

ON A NEW GENUS AND THREE NEW SPECIES OF ORIENTAL MIRIDAE (HEMIPTERA)¹

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(With 12 text - figures)

The present paper deals with the descriptions of a new genus and three new species of Miridae (Hemiptera) from the collection of the British Museum of Natural History, London.

The specimens were collected in South India and Burma and kindly loaned for study by my colleague William R. Dolling. Holotypes are deposited in the British Museum of Natural History.

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Malacocoris indicus, n. sp.

(Figs. 1 - 4)

Characterized by its size, by the color of the body and by the structure of the male genitalia.

Male: Length 5.0 mm, width 1.3 mm. *Head*: Length 0.4 mm, width 0.5 mm, vertex 0.28 mm. *Antenna*: Segment I, length 0.5 mm; II, 1.7 mm; III, 2.0 mm; IV, 0.4 mm. *Pronotum*: Length 0.5 mm, width at base 1.0 mm. *Cuneus*: Length 0.28 mm, width at base 0.16 mm (holotype).

General coloration pale yellow to ochraceous with green areas; inner claval commissure very finely fuscous, corium level with apex of clavus

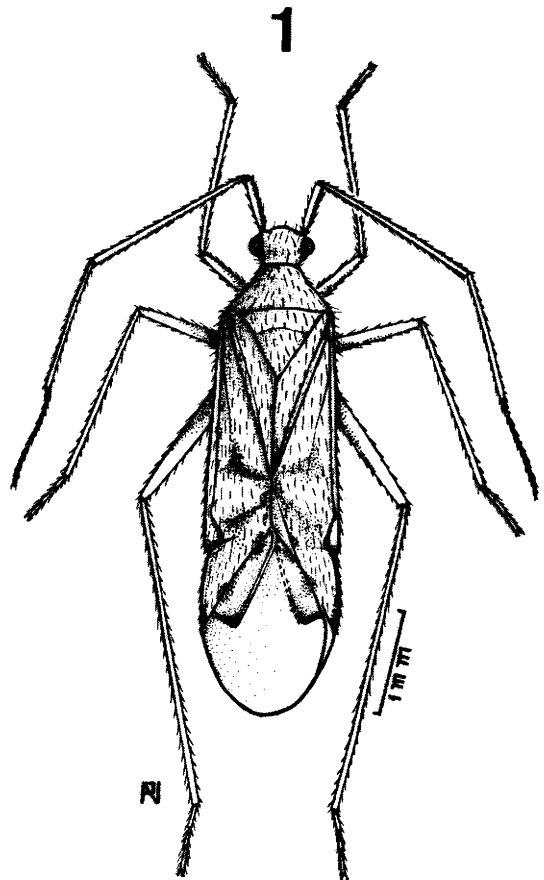


Fig. 1 – *Malacocoris indicus* n. sp., male, holotype.

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