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A new species of *Clypeocaenis* Soldán 1978 (Ephemeroptera: Caenidae) from Tamil Nadu, India

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Abstract

Clypeocaenis malzacheri sp. nov. is described from the Kottakudi River in southern India, based on larvae and eggs. Clypeocaenis malzacheri sp. nov. appears to be closely related to C. bisetosa Soldán. The new species is distinguished from this species and other congeners based on the structure of the frons; the structure, setation, and maculation of legs; the shape and orientation of the abdominal tergum II projection; and by the shape and denticulation of abdominal sternum IX. Updated couplets for an identification key to Clypeocaenis larvae in the Indomalayan region are provided. The total number of Clypeocaenis species is thereby increased to twelve in the world and seven in India.

Key words: Clypeocaenini, new species, Western Ghats, Pannota, Clypeocaenis malzacheri

Introduction

The tribe Clypeocaenini (Ephemeroptera: Caenidae: Caeninae) currently is comprised of 10 genera (*Clypeocaenis* Soldán 1978; *Amercaenis* Provonsha & McCafferty 1985; *Barnardara* McCafferty & Provonsha 1995 (in Provonsha & McCafferty 1995); *Callistellina* Sun & McCafferty 2004 (=*Mccaffertya* Ozdikmen 2008 [see Jacobus & McCafferty 2009]); *Trichocaenis* Malzacher 2009; *Kalimaenis* Malzacher 2013; *Provonshara* Malzacher 2014; *Mandelara* Malzacher & Staniczek 2016; *Papuaenis* Malzacher & Staniczek 2016; and *Elatosara* Malzacher 2021). Three of these ten genera are found in the Indomalayan region: *Clypeocaenis*, *Elatosara*, and *Kalimaenis* (Malzacher 2021, Malzacher & Sangpradub 2021 (in Malzacher & Sangpradub 2021)). The genus *Clypeocaenis* and *Caenis*, in particular, has received considerable attention recently in India due to their biomonitoring potential (Muthukatturaja *et al.* 2020; Srinivasan *et al.* 2021; Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2021). *Clypeocaenis* is recognizable by having distinct regular rows of setae on the foretibiae and tarsi, and a frons that is strongly protruded anteriorly and bears long setae (Kluge 2004; Malzacher & Staniczek 2016).

Eleven species have been documented from the Afrotropical, Indomalayan and Palearctic regions, combined (Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2021), and six of these species have been previously known from the Indian subcontinent: *Clypeocaenis bisetosa* Soldán 1978; *C. multisetosa* Soldán 1978; *C. gayathri* Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2020 (in Muthukatturaja *et al.* 2020); *C. sharadhae* Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2020 (in Muthukatturaja *et al.* 2020); *C. kaveri* Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2021; and *C. napoklu* Balasubramanian & Muthukatturaja 2021. From the 11 species, 4 species have larval and imaginal characters described (*C. oligosetosa, C. kaveri, C. napoklu*, and *C. sharadhae*), 2 species have larval and subimaginal characters from male mature larva (*C. bisetosa* and *C. soldani*), and 5 other species have only larval characters known (*C. multisetosa, C. afrosetosa, C. femorisetosa, C. umgeni,* and *C. gayathri*). Here, we describe an additional species of *Clypeocaenis* from the Western Ghats of southern India based on larvae and eggs.

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Contribution to the knowledge of Teloganodidae (Ephemeroptera, Ephemerelloidea) of India

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Abstract

Two new species of *Dudgeodes* Sartori, 2008 and a new species of *Teloganodes* Eaton, 1882 are described from India; they are *Dudgeodes selvakumari* Martynov & Palatov, **sp. nov.** from Himalayan region (Uttarakhand), *Dudgeodes molinerii* Sivaruban, Martynov, Srinivasan, Barathy & Isack, **sp. nov.**, and *Teloganodes barathyae* Sivaruban, Martynov, Srinivasan & Isack, **sp. nov.** from the Tamil Nadu part of the Western Ghats. Thus, for now, the Teloganodidae fauna of India includes 11 species. *Dudgeodes selvakumari* **sp. nov.** appears to be significantly extend northward the known distribution of *Dudgeodes*. Partial COI sequences were used as an initial clustering method to show the relationships of *D. selvakumari* **sp. nov.** with other sequenced operational taxonomic units (OTU) of the genus.

Keywords

COI, distribution, imago, larva, morphology, Pannota, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand