

## ***Parasigara multilineata* de Sallier Dupin, 1973, a synonym of *Corixa monticola* Linnavuori, 1971, and notes on distribution of African species of *Corixa* (Heteroptera, Corixidae)**

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Linnavuori (1971) described two new species of *Corixa* from Ethiopia. The descriptions were very short, and the illustrations inadequate when compared to the traditional style of illustrating descriptions of new species of Corixidae; Figs. 1–10 amend Linnavuori's illustrations.

Having had an opportunity to investigate the type materials of *Corixa monticola* Linnavuori, 1971:349 (holotype ♂ in the American Museum of Natural History, New York) and *Parasigara multilineata* de Sallier Dupin 1973:7 (holotype ♂ slide preparation in Rennes, France<sup>1</sup>), I can hereby report that the two are conspecific. Thus, *P. multilineata* must be rejected as a junior synonym of *C. monticola*. De Sallier Dupin's reasons for the generic placing of the taxon are totally unclear to me.

Altogether seven species of *Corixa* are known from Africa. Their synonymy and distribution known to me is as follows:

*C. affinis* Leach, 1817:18

= *Sigara atomaria* Illiger, 1807:354; invalid name (Jaczewski 1962, Opinion 687 / 1964)

= *Corixa graphiptera* Rambur, 1840:192 (Puton 1874)

= *Corisa platycnemis* Fieber, 1851:16 (Jansson 1981)

= *Corixa atomaria* var. *conglomerata* Rey, 1890:29 (Jansson 1981)

= *Corixa affinis* var. *pallida* Poisson, 1929:93 (Jansson 1981)

<sup>1</sup> Vanni et al. (1986) listed the holotype of *P. multilineata* being deposited in the Firenze University Museum, but since the original description was based on a single male, and the specimen in Firenze is a female, the latter does not belong to the type material.

Distribution generally SW Palearctic, in Africa known from the Canary Islands, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt.

*C. frigidae* Linnavuori, 1971:349

Distribution: Ethiopia and Sudan.

*C. mirandella* Hutchinson, 1930:60

Distribution: Kenya.

*C. monticola* Linnavuori, 1971:349

= *Parasigara multilineata* de Sallier Dupin, 1973:7, new synonymy

Distribution: Ethiopia.

*C. panzeri* (Fieber, 1848:515)

= *Corisa macrocephala* Fieber, 1848:516 (Lundblad 1936)

= *Corixa charadrina* Gistel, 1857:70 (Jansson 1986)

= *Corisa (Macrocorisa) salina* Thomson, 1869:29, not Puton 1872 (Puton 1886)

Distribution generally SW Palearctic, in Africa known from Morocco and Algeria.

*C. pseudaffinis* Poisson, 1950:88

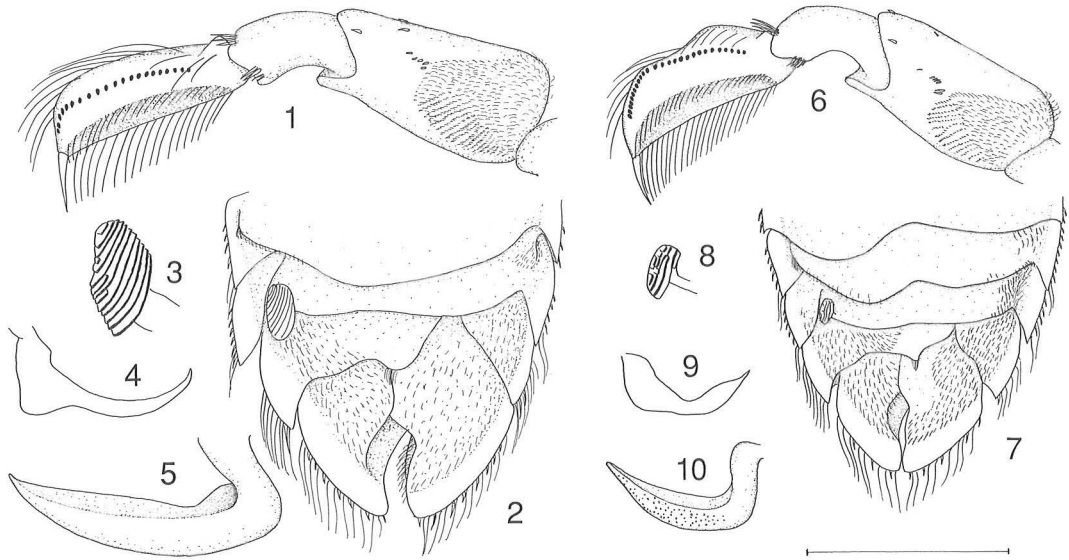
Distribution: Zaire.

*C. punctata* (Illiger, 1807:354)

= *Corixa geoffroyi* Leach, 1817:17 (China 1938, Opinion 281 / 1954)

= *Corisa xanthosoma* Fieber, 1848:514 (Jansson 1981)

Distribution generally SW Palearctic, in Africa known from the Canary Islands, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.



Figs. 1–10. Male characteristics of *Corixa frigidae* Linnavuori (1–5) and *C. monticola* Linnavuori (6–10): fore leg, abdominal dorsum, strigil in detail, and right and left paramere. — Scale line: 2 mm for Figs. 2 & 7, 1 mm for the rest.

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