



The Cyprian genus *Exodrymadusa* Karabağ (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae)

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Abstract

The Cyprian endemic genus *Exodrymadusa* Karabağ is studied. First male of only known species *Exodrymadusa inornata* Uvarov is described. Taxonomic position of the genus is discussed. Descriptive illustrations are given.

Key words: *Exodrymadusa inornata*, male, taxonomic position, Cyprus

Introduction

Drymadusa inornata Uvarov, 1936 which the type species of the genus *Exodrymadusa* Karabağ, 1961, was described from Cyprus after a single female (Uvarov 1936). Ramme (1939) gave this species among the species of *Drymadusa* Stein, in a review of the genus. Second record of *D. inornata* was given after female sex again (Uvarov 1949). Karabağ (1961) recorded it after female one more time in his revisional study of *Drymadusa* and its allied genera. Karabağ (1961) erected the monotypic genus *Exodrymadusa*, with *Drymadusa inornata* as the type species. Harz (1969) studied unknown number of females. Georghiou (1977) included it in his list of the Cyprian insects. Finally, Tumbrinck (2006) gave the previous records of *E. inornata*. But, the male sex still remains unknown. Uvarov (1936) stated in the description of *D. inornata* "...a discovery of the male sex will be of great interest.", and also Karabağ (1961) stated when he established the genus *Exodrymadusa* "It would be extremely interesting to study the male of this very distinct insect".

During my field trips for a faunistical study on Cyprian Orthoptera I have not found any specimens of this rare species. However, my colleague Mr. Christodoulos Makris has found a male and kindly sent it to me. Additionally, Makris told me that he had seen 4 males and one female in the collection of the Agricultural Department at Nikosia (Lefkoşa) all collected from Troodos Mountains. Thus, I have a chance to describe the male of *Exodrymadusa inornata* after 72 years of its description. Besides, this is a good opportunity to discuss the relationship of the genus using both sexes.

The following abbreviations are used in the text: AIBUEM Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Entomoloji Müzesi, Bolu; NHM Natural History Museum, London.

Results

Genus: *Exodrymadusa* Karabağ, 1961

Type species: *Drymadusa inornata* Uvarov, 1936

Karabağ 1961: 11; Harz 1969: 400; Rentz & Colles 1990: 356, 364; Otte 1997: 300.