

A NEW SPECIES OF *PLATYSCYTUS* REUTER AND A KEY TO THE SPECIES OF THE GENUS (HEMIPTERA, MIRIDAE)¹

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The authors describe a new species of the orthotyline genus *Platyscytus* collected by the senior author in the outskirts of Porto Bello, Panamá. A new key is given to cover the 14 species described up to date. The new key is a modification of Carvalho's of 1955. A complete bibliography up to 1955 can be found in Carvalho's Catalogue of the Miridae of the World (1958:125). Some notes are given about a few species.

The types are deposited in the collection of the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., United States of America and in both author's. Measurements are given in hundreds of a mm, and the symbol is not used in the descriptions.

Platyscytus hemiruber n. sp.

Male - Pale yellowish or straw-colored; head above and in front dark-red; first antennal segment black, second segment yellowish with black base; third and fourth missing in all male specimens; beak yellowish, black apically; eyes black. Pronotum dark-red or orange-red, humeral angle and lateral margin to about midlength yellowish. Mesoscutum dark-red; scutellum dark-red with apical diamond-shaped yellowish spot. Forewing: corium with an oval orange-red spot at about 2/3 from basal angle and close to

commissure; apical margin with orange-red fascia that extends shortly along base and inner margin

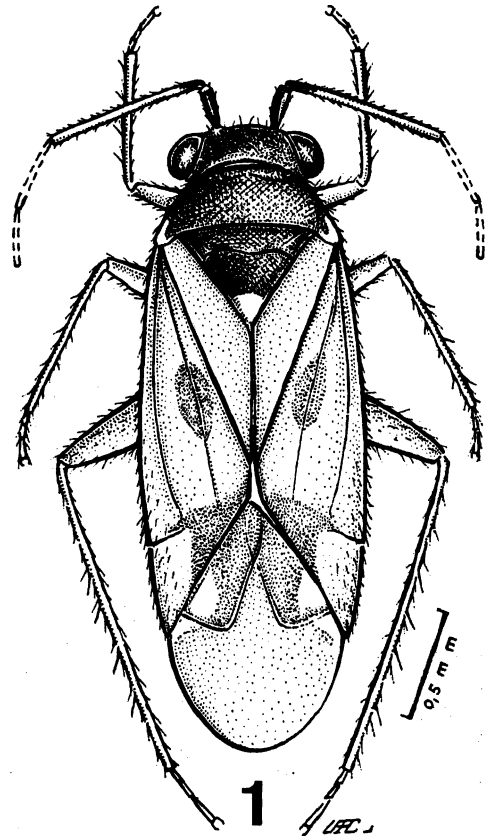


Fig. 1 - *Platyscytus hemiruber* n. sp., male, paratype.

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