

Genus *Panthous* Stål found from Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, with the redescription of *Panthous ruber* Hsiao

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Abstract

The genus *Panthous* Stål is reported for the first time from Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, and the little known reduviid, *Panthous ruber* Hsiao, is redescribed and illustrated.

Key words: *Panthous*, *Panthous ruber*, new record, Harpactorinae, Reduviidae, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand

Introduction

Panthous Stål is a moderately sized genus of the reduviid subfamily Harpactorinae with 18 described species in the world (Putshkov & Putshkov 1985; Maldonado-Capriles 1990). The genus was established by Stål (1863) with *Panthous excellens* Stål, 1863 as type species. Here we report the first record of *Panthous*, and the little known species, *Panthous ruber* Hsiao, from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand. *Panthous ruber* Hsiao was originally described from China by Hsiao (1979), and the description is in Chinese with a brief English abstract. Hsiao & Ren (1981) included this species in their monograph. Nothing about this species has been reported since 1981, except the entry in the catalogs of Maldonado-Capriles (1990) and Putshkov & Putshkov (1996). To facilitate the correct identification of this little known and polymorphic species, we redescribe it, and illustrate its important morphological features here.