

ANALECTA MIRIDOLOGICA, V: OBSERVATIONS ON TYPE SPECIMENS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (HEMIPTERA, MIRIDAE)¹

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During a visit to the British Museum of Natural History, London (October 16-18, 1978), the author had the opportunity to study several specimens of species described by different authors, especially William Lucas Distant. Observations made are summarized in the present paper in the hope that they might be useful to colleagues working on the family in the future.

A total of 99 species were checked and notes expressed as follows:

Admetus fimbriatus Distant, 1883

Black, pronotum reddish on both sides.

Ambracius dufouri Stål, 1860

The species described by Distant as *maculatus* (1884), *marginatus* (1884), *bicolor* (1888), *rubricosus* (1884) and Walker's *alternus* (1873) are synonyms of *dufourii*. All have black second antennal segment, hood cystiform, tumid, cuneus shorter than in *Ambracius pallescens* (Distant), legs black.

Ambracius pallescens (Distant, 1884)

The two females types of this species are very similar to the male of *Ambracius albomaculatus*

(Distant, 1884). Both species have the hood strongly raised and depressed or laminate, scutellum strongly tumid, color variable (as most species in the group), second antennal segment lutescent to pale at middle, legs pale. I am considering *albomaculatus* a synonym (male specimen) of *pallescens* Distant which has priority (*new synonymy*). The species is described from Guatemala.

Amulacoris dissimulans (Distant, 1893) *new combination*

Black, shining, segments I and II of antenna (except apex of II which is black) pale, apices of femora and tibiae (totally) pale. This species is not a synonym of *subalbicans* (Distant) as mentioned by myself (Bol. Mus. Nac. R. Jan. Zool. 118:5, 1952).

Araspus partilus (Walker, 1873)

Black with pubescence dense, woolly and silvery on incident light, antenna black.

Araspus partilus (Walker, 1873)

Black metallic, pronotum (except calli and collar), scutellum, base of hemelytra, legs, first antennal segment, base of second segment lutescent; the latter strongly incrassate and pilose apically.

Argenis alboviridescens Distant, 1904

The type is a female from Ceylon, Green

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