

## A new species of the genus *Roudairea* Rt. from Iran

(Het. Miridae)

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The genus *Roudairea* was erected by REUTER (1886, p. 21–22) with *R. crassicornis* as type species. The description was based on a single male from Ain Sefra in Algeria. This rare species was not recovered ever since, until WAGNER (1965) published a redescription based on material collected by Dr. H. ECKERLEIN in Algeria. In the same paper a new species, *R. eckerleini* Wgn., from Libya was described. No records of the genus have been made outside of northern Africa. To my great surprise a material of *Miridae* from Iran, sent for identification by Mr. Fr. HELLER from the Stuttgart Museum, contained a specimen of the genus that proved to belong to a previously undescribed species, very closely related to *R. crassicornis*. The range of the genus is so considerably larger than previously assumed.

### Key to the species

- 1 (2) Pronotum only faintly convex, unicoloured. 2<sup>nd</sup> antennal joint in both sexes relatively gracile, only slightly tapering apicad . . . . .  
*eckerleini* Wgn. (Libya)
- 2 (1) Pronotum strongly convex, disk with two round black spots behind callal area. 2<sup>nd</sup> antennal joint in ♀ incrassate, strongly tapering apicad . . . . . 3
- 3 (4) Basal margin of pronotum with a round brown spot near either humeral angle. Pronotum (♀) 1.6 x as broad as long. 2<sup>nd</sup> antennal joint (♀) slightly longer than basal width of pronotum . . . . . *atargatis* n. sp.
- 4 (3) Basal margin of pronotum immaculate. Pronotum 1.83–1.87 (♀) or about 1.72 (♂) x as broad as long. 2<sup>nd</sup> antennal joint in ♂ as long as basal width of pronotum, in ♀ distinctly shorter . . . . .  
. . . . . *crassicornis* Rt. (Algeria)

### *Roudairea atargatis* n. sp.

Fig. 2. Length 7.25 mm. Subopaque. Pale yellow-brown. Eyes brown. Pronotum with two round black spots behind callal area and with a round brownish spot near either humeral angle in basal margin. Clavus and inner parts of corium faintly embrowned forming a dark longitudinal band continuing caudad until apex of membrane. Venter laterally tinged with reddish brown. Tarsi infumed.

Body elongate, 3.5 x as long as broad at base of pronotum. With short pale adpressed hair covering. Head 1.3 x as broad as long, in profile 1.31 x as long as high; ocular index 2.15. Proportions between antennal joints 20:51:33:?, 1<sup>st</sup> joint thick,