



## Phalangopsidae crickets from Tropical Africa (Orthoptera, Grylloidea), with descriptions of new taxa and an identification key for African genera

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### Abstract

New Phalangopsidae crickets are described from tropical Africa, including three new genera and ten new species: *Afrophaloria* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Afrophaloria amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., type species, *Afrophaloria apiariensis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Afrophaloria hempae* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria gabonensis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria nigricornis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria trimaculata* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Paragrylloides amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Phasmagryllus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Phasmagryllus elegans* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., type species, *Upupagryllus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Upupagryllus subalatus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., type species, and *Upupagryllus alatus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp. All these taxa, except *Paragrylloides amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., belong to the subfamily Phaloriinae. The subfamily is redefined, to take into account their morphological (apterous taxa) and ecological (straminicolous taxa) diversity. A key for phalangopsid African genera is proposed, and the status of *Larandeicus* Chopard, 1937 briefly discussed.

**Key words:** Grylloidea, Taxonomy, New genera, New species, Identification Key, Tropical Africa

### Résumé

Des grillons Phalangopsidae nouveaux sont décrits d'Afrique tropicale, incluant trois nouveaux genres et dix nouvelles espèces: *Afrophaloria* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Afrophaloria amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., l'espèce type, *Afrophaloria apiariensis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Afrophaloria hempae* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria gabonensis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria nigricornis* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Kameruloria trimaculata* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Paragrylloides amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., *Phasmagryllus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Phasmagryllus elegans* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., l'espèce type, *Upupagryllus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n.gen., *Upupagryllus subalatus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., l'espèce type, et *Upupagryllus alatus* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp. Tous ces taxons, à l'exception de *Paragrylloides amani* Desutter-Grandcolas, n. sp., appartiennent à la sous-famille des Phaloriinae, qui est redéfinie pour tenir compte de leur diversité morphologique (espèces aptères) et écologique (espèces straminicoles). Une clé des genres africains de Phalangopsidae est proposée, et le statut de *Larandeicus* Chopard, 1937 brièvement discuté.

**Mots clés:** Grylloidea, Taxonomie, Nouveaux genres, Nouvelles espèces, Clé d'identification, Afrique tropicale

### Introduction

Phalangopsidae is a highly diverse clade of crickets, with more than 160 known genera presently distributed in 5 putative subfamilies (Chintauan-Marquier *et al.* 2015). It exhibits a unique biological diversity within crickets, with many original morphological, ecological, behavioral and acoustic attributes (Dambach & Lichtenstein 1878, de Mello 2007, Desutter-Grandcolas 1995, 2012, Souza-Dias & Desutter-Grandcolas 2014). As an example, the vast majority of troglobitic crickets belong to the Phalangopsidae, with few troglobitic species known in other cricket clades, such as Nemobiinae (Rentz & Su 1996, Gurney & Rentz 1978, Desutter-Grandcolas 2009),

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