

**A new species of *Mecomma* (Heteroptera : Miridae)
from Ruwenzori**

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SYNOPSIS

A new species of *Mecomma* is described from a female taken in Uganda.

Mecomma is a small and interesting genus of Orthotyline Mirids, which inhabits either temperate forests or mountainous areas in tropical countries, e.g. India and Africa (Carvalho & Southwood, 1955 : 44). The single female specimen on which the following description is based was submitted by the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia

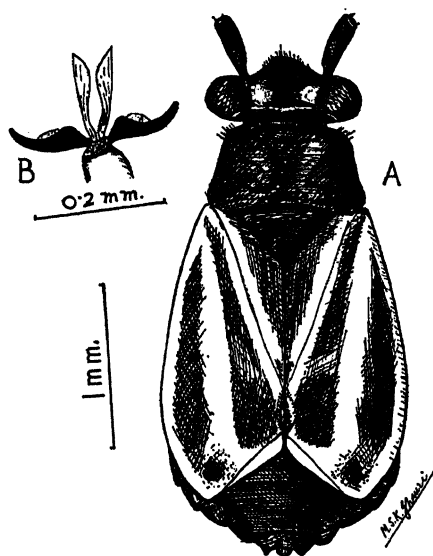


FIG. 1.—*Mecomma ruwenzoriense* sp. n.: A, dorsal view of the type (female); B, posterior claw showing arolia.

and was captured by the members of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Mount Ruwenzori Expedition. In the key given by Carvalho & Southwood (1955), it runs to *Mecomma grande* C. & S., but differs from this species in many characters, for example, in the shape of the head and pronotum and in the coloration of the hemelytra. I am grateful to Mr. Elliot Pinhey, Keeper of the Department of Entomology, National Museum of Southern Rhodesia, who kindly sent me this specimen. Hitherto only two species of *Mecomma* have been described from the Ethiopian Region.

***Mecomma ruwenzoriense* sp. n.**

Coloration.—Head black, with one pale round spot near inner margin of each eye; eyes grey; pronotum, scutellum, sternum, abdomen (except ovipositor, which is red), antennae and coxae (except small pale areas on their ventral side), black. First and fourth rostral segments, femora on their ventral side and tarsi fumed, second and third rostral segments and tibiae pale fuscous. Hemelytra

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