

A NEW SPECIES OF "MELANOTRICHUS" REUTER FROM AUSTRALIA (Hemiptera, Miridae)¹

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(With 5 text-figures)

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Melanotrichus australianus sp. n.

Characterized by its yellowish-gray color, by the dark-brown spots on the femora and by the structure of the male genitalia.

Male — Length 3.2 mm, width 1.1 mm. *Head* — Length 0.2 mm, width 0.6 mm, vertex 0.27 mm. *Antenna* — Segment I, length 0.17 mm; II, 0.8 mm; III, 0.4 mm; IV, 0.2 mm. *Pronotum* — Length 0.3 mm, width at base 0.8 mm.

General color yellowish-gray; head, pronotum, mesoscutum and scutellum yellowish-green to greenish; hemelytra grayish with longitudinal paler area following narrowly the clavo-corial commissure, cuneus with basal portion hyaline to pale, extreme apex of corium yellowish as also internal margin and apex of cuneus, veins of membrane yellowish; membrane dark-brown with a large central paler spot and two smaller lateral spots one of which is contiguous to cuneus; antenna yellowish, segments III and IV slightly darker. Underside of body greenish, more intensely so on the gena, lateral portion of sternum and abdomen; femora yellowish with dark-brown spots, the posterior pair with two longitudinal rows with about 10 to 12 spots on its external face intermixed with others smaller in size; tibiae yellowish with black spines having dark spots at base; tarsi and claws dark.

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