

**TWO NEW SPECIES OF MIRIDAE
FROM THE AGALEGA ISLANDS**

[HEMIP. HETEROPTERA]

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The types and paratypes have been presented to the British Museum (Natural History).

***Deraeocoris limbatus* sp. n. (FIG. 1)**

Colour : shining black. Antennae and legs yellow ; segment 2 of antennae with a little less than half apically black ; segment 4 with brown suffusion apically. Vertex, pronotum anteriorly and very narrowly posteriorly suffused with light brown. Scutellum with a narrow whitish stripe laterally. Peritreme of metathoracic glands and apical margin of acetabula, white. Membrane hyaline ; area enclosed by cells infumate.

Structure : glabrous. Pronotum, except anterior third, scutellum, corium and clavus punctate ; cuneus less strongly punctate. Rostrum extending to median coxae ; basal segment thickened on inner surface apically. Vertex sub-equal in width to an eye and with a shallow, narrow, transverse sulcus basally. Eyes large, prominent with distinct facets. Basal segment of antennae extending somewhat beyond apex of head ; segment 2 a little more than four times as long, thickened in apical half ; segments 3 and 4 sub-equal in length. Pronotum a little wider than long. Scutellum feebly convex, about as wide as long.

Total length, 3.50 mm. ; hemelytra, 3.00 mm. ; greatest pronotal width, 1.50 mm.

1♂, (*holotype*), 1♀ (*paratype*), South Is., May 1955 (*Ray. Mamet*).

Predator of Psyllid on *Hibiscus tiliaceus*.

Apparently allied to *Deraeocoris alluaudi* Poppius (1919, Die Miriden der Athiopischen Region, I, *Acta Soc. Sci. Fenn.*, xli, 3, 123) from

* *Agalega* or *Galega* islands lie by 57° 37' East 10° 30' South, at about 670 miles North of Mauritius. They are composed of two coral islands, North Island and South Island of an area of approximately 8 square miles each, [ED.]