

A NEW ORTHOTYLINE MIRID (HETEROPTERA) FROM SYRIA

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A new species, *Zanchius stami* Van Doesburg (Insecta, Heteroptera, Miridae, Orthotylinae) from Syria, Deir-ez-Zor, is described and illustrated. Late eggs taken from the female abdomen have a peculiar chorionic process. It was found living (predaciously?) on cotton plants. It is compared with the closely related *Z. alatanus* Hoberlandt, 1956. Type specimens are deposited in the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden, two paratypes in the Národní Muzeum, Praha.

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INTRODUCTION

From Dr. Pieter A. Stam, working for the FAO in Syria, the author received for identification, among others, a series of small mirid found on cotton plants. It turned out to belong to an undescribed species of *Zanchius* Distant, 1904 the description of which is here presented. It is a pleasure to dedicate this species to its discoverer.

DESCRIPTION

Zanchius stami spec. nov.

Habitus. — Elongate, parallel, almost four times as long (including wings) as wide (across shoulders); total length 3.3-3.9 mm; colour pale yellowish, greenish tinged above.