

A NOTE ON ZANCHISME KIRKALDY
(HEMIPTERA : MIRIDAE)

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Zanchisme belongs to the myrmecomorphic orthotyline mirids of the tribe Pilophorini. It was established by Kirkaldy in 1904 with *Schizonotus dromedarius* Reuter 1892 as type species. At present it includes only *Z. illustris* Reuter and *Z. dromedarius* Reuter.

In Carvalho's key to the mirid genera of the world (1955), page 80, *Zanchisme* is included in couplet 15. Because Carvalho overlooked the scale-like hairs on the hemielytra of members of this genus his key has to be corrected as follows:

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| 11. Hemielytra with scale-like or transversal silvery scale-like pubescent bands | 12 |
| Hemielytra without scale-like hairs or silvery bands | 15 |
| 12. Pronotum noticeably constricted at middle, anterior lobe with three tubercles (Jamaica, Venezuela) | Zanchisme Kirkaldy |
| Pronotum not constricted, anterior lobe without tubercles | 13 |
| 13. Hemielytra with long erect bristles and scale-like hairs; pronotum not strongly narrowed in front | 14 |
| Hemielytra with semiadpressed pubescence plus scale-like hairs; pronotum strongly narrowed in front (Bolivia) | Lepidotaenia Poppius |
| 14. Pronotum covering mesoscutum and part of scutellum (Central and North America) | Renodaeus Distant |
| Pronotum not covering mesoscutum (North America) | Pilophoropsis Poppius |
| 15. Pronotum noticeably constricted at middle; femora usually somewhat curved | 16 |
| Pronotum not noticeably constricted at middle; femora straight | 26 |

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Schizonotus Reuter, 1892. Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 61:401.

Zanchisme Kirkaldy, 1904. Ent. 37:280.

Schistonotellus Reuter, 1905. Ofv. F. Vet. Soc. Forh 47:32.

Orthotylinae, Pilophorini. Sparsely haired; pronotum and legs with sparse semidecumbent pilosity, hemielytra and sometimes scutellum with scale-like silvery pubescence in addition; pronotum shiny, smooth, strongly constricted before middle, anterior lobe narrower than head, with three tubercles on anterior margin; posterior lobe gibbose, higher and wider than anterior.