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Apterogyninae (Hymenoptera: Bradynobaenidae) from Saudi Arabia, with description of a new species

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Abstract

Eleven species in three genera from Saudi Arabia are listed. *Macroocula riyadha* Gadallah & Pagliano, **spec. nov.** is described and figured. *Apterogyna mateui* Giner Marí, 1945, *Macroocula nitida nitida* (Bischoff, 1920) are newly recorded from Arabian Peninsula and Saudi Arabia, *Macroocula magna* (Invrea, 1965) is newly recorded from Saudi Arabia.

Key words: Apterogyninae, new species, new records, Ibex Reserve National Park, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Introduction

Bradynobaenidae is a widely distributed family, but predominant in the tropical region and absent in the Australian region. It contains 10 genera, 188 species in four subfamilies (Apterogyninae, Bradynobaeninae, Chyphotinae, and Typhoctinae) (Goulet & Hubert 1993, Lelej 2003). Sexual dimorphism is very conspicuous: males alate (rarely with short wings); with mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum and propodeum are distinct and usually articulating; antenna long; hypopygium (S8) is entirely exposed and usually with three spines, median one usually forms upcurved hook; females apterous, with mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum and propodeum are indistinct and fused; antenna short; last metasomal tergum with pygidial plate, dentate laterally (Goulet & Hubert 1993, Pagliano 2008). The species of this family are apparently solitary. The natural history of species is unknown, the larvae of single somewhat atypical species are ectoparasitoids of Solifugae (Arachnida), pupation was occurring within the shelter of the host (Goulet & Hubert 1993).

The subfamily Apterogyninae is distributed in the Old World, mainly in Afrotropical region; a few are known from South Europe (Pagliano 2008). Little is known on their biology, some species, particularly of the genus *Macroocula* Panfilov 1954, are nocturnal or crepuscular (Pagliano 2008). Apterogyninae is represented in Arabian Peninsula by three genera: *Apterogyna* Latreille, 1809, *Macroocula* Panfilov, 1954 and *Micatagla* Argaman, 1994 and 16 species, seven of them are distributed in Saudi Arabia (Pagliano 2002, 2004, 2008, 2011).

In the present study a new species, *Macroocula riyadha* Gadallah & Pagliano, **sp. nov.** and *Apterogyna mateui* Giner Marí, 1945, *Macroocula magna* (Invrea, 1965), *M. nitida nitida* (Bischoff, 1920) are newly added to the Arabian fauna from Saudi Arabia.

Material and methods

The present study is based on 22 specimens collected from the Ibex Reserve National Park, Hutet Beni Tamim, 180 km south of Riyadh region (23˚27′N, 46˚30′E) and Baha, Amadan Bandaq (20º13´N, 41º14´E) in 2007–2010. The

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