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## ON A SMALL COLLECTION OF FULGOROIDEA (HOMOPTERA) FROM THE VIRGIN ISLANDS<sup>1</sup>

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The Virgin Islands, which lie between 18°55 N. 64°10 W. and 18°25 N. 65°00 W., are the eastern outliers of the Greater Antilles. St. Thomas, the westernmost, is separated by a channel 30 miles wide from Culebra, off Puerto Rico, while St. John is 70 miles from the St. Barts group to the south. St. Croix, though politically grouped with the Virgin Islands, is not considered here as it stands apart from the chain of islands between St. Thomas and Anegada.

The natural vegetation of these islands consists to an overwhelming extent of dry scrub. At the summit of the highest points occur small patches of woodland with the characteristics of true mountain forest.

As far as Fulgoroidea are concerned, the affinities of the fauna are unquestionably with that of Puerto Rico, and it would seem (in the absence of collections from the St. Barts group) that the islands represent the furthestmost limit of some of the Greater Antillean species. Of the species discussed below *Bothriocera eborea* Fenn. and *Sogata furcifera* (Horv.) are the only two which range southward through the Leeward and Windward Islands: *Oliarus campestris* Fenn., *Petrusa marginata*

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(Brunn.) and *Melormenis quadripunctata* (F.) occur in the Greater Antilles and in the Leeward Islands (Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat) but not in the Windward Islands; *Cubana tortriciformis* Muir is represented in the Lesser Antilles by very close geographical equivalents grouped around the St. Vincent *Cubana tortrix* Uhl.; *Neurotmeta* occurs as far south as Dominica; *Oliarus campestris* is very clearly replaced in the Windward Islands and Trinidad by *O. maidis* Fenn. The group of species or subspecies closely resembling *Acanalonia depressa* Mel. has no representatives in the Lesser Antilles, while the *Thionia* described below is not very close to any Lesser Antillean species. The genera *Ladella*, *Remosa*, and *Tangella* and the flatid *Parthenormenis* described below do not occur in the Lesser Antilles and have no obvious equivalents there, though by contrast the forest-dwelling *Chasmacephala* of the Windward Islands clearly shares a common ancestry with the Greater Antillean *Parahydriena* and *Cyphoceratops*.

In so small a collection little significance can be attached to the absence of species but, in view of their abundance in the Leeward Islands as far north as Anguilla, the writer would have expected to find a species of *Ilesia* among the flatids of the littoral zone. The genus *Antillormenis* does not reach northward of the Leeward Islands and even here occurs only in Montserrat.

#### CIXIIDÆ

##### *Cubana* Uhler

Uhler 1895 *Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond.*: 62. Haplotype, *Cubana tortrix* Uhler *loc. cit.*: 62.

##### *Cubana tortriciformis* Muir

Muir 1924 *Proc. Haw. Ent. Soc.* 5, 3: 461.

A single female taken by the writer at Road Town, Tortola (Feb. 25, 1944) is assigned to this species. The specimen differs from the type of *C. tortrix* only in having the distal fuscous line in the tegminal membrane overlying cell R2 and the large spot basad of it biconcave on its inner face. It is probable that *Pintalia alta* Osborn is this species.

*Oliarus (Melanoliarus) Fenn.*

Fennah 1945 *Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash.* 58: 141. Subgenotype, *Oliarus maidis* Fenn. 1945 *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.* 95: 423.

*Oliarus (Melanoliarus) campestris* Fenn.

Fennah 1945 *loc. cit.*: 141.

One male was taken by the writer on Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944). In this subgenus of *Oliarus* each ovary comprises sixteen ovarioles. In the closely allied genus *Vincentia* each ovary has eighteen ovarioles.

*Bothriocera* Burm.

Burmeister 1835 *Handbuch der Entomologie*: 156. Haplotype, *Bothriocera tinealis* Burmeister *loc. cit.*: 156.

*Bothriocera eborea* Fenn.

Fennah 1943 *Psyche* 52: 14.

Three males and four females were taken by the writer on Jost Van Dyke on *Coccoloba uvifera* (Feb. 18, 1944), and two males and eight females on Tortola (Feb. 15-17, 1944).

## DELPHACIDÆ

*Sogata* Distant

Distant 1906 *F. B. I.* 3: 471. Orthotype, *Sogata dohertyi* Distant *loc. cit.*: 471.

*Sogata furcifera* (Horv.)

*Delphax furcifer* Horvath 1899 *Term. Fuz.* 22: 372.

One male taken by the writer at Road Town, Tortola (Feb. 14, 1944). This generic assignment is merely provisional pending revision of the family.

## TROPIDUCHIDÆ

The tropiduchid fauna of Central America and the West Indies is rich in genera and nomenclatorial confusion has arisen as a result of changed conceptions of generic limits. In his classification of the family Melichar accorded tribal status to genera in which a costal area with transverse veinlets is present in the tegmina; genera within this group characterised by marked elonga-

tion of the vertex were separated as a further tribe (Peggiogini). These tribal characters are not rigorous in their application, but intergrade with those found in the Tambiniini both in West Indian and Australasian genera. The development of a costal area, for example, may vary within a single genus. The South American *Rotunosa indicanda* (Wlk.) has a narrow costal area with distinct transverse veinlets in the distal part of the corium; nearer the base the costal area narrows and these veinlets progressively merge into the membrane, where they are visible only as faint striæ, and finally disappear. In *Rotunosa grandis* (Fenn.) the costal vein is slightly submarginal and devoid of transverse veinlets, though towards the node faint transverse striæ can be detected. This condition can be matched elsewhere in tambiniine Tropiciduchidæ. As far as American genera are concerned the writer proposes to regard all in which the antennæ are short, with the second joint subglobose, the mesonotum less than 1.5 times as broad as long with the lateral discal carinæ parallel in their basal half, the tegmina thin and subhyaline, with a line of transverse veins between the node and apex of the clavus as belonging to a single subfamily. This group appears to be naturally related to the Old World *Tropiciduchus*.

A key to the new world genera, based on this view, is given below, being modified from the writer's earlier key to Tambiniini (*sensu* Melichar).

#### KEY TO NEW WORLD GENERA OF TROPIDUCHINI

- (1) (2) Tegmina with a distinct costal area, subequal in width to costal cell, traversed by veinlets to margin for most of length ..... (3)
- (2) (1) Tegmina with costal vein marginal, or very narrowly separated, no veinlets to margin along most of length ..... (11)
- (3) (4) Vertex twice as long as broad or nearly so  
*Pseudotangia* Metcalf
- (4) (3) Vertex relatively shorter ..... (5)
- (5) (6) Vertex as long as broad or slightly longer than broad ..... (7)
- (6) (5) Vertex broader than long ..... (9)

- (7) (8) Frons with an oblique ridge distally on each side of middle ..... *Vanuoides* Metcalf
- (8) (7) Frons with median carina only ..... *Ladella* Stål
- (9) (10) Median carina of vertex  $\Lambda$ -shaped  
*Tangyria* Uhler
- (10) (9) Median carina simple, not forked basally  
*Tangella* Metcalf and Bruner
- (11) (12) Vertex as long as pronotum and mesonotum, more than twice as long as broad ..... (13)
- (12) (11) Vertex produced before eyes but not greatly prolonged anteriorly ..... (15)
- (13) (14) Vertex with median carina simple to base  
*Remosa* Distant
- (14) (13) Vertex with median carina forked basally  
*Rotunosa* Distant
- (15) (16) Tegmina with one or no transverse line distad of nodal line ..... (17)
- (16) (15) Tegmina with numerous irregular cross-veins in membrane ..... (25)
- (17) (18) Vertex distinctly longer than broad ..... (19)
- (18) (17) Vertex not longer than broad ..... (21)
- (19) (20) Tegmina with a row of subapical areoles distad of nodal line ..... *Athestia* Melichar
- (20) (19) Tegmina with only apical areoles distad of nodal line, no subapical line ..... *Biruga* Fennah
- (21) (22) Vertex three times as broad as long  
*Colgorma* Kirkaldy
- (22) (21) Vertex twice as broad as long, or less ..... (23)
- (23) (24) Species more than 7 mm. long; lateral pronotal fields and mesopleurites green  
*Neorudia* Fennah
- (24) (23) Species less than 7 mm. long; lateral pronotal fields at margin and a spot on mesopleurites piceous ..... *Amapala* Melichar
- (25) (26) Vertex with median carina simple, unbranched basally ..... (27)
- (26) (25) Vertex with median carina  $\lambda$  or  $\Lambda$ -shaped (33)
- (27) (28) Frons ecarinate, sides of vertex parallel  
*Pelitropis* Van Duzee
- (28) (27) Frons medially carinate ..... (29)

- (29) (30) Tegmina with M not forked before nodal line; two irregular ranks of transverse veins in membrane distad of nodal line ..... *Amaclardea* Muir
- (30) (29) Tegmina with M forked before nodal line, more than two ranks of irregular transverse veins in membrane ..... (31)
- (31) (32) Media forking near base of tegmen  
*Monopsis* Spinola
- (32) (31) Media forking near middle of tegmen  
*Neurotmeta* Guérin-Ménéville
- (33) (34) Vertex with median carina  $\Lambda$ -shaped ..... (35)
- (34) (33) Vertex with median carina  $\Lambda$ -shaped ..... (39)
- (35) (36) Vertex longer than broad, directed upward distally ..... *Dictyotangia* Fennah
- (36) (35) Vertex not longer in middle line than broad across base ..... (37)
- (37) (38) Vertex as broad as long in middle, lateral margins of frons not meeting lateral margins of vertex, a broad callus on anterior margin of vertex ..... *Aripoa* Fennah
- (38) (37) Vertex broader than long, lateral margins of frons meeting lateral margins of vertex, anterior margin of vertex not callused  
*Neotangia* Melichar
- (39) (40) Submarginal carinae of pronotum obsolete, represented only by a hump, species about 6 mm. long, tawny, marked with spots of darker brown ..... *Tangidia* Uhler
- (40) (39) Submarginal carinae of pronotum very sharp, arcuate, species about 8.6 mm. long, uniformly pale green ..... *Dioxyomus* Fennah

*Ladella* Stål

Stål 1859 *Berl. Ent. Zeit.* 3: 319. Haplotype, *Monopsis pallida* Wlk.

*Ladella pallida* (Wlk.)

*Monopsis pallida* Walker 85. List Hom. 2: 325.

The figures were kindly made by Mr. W. E. China from the type. It is very distinct from the Puerto Rican species identified as *Monopsis pallida* by Stål and figured

by Melichar (1914 *Ver. Nat. Ver. Brunn* 53: 106). The latter species, based on Stål's labelled specimen in the Berlin collection, requires a new name, for which *Ladella stáli* is now proposed.

*Tangella* Metcalf and Bruner

Metcalf and Bruner 1930 *Psyche* 37, 4: 397. Orthotype  
*Tangia kraatzi* Stål *Berl. Ent. Zeit.* 3: 318.

*Tangella schaumii* (Stål)

*Tangia schaumii* Stål 1859 *Berl. Ent. Zeit.* 3: 318.

Male. Length, 5.6 mm.; tegmen, 4.9 mm.

Vertex 3.3 times as broad as long in middle line, medially carinate, carina broad, obsolete at apex, simple at base; frons in middle line 1.5 times as long as broad, a broad callus across basal margin, median carina rather broad. Pronotum with disc large, carinae stout, two carinae at each lateral margin between eye and tegula; mesonotum relatively long, lateral carinae of disc parallel in basal half. Tegmina with costal area broad with about 14 transverse veinlets, nodal line straight, Sc + R fork distad of M fork which is distad of Cu 1 fork, none of these veins forked again before nodal line, membrane with five or six irregular ranks of transverse veinlets, about 16 cells adjoining apical margin between node and apex of clavus. Post-tibiae with three spines.

Anal segment relatively narrow, each lateral angle produced into a spatulate vertical lobe. Aedeagus laterally flattened, upcurved distally, a long spine lying below it on left, bent across to right and curved upward at apex, a group of four processes at apex of aedeagus, the basal process sinuate and spinose, the lateral flattened, symmetrical, pointed distally, the median acicular.

Redescribed from a male taken, along with a nymph, on Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944).

*Tangyria* Uhler

Uhler 1901 *Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash.* 4.: 512. Haplotype,  
*Tangyria frontalis* Uhl.

*Tangyria frontalis* Uhler

Uhler 1901 *loc. cit.*: 512.

The figures, made by the writer from a female specimen from Port au Prince, Haiti, in the U. S. National Museum bearing Uhler's label, are published to facilitate identification of this genus.

*Amaclardea Muir*

Muir 1931 *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.* (10) 7: 301. Orthotype, *Amaclardea gowdeyi* Muir.

*Amaclardea gowdeyi* Muir

Muir 1931 *loc. cit.*: 302.

The figures were made by Mr. China from the type. The genus has not yet been reported outside Jamaica.

*Neurotmeta* Guérin-Ménéville

Guérin-Ménéville 1856 *Hist. Fisica. Homopt.*: 180. Logotype, *Neurotmeta sponsa* Guérin-Ménéville.

*Neurotmeta viridis* (Wlk.)

*Monopsis viridis* Walker 1851 *List Hom.* 2: 325.

Ædeagus with two short spines closely approximated and directed caudad lying adpressed to ventral surface, the spine on left slightly curved laterad at apex; apical portion of ædeagus membranous, with a broad opening on right side, an aciculate porrect sclerotised and pigmented spine near dorsal margin directed caudad, a broad tapering process near ventral margin on right, rather flattened, somewhat sclerotised but not pigmented, curved dorsad distally, acute at apex.

The Lesser Antillean representatives of *Neurotmeta* agree with the species before the writer in all adult structures examined, with the exception of the ædeagal armature, which differs considerably in detail, although conforming to a standard basic pattern of two or three ventral spines along the ventral margin, and from one to four processes directed caudad on the apical membranous portion.

One male and four females and a nymph taken by the writer on *Coccoloba uvifera*, Virgin Gorda (Feb. 11,



1944), and one female and two nymphs on the same host, Tortola (Feb. 21, 1944). Walker's type from St. Thomas is a female, and the above assignment requires confirmation.

*Colgorma* Kirkaldy

Kirkaldy 1904 Ent. 37: 279. Orthotype, *Achilus dilutus* Stål.

*Colgorma diluta* (Stål)

*Achilus dilutus* Stål 1859 Eugen. Resa. 4: 271.

This genus superficially resembles the following, but is readily separated by the tribal character of a relatively long mesonotum. The frons of the type species is longer than broad (1.3:1) and medially longitudinally tumid rather than carinate.

*Tangiopsis* Uhler

Uhler 1901 Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash. 4: 512. Haplotype, *Tangiopsis tetrastichus* Uhler.

*Tangiopsis tetrastichus* Uhler

Uhler 1901 loc. cit.: 513.

The figures are of the Haitian type in the U. S. National Museum, and are given merely to illustrate the differences between *Tangiopsis* and *Colgorma*, as no material of either genus is to hand from the Virgin Islands.

ACANALONIIDÆ

*Acanalonia* Spinola

Spinola 1839 Ann. Soc. Ent. France. (1) 8: 447. Haplotype, *Acanalonia servillei* Spin.

*Acanalonia depressa* Melichar

Melichar 1901 Ann. K. K. Nat. Hist. Hofmus 16, 3: 190, pl. 1, fig. 6.

Ædeagus submembranous, not pigmented, a broad fold laterally on each side near base, narrowing distally into a ribbon-like process which recurves at apex and lies below ædeagus to its base, giving off a small S-shaped spine

laterally, and truncate at apex; remaining portions as figured.

Two males taken by the writer on Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944). These specimens differ from Melichar's description and figure only in the profile of the head. According to Dr. Paul Oman, material from St. Thomas and St. Croix differs from the Puerto Rican *A. brevifrons* Muir in being smaller, and having the vertex more sharply declivous, the portion of the head in front of the lateral frontal carinæ shorter, the costal margin of the tegmina more strongly curved and the anterior portion of the apical margin more broadly rounded. The male genitalia of the specimen before the writer are very close to those of *A. impressa* Metc. and Bruner. The species is evidently polytypic and the taxonomic relationship of its members might be most appropriately expressed by regarding *brevifrons* and *impressa* as geographical subspecies.

#### ISSIDÆ

##### *Thionia* Stål

Stål 1859 *Berl. Ent. Zeit.* 3: 321. Logotype, *Issus longipennis* Spinola 1839 *Ann. Soc. Ent. France* (1) 8: 348.

##### *Thionia argo* sp. n.

Male. Length, 5.8 mm.; tegmen, 4.3 mm. Female.

Length, 6.7 mm.; tegmen, 5.0 mm.

Vertex broader than long in middle line (1.5:1), slightly depressed, anteriorly transverse, posteriorly angulately excavate, frons very slightly longer than broad, median carina most prominent in basal half, four callosities on each side near margin, lateral discal carinæ visible only near base where they curve to unite at middle. Posttibiæ bispinose.

Fuscous; all carinæ and margins, parallel oblique striæ on clypeus, minute speckling on frons, vertex, pro- and mesonotum, and sometimes a transverse bar in basal third of frons, and abdominal ventrites testaceous; sides of head on concealed surface behind eyes and a round spot in each lateral field of pronotum piceous. Tegmina

translucent, testaceous, marbled with fuscous, though not in basal third of corium, three oval spots in cell R, a similar spot basally and a fainter spot distally in cell M 3+4 fuscous-piceous. Veins fuscous-piceous, paler in clavus. Transverse veins mostly pallid.

Anal segment of male elongate-rhomboidal, convex-truncate at apex, anal foramen near middle. *Ædeagus* moderately short, tubular, curved upward distally, dorsal margin with an eminence on each side at base and at middle, the latter bearing a short tooth directed caudad, a pair of long spines arising laterally at middle, curved outward, cephalad and finally mesad; *ædeagus* distally reflected anteriorly in the form of a trough, striate and membranous. Genital styles short and stout, subtriangular, expanding distally; apical process broad, hollowed out on its anterior surface, minutely pointed at apex and with a crescentic plate attached laterally near its base.

Anal segment of female very long distad of anal foramen, deeply rounded at apex.

Nymph with vertex relatively shorter than in adult, the pro- and mesotibiæ distinctly foliate and post-tibiæ four-spined.

Described from four males and seven females and four nymphs taken by the writer on Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944). This species may well prove to be closely allied to the Puerto Rican *Thionia borinquensis* Doz. and the Jamaican *Thionia impressa* Melichar, though it differs markedly in the coloration of the tegmina. Holotype ♂ and allotype ♀ at Mus. Comp. Zool. No. 27819.

#### FLATIDÆ

##### *Parthenormenis* gen. nov.

Frons as long as broad, apical margin little shorter than basal, lateral margins shallowly arcuate; vertex obsolete. Pronotum anteriorly roundly convex, posteriorly subangulately concave, a distinct broad callus along anterior margin near middle, a slight median sulcus posteriorly; mesonotum not inflated with median carina indicated only at base, lateral carinæ feebly present

throughout; post-tibiæ bispinose, abdomen dorsally rounded, not conical. Tegmina moderately expanding distally, costal margin straight distad of middle, apical margin straight, apical angle rounded, sutural angle rectangulate, rather abruptly rounded, costal area slightly narrower than costal cell one third from base, costal veinlets shorter than apical veins, apical veins mostly forked, apical line slightly irregular but distinct, joining costa anteriorly, nodal line indistinguishable, Sc simple to apex, R forking near middle of tegmen, M forking slightly basad of R fork, Cu 1 forking basad of M fork. Wings with R simple to apex, M with two branches, Cu 1 with five branches.

Anal segment of female broadly ovate, indented at apex, anal foramen relatively small. Ovipositor with third valvulæ each armed with nine or ten stout spines in two rows, with a single spine situated on inner face remote from margin.

Type species, *Parthenormenis sanctæ-ursulæ* sp. n.

*Parthenormenis sanctæ-ursulæ* sp. n.

Female. Length, 6.0 mm.; tegmen, 6.2 mm.

Testaceous-yellowish; pronotum and mesonotum clouded fuscous, legs faintly so; abdomen pallid, sclerotised portions of genitalia piceous. Tegmina translucent, brownish, anterior half of costal membrane and transverse veinlets just basad of apical line of cross-veins pallid; base of costal cell, except at margin, and base of clavus deeply infusate. Veins on corium deeply fuscous, on membrane concolorous. Wings infusate, veins dark fuscous. Insect in life powdered brownish or pruinose, somewhat variegated.

Ovipositor with third valvulæ armed on posterior margin with a row of five or six stout teeth; basad of this an inner row of two or three teeth, and a single tooth still further basad on inner face.

Described from a single female taken by the writer at 1,000 ft., Tortola (Feb. 20, 1944). Type at Mus. Comp. Zool. No. 27930. The genus, to which at present only this species is referred, is distinguished by having the

apical margin of the tegmina transverse, not oblique, and the sutural angle boldly, though not sharply, rectangulate, and by the armature of the third valvulæ. It differs from *Ormenoides* Mel. in the shape of the frons, and from *Ormenana* Metc. in that of the tegmina.

*Melormenis* Metcalf

Metcalf 1938 *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool.* 82, 5: 395. Orthotype, *Cicada quadripunctata* F.

*Melormenis quadripunctata* (F.)

*Cicada quadripunctata* Fabricius 1794 *Ent. Syst.* 4: 30.

Ten males and eight females, Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944), twenty-six males and sixteen females, Tortola (Feb. 14–17, 19–24, 1944), three males, Virgin Gorda (Feb. 11, 1944).

*Petrusa* Stål

Stål 1869 *Hem. Fabr.* 2: 111; (1866 *Hem. Afr.*: 237).

Haplotype, *Cicada marginata* Brunnich.

*Petrusa marginata* (Brunnich)

*Cicada marginata* Brunnich 1767, in Linné *Syst. Nat.* 1 (2): 710.

Four males and ten females taken by the writer on Jost Van Dyke (Feb. 18, 1944), six males and seven females, Tortola (Feb. 14–17, 1944), eight males and four females, Virgin Gorda (Feb. 11, 1944). Both color forms are represented in each batch of material.

## EXPLANATION OF PLATE 4

1. *Ladella pallida* (Wlk.) vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
2. idem, anal segment of male, ventrolateral view.
3. idem, ædeagus, right side.
4. idem, ædeagus, left side.
5. *Amaclardea gowdeyi* Muir, vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
6. idem, tegmen.
7. *Tangella schaumii* (Stål), ædeagus, left side.
8. idem, ædeagus, ventral view.
9. idem, vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
10. idem, frons and clypeus.
11. idem, tegmen.
12. *Neurotmeta viridis* (Wlk.), ædeagus, ventral view.
13. idem, ædeagus, right side.
14. *Colgorma diluta* (Stål) frons and basal part of clypeus.
15. idem, vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
16. *Tangyria frontalis* Uhl., vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
17. *Tangiopsis tetrastichus* Uhl., vertex, pronotum and mesonotum.
18. *Acanalonia depressa* Mel., anal segment and ædeagus, left side.
19. idem, head in profile.
20. *Thionia argo* Fenn., frons and clypeus.
21. idem, vertex and pronotum.
22. idem, tegmen.
23. idem, ædeagus, left side.
24. *Parthenormenis sanctæ-ursulæ* Fenn., tegmen.
25. idem, apical portion of wing.

