

***Dushinckanus mesopotamicus*, a new species of Myodochini from Argentina (Heteroptera: Lygaeoidea: Rhyparochromidae)**

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Abstract

Dushinckanus mesopotamicus, a new myrmecomorphic species from Argentina, is described. The male genitalia are described and illustrated and the phylogenetic relationships of the genus are discussed.

Key words: Rhyparochromidae, Myodochini, *Dushinckanus mesopotamicus*, new species, Argentina

Introduction

The genus *Dushinckanus* was erected by Brailovsky in 1979 to include an ant mimetic species, *D. ocellatus*, from Brazil. In 1981 the same author described another species, *D. crassicornis*, from Guatemala. Harrington (1987) revised the genus and described two new species, *D. ashlocki* from Brazil and *D. camelopardus* from Ecuador, and transferred *Myodocha inermiba* Distant to this genus.

In this contribution we describe a new species from Argentina, and thereby extend the geographic distribution of the genus.

Illustrations were made with a camera lucida on a Wild M-5 stereomicroscope. The photograph was taken with an Olympus C4000 digital camera attached to a Leyca Wild M3Z binocular stereomicroscope and the scanning electron micrographs with a Jeol 6360 LV. Measurements are given in millimetres.