

Hemiptera of Iraq. I. Heteroptera, Miridae (Deraeocorinae, Dicyphinae, Mirinae, and Orthotylinae)

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A list of the species of the Miride subfamilies Deraeocorinae, Dicyphinae, Mirinae, and Orthotylinae known to occur in Iraq is published. The list contains numerous records new to Iraq.

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Very few records (Hoberlandt 1949 and 1953, Stichel 1958) on the Miridae fauna of Iraq have been published. During my stay in 1979–1981 at the Ministry of Agriculture in Iraq I had a chance to carry out investigations of the Hemipteran fauna all over the country. An extensive and interesting collection of material was then assembled. The new taxa in the material have been previously described by me (Linnavuori 1984). A complete list of the Deraeocorinae, Dicyphinae, Mirinae, and Orthotylinae is published below. Most of the species are new to Iraq. From the zoogeographical point of view a strong penetration of the Mediterranean element into the steppe and mountain regions in northern Iraq is noticeable. The fauna of the semidesert and desert zone resembles that of the adjacent parts of Saudi Arabia, although several species typical to the main parts of the Arabian deserts seem to be absent, undoubtedly owing to differences in the climatic and edaphic factors.

Deraeocorinae

TERMATOPHYLINI

Argyrotelaenus simoni Reuter & Poppius, 1912

Material: Khan Ruhabah, 4 exx, 24.VI.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Acacia* in a desert wadi.

Distribution: Eremian, known from Egypt, the Sudan, the Arabian Peninsula, and Israel.

DERAEOCORINI

Deraeocoris (Deraeocoris) rutilus (Herrich-Schäffer, 1838)

Material: Several exx from Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Aqra, 12.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Dukan, 12.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Deraeocoris (Camptobrochis) serenus Douglas & Scott, 1868

Material: Shaqlawa, 1 ex, 16.XI.1979; Shaykh Addi, 1 ex, 15.XI.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: In gardens and hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean; recorded from Iraq (Stichel 1958:799).

Deraeocoris (Camptobrochis) punctulatus (Fallén, 1807)

Material: Jalula, 2 exx, 27.XI.1979; Shaykh Addi, 2 exx, 1979, Linnavuori; Sulaymaniyah, 1 ex, 27.I.1968, J. Sultan.

Biology: In steppes of northern Iraq.
 Distribution: Euro-Siberian.

Deraeocoris (Camptobrochis) pallens Reuter, 1904

Material: Many exx from Ana-Al Qaim, 5.V.1980; Baghdad, V-VIII.1980; Haditha, 13.VIII.1979; Kabaish, 27-28.VI.1980; Mosul, 28.VIII.1980; Sinoni, 8-9.V.1981; Tharthar lake, 2.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: Common in fields, gardens and desert habitats.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian with a wide range in the Arabian Peninsula.

Deraeocoris (Camptobrochis) lutescens (Schilling, 1837)

Shaqlawa (Hoberlandt 1953:379).

Distribution: Holomediterranean with a wide range in Central Europe.

HYALIODINI

Stethoconus cyrtopeltis Flor, 1860

Material: Sarsang, 1 ex, 26-28.VIII.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: At lamp in a *Quercus* forest.

Distribution: A rare species, extending from the Mediterranean area to the Baltic states, Finland and East Europe.

Dicyphinae

Macrolophus caliginosus Wagner, 1951

Material: Al Qosh, 1 ex, 17.XI.1979; Agra, 1 ex, 23.VIII.1980; Salahuddin, 1 ex, 16.XI.1979; Sarsang, 3 exx, 26-28.VIII.1980; Shaykh Addi, 1 ex, 15.XI.1979; Shaqlawa, 1 ex, 16.XI.1979; Zawita, 3 exx, 15.XI.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On herbs such as *Epilobium* in moist localities in northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Macrolophus nubilus (Herrich-Schäffer, 1835)

Material: Al Qosh, 1 ex, 15.VIII.1980; Agra, 4 exx, 12.V.1981; Jebel Sinjar, 5 exx, 8.V.1981; Sarsang, 4 exx, 26-28.VIII.1980; Zawita, 4 exx, 15.XI.1979; Shaqlawa, 1 ex, 16.XI.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On plants in moist localities in northern Iraq.

Distribution: European. Iraq (Stichel 1958: 827).

Cyrtopeltis (Nesidiocoris) tenuis Reuter, 1895

Material: Many exx from Ain Al Tamar, 17.VII.1980; Baghdad, V-VII.1980; Mosul, 28.VIII.1980; Tharthar lake, 20.X.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On hairy plants such as Solanaceae, Cucurbitaceae and Compositae.

Distribution: Paleotropical. Iraq (Stichel 1958: 827).

Cyrtopeltis (Campyloneuropsis) khalafi Seidenstücker, 1964

Material: Ana-Al Qaim, 1 ex, 5.V.1980; Rutba-Al Qaim, 2 exx, 4.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Distribution: Eremian. Originally described from Baghdad (Seidenstücker 1964:239). Later recorded from Saudi Arabia (Linnavuori 1986:129).

Dicyphus hyalinipennis (Burmeister, 1835)

Material: Shaqlawa, 1 ex, 16.XI.1979; Zawita, 1 ex, 13.XI.1979, Linnavuori.

Distribution: Holomediterranean; recorded from Shaqlawa (Hoberlandt 1953:380).

Mirinae

PITHANINI

Pithanus marshalli Douglas & Scott, 1868

Material: Many exx from Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Agra, 12.V.1981; Brozah, 13.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981; Sinoni, 8-9.V.1981; Linnavuori.

Biology: Common in hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

HERDONIINI

Camponotidea fiebri Reuter, 1879

Material: Agra, several exx, 12.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In a hilly steppe in northern Iraq.
 Distribution: Pontomediterranean.

STENODEMINI

Stenodema calcaratum (Fallén, 1807)

Material: Ana, 1 ex, 8.X.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Scirpus* sp. in a valley of a small brook.

Distribution: Euro-Siberian.

Stenodema turanicum Reuter, 1904

Material: Many exx from Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Mosul, 28.VIII.1980; Sarsang, 26–28.VIII.1980; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On grasses in hilly steppes in northern Iraq.

Distribution: Caspian; recorded from Iraq (Stichel 1958:843).

Stenodema virens (Linnaeus, 1767)

Iraq (Stichel 1958:843).

Distribution: Euro-Siberian.

Trigonotylus pulchellus (Hahn, 1834)

Material: Many exx from Falluja, 5.X.1979; Muhammadi, 8.X.1979; Sarsang, 26–28.VIII.1980; Sinjar, 7.V.1981; Zawita, 26.VIII.1980; Linnavuori.

Biology: On grasses in fields and gardens.

Distribution: Holomediterranean with a wide range in Central Europe.

Trigonotylus brevipes Jakovlev, 1880

Material: Many exx from Basra, 12.IV.1980; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Al Hadr, 6–7.V.1981; Safwan, 12.IV.1980; As Salman, 18.IV.1980; Ukhaidir-Nukhaib, 2.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On grasses in fields and steppes.

Distribution: Irano-Turanian; Iraq (Stichel 1958:843).

Trigonotylus pallidicornis Reuter, 1900

Material: Many exx from Baghdad, IV–V.1980; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Falluja, 5.X.1980; Mosul, 28.VIII.1980; Rawah-Al Hadr, 6.V.1981; Muhammadi, 8.X.1979; As Salman, 18.IV.1980; Sinjar, 7.V.1981; Ukhaidir-Nukhaib, 2.V.1980; Waqisah, 1.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On grasses such as *Cynodon* in fields, gardens and steppes.

Distribution: Widespread within the Eremian and Sudanese subregions.

MIRINI

Phytocoris (Stictophytocoris) meridionalis Herrich-Schäffer, 1835

Material: Dukan 1♀ apparently of this species, 12.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Quercus*.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Phytocoris (Stictophytocoris) tristis Linnavuori, 1965

Material: Sarsang, 2 exx, 26–28.VIII.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Quercus*.

Distribution: Originally described from Turkey.

Phytocoris (Ktenocoris) ulmi (Linnaeus, 1758)

Material: Gully Ali Beg, 1 ex, 13.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On an unidentified deciduous tree in a mountain forest.

Distribution: European.

Phytocoris (Ktenocoris) tridens Wagner, 1954

Material: Gully Ali Beg, 3 exx, 13.VI.1980; Qora, 1 ex, 13.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On deciduous trees in mountain forests.

Distribution: Previously known from Cyprus.

Phytocoris (Ktenocoris) poecilus Wagner, 1962

Material: Az Zubayr, many exx, 14.IV.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Rhanterium epapposum*.

Distribution: Eremian, known from Libya and southern Israel.

Phytocoris (Eckerleinius) enmerkar Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Darbandikhan, ♂ holotype, ♀ paratype, 13.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On an unidentified shrub on dry hill sides.

Distribution: Endemic.

Phytocoris (Eckerleinius) anabasisidis Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Wadi Mandali, ♂ holotype, ♂ paratype, 29.IX.1979; Ain Al Tamar, ♂ paratype, 6.IV.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Anabasis articulatum*.

Distribution: Endemic.

Phytocoris (Eckerleinius) artemisiae Linnavuori, 1984

Material: As Salman, ♂ holotype, 5 paratypes, 5.III.1980, Linnavuori. Other material: Ash Sharqat, 1 ex, 7.IV.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Artemisia herba-alba* in gravelly steppes.

Distribution: Endemic.

Phytocoris (Eriamiris) djerablisis Linnavuori, 1974

Type: Iraq, Djerablis on Euphrates, ♂ holotype, V.1914, Pietschmann, in Mus. Nat. Vienna.

Material: Rutba-Al Qaim, 6 exx, 4.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Artemisia herba-alba*. In Saudi Arabia found on *Rhanterium epapposum*.

Distribution: Known from Iraq and the adjacent parts of Saudi Arabia.

Phytocoris (Eriamiris) thymi Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Abu Ghar, ♂ holotype, many paratypes, 16.IV.1980; Abu Ghar-Busaya, 5 paratypes, 1.IV.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Thymus bonei* in gravelly wadis. One, apparently casual find on *Zilla spinosa*. In Saudi Arabia found on *Astragalus spinosus*.

Distribution: Iraq and the adjacent parts of Saudi Arabia.

Phytocoris (Eriamiris) lugalbanda Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Ain Al Tamar-Ramadi, ♂ holotype, 7 paratypes, 20.IV.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On an unidentified shrub in a salt marsh bordering a little oasis.

Distribution: Endemic.

Phytocoris (Eriamiris) gilgamesh Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Ukhadir-Nukhaib, ♂ holotype, 7.IV.1981; several paratypes from the same locality and Ratawi, 8.IV.1981; 50 km SE of Nasiriyah, 14.IV.1980; Safwan, 30.III.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Anabasis articulata*.

Distribution: Iraq and the adjacent parts of Saudi Arabia.

Phytocoris (Eriamiris) echinopis Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Nukhaib-km 160, ♂ holotype, several paratypes, 3.V.1980; Sawa lake, 1 paratype, 30.III.1981; As Salman, 1 paratype, 3.IV.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Echinops blancheana* in a semidesert near Nukhaib.

Distribution: Endemic.

Neosapinnius phytocoroides Wagner, 1960

Material: Numerous exx from Basra, 13.IV.1980; Safwan, 13.IV.1980; As Salman-Takhadid, 17.IV.1980; Az Zubayr, 14.IV.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Rhanterium epapposum* in semideserts.

Distribution: Eremian, common in central and eastern parts of Saudi Arabia.

Creontiades pallidus (Rambur, 1842)

Material: Many exx from Ana, 8.X.1979; Ana-Al Qaim, 9.X.1979; Baghdad, IV-V.1980; Falluja, 5.X.1979; Jebel Sinjar, 14.XI.1979; Muhammadi, 8.X.1979; Nasirya, 22.X.1979; As Salman-Takhadid, 17.IV.1980; As Samawa, 21.X.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On plants in fields and desert habitats.

Distribution: Eremian with a wide range in the Mediterranean and Sudanese subregions.

Megacoelum brevirostre Reuter, 1879

Material: Tharthar lake, 2 exx, 2.VI.1980; Az Zubayr, 2 exx, 14.IV.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On plants in saline habitats.

Distribution: Irano-Turanian, extending from Cyprus to Turkestan; recorded from Iraq (Stichel 1958:850).

Megacoelum tricolor Wagner, 1958

Material: Baghdad, 6 exx, IV–VIII.1980, V–VI.1981; Khan Ruhabah, 2 exx, 6.IV.1981; Tharhar lake, 1 ex, 2.VI.1980; Ukhaydir-Nukhayb, 1 ex, 2.V.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: In semideserts.

Distribution: Originally described from Iran.

Megacoelum irbilanum Linnavuori, 1988

Megacoelum quercicola Linnavuori 1984:27–28, nec *M. quercicola* Linnavuori 1965:26–27.

Megacoelum irbilanum Linnavuori 1988:1.

Material: Salahuddin, ♂ holotype, 12.VI.1980; Dukan, 5 paratypes, 12.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Quercus aegilops*.

Distribution: Endemic.

Adelphocoris bimaculicollis Lindberg, 1948

Material: Penjwin, 2 exx, 11.VI.1980; Qora, 3 exx, 13.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On plants in steppes.

Distribution: Previously known from Cyprus and Israel.

Calocoris (Calocoris) roseomaculatus saucius Linnavuori, 1951

Material: Aqra, 1 ex, 12.V.1981; Brozah, 1 ex, 13.V.1981; Al Qosh, 1 ex, 10.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: The nominate form European, the subspecies *sauclius* known from Israel.

Calocoris (Calocoris) instabilis Fieber, 1861

Material: numerous exx from Aqra, 12.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Calocoris (Calocoris) ishtar Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Aqra, ♂ holotype, many paratypes, 12.V.1981, Linnavuori; Darbandikhan, 2 paratypes, R. T. Kasaw.

Biology: On herbaceous plants in meadows on hilly terrain.

Distribution: Endemic.

Calocoris (Closterotomus) agranus Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Shaykh Addi, ♂ holotype, 11.V.1981; several paratypes from Aqra, 12.V.1981 and Al Qosh, 10.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In habitats similar to those of the preceding species.

Distribution: Endemic.

Calocoris (Reuterista) tegularis Puton, 1888

Material: Safwan, 1 ex, 30.III.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On desert vegetation.

Distribution: Eremian, distributed from Algeria to Saudi Arabia, southern Israel and Iraq.

Grypocoris fiebri Douglas & Scott, 1868

Material: Numerous exx from Qora, 10.V.1981; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian. Recorded from Turkey, Syria and northern Israel.

Brachycoleus lineellus Jakovlev, 1883

Material: Numerous exx from Aqra, 12.V.1981; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Sinoni, 8–9.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Anatolian, recorded from Caucasia, Turkey and Iran.

Brachycoleus thoracicus Puton, 1892

Material: Aqra, 5 exx, 12.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 6 exx, 13.V.1980; Qora, 1 ex, 13.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian.

Eurystylus bellevoyei (Reuter, 1879)

Material: Several exx from Ain Al Tamar-Ramadi, 20.IV.1980; Baghdad, V–VI.1981; Najaf-Shabakah, 1.V.1980; Rutba-Qaim, 9.IV.1981; As Salman-Shabakah, 4.IV.1981; Sawa lake, 19.IV.1980, Linnavuori. Kuwait: Al Jahra, 17.III.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On plants such as *Zygophyllum* and alf-alfa in fields, salt marshes and desert habitats.

Distribution: Eremian with a wide range within the Sudanese and Holomediterranean subregions.

Liocoris tripustulatus (Fabricius, 1781)

Material: Many exx from Aqra, 29.VIII.1980; Qora, 16.XI.1979; Shaykh Addi, 15.XI.1979; Shaqlawa, 16.XI.1979; Zawita, 15.XI.1979, Linnauori.

Biology: On herbs in moist shady groves in northern Iraq.

Distribution: Euro-Siberian. Recorded from Iraq (Stichel 1958:859).

Taylorilygus pallidulus (Blanchard, 1852)

Material: Falluja, 1 ex, 5.X.1979; Shaykhan, 2 exx, 15.XI.1979; As Zubayr, 4 exx, 14.IV.1980, Linnauori.

Biology: In fields and desert habitats on plants such as *Rhanterium epapposum*.

Distribution: Cosmopolitan.

Lygus pratensis osmanus Wagner, 1967

Material: Aqra, 6 exx, 29.VIII.1980, Linnauori.

Biology: On plants such as *Cyperus* sp., *Epilobium hirsutum* and *Mentha longifolia* in a river valley.

Distribution: Anatolian, the nominate form *L. pratensis pratensis* (Linnaeus, 1758) Euro-Siberian.

Agnocoris reclairei Wagner, 1949

Material: Gully Ali Beg, 1 ex, 13.VI.1980; Halabja, 3 exx, 11.VI.1980, Linnauori.

Biology: On *Salix*.

Distribution: European.

Cyphodema humbaba Linnauori, 1984

Material: Darbandikhan, ♂ holotype, 4 paratypes, 13.V.1980, Linnauori.

Biology: In mountain meadows.

Distribution: Endemic.

Cyphodema rubricum Seidenstücker, 1954

Material: Aqra, 1 ex, 12.V.1981, Linnauori.

Biology: In a hilly steppe.

Distribution: Anatolian, recorded from Turkey.

Orthotylinae

CHOROSOMELLINI

Chorosomella jakowlewi Horváth, 1906

Material: Numerous exx from Darbandikhan, 13.V. 1980; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Sinoni, 8–9.V.1981, Linnauori.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Anatolian, known from Turkey and Crimea.

HALTICINI

Plagiotalys dispar Reuter, 1900

Material: Numerous exx from Aqra, 12.V.1981; Brozah, 11.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981; Sinoni, 8–9.V.1981.

Biology: In hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian.

Dimorphocoris seidenstueckeri Linnauori 1984

Material: Sinoni, ♂ holotype, 11 paratypes, 8–9.V.1981, Linnauori.

Biology: Swept from luxuriant herbaceous vegetation (grasses, Cruciferae, Papilionaceae such as *Trifolium* sp., Labiatae, and Compositae with different thistles) on banks of a small brook.

Distribution: Endemic.

Orthocephalus tenuicornis (Mulsant & Rey, 1852)

Material: Numerous exx from Aqra, 12.V.1981; Brozah 13.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981; Sinjar, 7.V.1981; Sinoni, 8–9.V.1981, Linnauori.

Biology: Common in steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Piezocranum corvinum Puton, 1895

Material: Aqra, many exx, 12.V.1981; Sinoni, 2 exx, 8–9.V.1981, Linnauori.

Biology: On thistles and other plants in hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Anatolian, recorded from Turkey and Syria.

Halticus macrocephalus Fieber, 1858

Material: Numerous exx from Brozah, 13.V.1981; Darbandikhan, 13.V.1980; Al Qosh, 10.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 11.V.1981; Sinoni, 8–9.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: Common in hilly steppes of northern Iraq.

Distribution: Holomediterranean.

Halticus darbandikanus Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Darbandikhan, ♂ holotype, 7 paratypes, 13.V.1981; Al Qosh, 1 paratype, 10.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: In mountain meadows.

Distribution: Endemic.

Halticus beganus Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Gully Ali Beg, ♀ holotype, 7 paratypes, 13.V.1981; Halabja, 1 paratype, 11.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Bryonia* sp. and *Fraxinus* sp.

Distribution: Endemic.

Strongylocoris enki Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Aqra, ♂ holotype, 3 paratypes, 12.V.1981; Al Qosh, 2 paratypes, 10.V.1981; Shaykh Addi, 1 paratype, 11.V.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On herbaceous plants in meadows of hilly terrain.

Distribution: Endemic.

ORTHOXYLINI

Brachynotocoris cyprius Wagner, 1960

Material: Khorsabad, several exx, 15.XI.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Olea europaea*.

Distribution: Pontomediterranean with a southern distribution, known from Cyprus and Israel, and as ssp. *inermis* Linnavuori, from Libya.

Brachynotocoris viticinus Seidenstrücker, 1954

Material: Many exx from Aqra, 29.VIII.1980; Halabja, 11.VI.1980; Salahuddin, 13–14.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Vitex agnus-castus*.

Distribution: Pontomediterranean.

Orthotylus (Orthotylus) cornupunctus Ghauri, 1972

Material: Dukan, 6 exx, 12.VI.1980; Jebel Sinjar, 7 exx, 14.XI.1980; Zawita, 1 ex, 15.XI.1979; Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Quercus aegilops*.

Distribution: Endemic (type locality: Sulaymaniya).

Orthotylus (Orthotylus) prunicola Linnavuori, 1984

Material: Nukhaib- km 160, ♂ holotype, 1 paratype, 8.IV.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Prunus arabicus*.

Distribution: Endemic.

Orthotylus (Orthotylus) priesneri Schmidt, 1939

Orthotylus (Orthotylus) priesneri Schmidt 1939:22.

Orthotylus (Orthotylus) macrorthalmus Wagner 1960:93–94 (Linnavuori 1986:144).

Material: Many exx from Khan Ruhabah, 6.IV.1981; Najaf-Shabakah, 23.VI.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Acacia*.

Distribution: Eremian.

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) flavosparsus (C. Sahlberg, 1842)

Material: Baghdad, many exx, 23.IX.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Chenopodium album*.

Distribution: Holarctic.

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) hirtulus Wagner, 1951

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) hirtulus Wagner 1951:157–159.

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) haloxyloni Wagner 1956:5–7 (Linnavuori 1986:145).

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) argenteopunctatus Wagner 1957:87–88 (Linnavuori 1986:145).

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) omanensis Linnavuori 1975:53 (Linnavuori 1986:145).

Material: Many exx from Nukhayb- km 160, 8.IV.1981; Nukhayb-Ratawi, 8.IV.1981; Rawah-Al Had, 6.V.1981; Rutba-Al Qaim, 4.V.1980; Safwan, 30.III.1981; Shabakah, 4.IV.1981; Wadi Mandali, 29.III.1979; Ukhaidir-Nukhayb, 2.V.1980, Linnavuori. Kuwait: Al Wafra, 16.III.1981, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Anabasis articulata*.

Distribution: Eremian (Egypt-Iran).

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) arabicus Wagner, 1962

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) arabicus Wagner 1962:215–216.

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) jordanicus Wagner 1963:270–272 (Linnavuori 1986:147).

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) haloxylonii abbreviatus Linnavuori 1975:54 (Linnavuori 1986:147).

Material: Many exx from Ain Al Tamar, 17.VII.1980; Al Amarah, 23–24.X.1979; Baghdad, VI–VII.1980; Mosul, 28.VIII.1980; Samawah, 21.X.1979, Linnavuori; Basra, 8.VII.1968, M. Karem.

Biology: On halophytes such as *Salsola oppositifolia*, *Suaeda pruinosa* and *Zygophyllum*.

Distribution: Eremian with an eastern distribution, known from the Arabian Peninsula, Israel, Jordan, and Syria.

Orthotylus (Melanotrichus) nigricollis Wagner, 1975

Material: Several exx from Abu Ghar, 16.IV.1980; Ain Al Tamar, 20.IV.1980; Ain Al Tamar-Ramadi, 20.IV.1980; Al Amarah, 23–24.X.1979, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Suaeda verniculata*.

Distribution: Eremian, known from Saudi Arabia.

Pseudoloxops guttulatus Kerzhner & Muminov, 1975

Material: Sarsang, 1♀ apparently of this species, 26–28.VIII.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On deciduous trees in mountain forests.

Distribution: Turkestan.

Heterotoma meriopterum (Scopoli, 1763)

Cimex meriopterum Scopoli 1963:131–132.

Capsus (Heterotoma) dalmatinus Wagner 1950:40–43 (Tamanini 1962:135–141).

Material: Gully Ali Beg, 2 exx, 13.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On deciduous trees in a mountain forest.

Distribution: Pontomediterranean.

Zanchius alatanus Hoberlandt, 1956

Material: Dukan, 1 ex, 12.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian, recorded from Turkey and Israel.

Zanchius breviceps (Wagner, 1951)

Material: Several exx from Ana-Al Qaim, 9.X.1979; Baghdad, IX.1979, V–VIII.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On *Abutilon* and *Gossypium*.

Distribution: Eremian, known from Egypt, the Sudan, the Arabian Peninsula, and Israel.

Globiceps syriacus Wagner, 1969

Material: Dukan, 1 ex, 12.VI.1980, Linnavuori.

Biology: On undergrowth in a *Quercus* forest.

Distribution: Syrio-Anatolian, known from Turkey and Syria.

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