described species in four superfamilies (Gullan & Martin, 2009). Aphidoidea (aphids, adelgids and phylloxerids, figs 14–24) contains about 4300 species worldwide, Coccoidea (scale insects,