

**TANNEROCORIS NEW GENUS, AND NEW SPECIES
OF MIRIDAE (HEMIPTERA) FROM THE
WESTERN UNITED STATES**

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Tannerocoris, n. gen.

The claws and arolia are very similar to those of *Nevadocoris* Kngt. which places the genus in subfamily Phylinae. In my key to the genera of Phylinae (1968) this form runs in the couplet with *Oncotylus* Fieb. and *Nevadocoris* Kngt. *Tannerocoris* differs from *Nevadocoris* by the rows of rather large black spots on the femora; from *Oncotylus* it differs by the more slender antennae, and by the wider head and broader vertex.

DESCRIPTION.— Second antennal segment slender, its thickness only half that of first segment. Dorsal surface clothed with appressed, silvery, sericeous pubescence, and sparsely intermixed with suberect pubescent hairs. Legs only with black spots; tibial spines with a small black spot at base of each. Type of genus: *Tannerocoris sarcobati*, new species.

This genus is named for Dr. Vasco M. Tanner who has served as editor of the *Great Basin Naturalist* for the past thirty years. For several decades Dr. Tanner has been influential in the growth and development of public recreation facilities, of conservation of natural resources, of civic affairs, and of graduate education in the biological sciences in Utah and neighboring states. He is also recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding entomologist, particularly as a great authority in knowledge of the great order Coleoptera.

I take great pleasure in naming this new genus for Dr. Tanner as a memorial to him among the perpetual generic name books and catalogs of zoological science.

Tannerocoris sarcobati, n. sp.

MALE.— Length 4.2 mm, width 1.36 mm. Head: width .95 mm, vertex .48 mm; pale, clypeus black, frons black each side of pale median line; vertex pale but with a rounded black spot each side and touching eye margin; lorum with black but margins narrowly pale; eyes brown. Rostrum, length 1.22 mm, reaching to apex of middle coxae, pale yellowish. Antennae: segment I, length .30 mm, black; II, 1.32 mm, cylindrical, thickness .07 mm, yellowish, basal half more or less infuscated, pubescence very short and inconspicuous; III, .85 mm, dusky yellow; IV, .37 mm, pale fuscous. Pronotum, length .64 mm, width at base 1.19 mm; lateral margins of disk rounded, disk pale, basal half more or less infuscated, calli black; propleura fuscous to black, ventral margin pallid. Mesonotum ex-

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