Revision of the Brazilian Species of *Pseudaugochlora* Michener 1954 (Hymenoptera: Halictidae: Augochlorini)

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Abstract

The Brazilian species of the bee genus *Pseudaugochlora* are revised. *Pseudaugochlora* was erected by Michener to include species previously considered in *Pseudaugochloropsis*. Among the species previously known in the genus, only two — *P. graminea* (Fabricius 1804) and *P. pandora* (Smith 1853) — were known to occur in Brazil. In this study, five new species are described: *P. erythrogaster, P. callaina*, *P. flammula*, *P. indistincta*, and *P. simulata*, while *P. graminea* and *P. pandora* are re-described based on their types. An identification key for the seven Brazilian species of *Pseudaugochlora* and a revised diagnosis for the genus are provided.

Key words: taxonomy, Neotropical, bee, Apoidea, Halictidae, Augochlorini

Introduction

Pseudaugochlora is a small genus of Augochlorini but with an extensive geographic range (Moure & Hurd 1987). Its species have moderate body size (approximately 1 cm) and are, in general, metallic green although,