A LIST OF EPHEMEROPTERA IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, BULAWAYO, SOUTHERN RHODESIA

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Through the kindness of Dr. Elliott Pinhey of the National Museum, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, I have been able to examine the small but interesting collection of mayfiles in the possession of the Museum. The material is mostly dried and pinned, but a number of the specimens are sufficiently well preserved for specific determinations to be made. The Rhodesian fauna has been very little studied up to now, and the main interest of this collection lies in the new geographical records obtained. Descriptions of new species are not given here, but the opportunity is taken of drawing attention to the synonymy of Notonurus Crass, 1947, with Compsoneuriella Ulmer, 1930.

OLIGONEURIIDAE

Elassoneuria sp.-1 Q imago, 96 miles S.E. of Nuanetsi, S. Rhodesia, iii.61.

The lateral processes of the ninth sternite are intermediate in length (vide Kimmins, 1960, Bull, Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.) Ent. 9:274), but the ventral plate is obscured. The wings lack the reticulum of fine veins depicted by Barnard, 1932, Trans. R. Soc. S. Afr. 20:212, in E. trimeniana (McLachian).

Elassoneuria sp.-1 of imago, Victoria Falls, iii.62.

A large species, body 17 mm. The genital forceps have four segments, the distal three segments being much more elongate than is figured by Kimmins, 1960, Bull. Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.) Ent. 9:339, for E. candida Eaton. The second segment is three times as long as broad, the third about twice as long as broad, and the fourth segment narrow and about two-thirds the length of the third. Whether this is the true E. trimeniana Mc-Lachlan, remains to be seen. If so, it may be noted that in well preserved specimens of Elassoneuria from the Congo at Leopoldville in my possession, the forceps are clearly seen to be composed of only three segments, as defined for the genus by Ulmer, 1920, Stett. ent. Ztg., 81: 128, thus indicating the specific distinctness of E. congolana Navás.

HEPTAGENIIDAE

Afronurus sp.—10^t imago, Kabompo river, Mwinilunga, N. Rhodesia, . iii.60; 1 of imago, 30 miles from Ndola, N. Rhodesia, i.58; 1 of imago, Chirunda, S. Rhodesia, ix.55; 3 of of, 2 Q Q, Victoria Falls, ii.53, iv.62.

Compsoneuriella Ulmer (= Notonurus Crass, syn. nov.) sp.—1 Q imago, Victoria Falls, i.60; 1 Q imago, Lubudi, Congo, ii.60; 1 Q imago, Marandellas, S. Rhodesia, ix.60.

The specimens from the three localities all belong to the same apparently undescribed species. It is characterised by purplish brown stippling of the femora, and by deep brown pigmentation of all cross-veins and of the adjacent wing membrane in the fore wing as far posterior as MA_2 , as well as of a few cross-veins in the basal part of the wing field between MA_2 and CuA. It is thus distinct from C. bequaerti (Navás), C. tortimerviss (Navás) and C. njalensis (Kimmins). It lies nearest to C. cooperi (Crass), the female of which has not been described.

Componentialla was named by Ulmer, 1939, Arch. f. Hydrobiol. Suppl.16:553, for the Indonesian species C. thienemanni Ulmer. Comparison of this form with the descriptions of the African species, as well as with unnamed material from Tanganyika, shows close agreement with the characters given by Crass, 1947, Proc. R. ent. Soc. Lond. (B) 16:126; for his Notonurus. Of particular importance is the form of the penes in the male, the proportions and conspicuous stippling of the legs—fore tarsus 1 slightly less than tarsus 2; hind tarsus 1 equal to or slightly larger than tarsus 2—and the sinuous course of Sc and R₁ in the outer half of the fore wing. The nymph, in Tanganyika specimens, generally resembles that of Afronurus, although the conspicuous stippling of the femora distinguishes them from all described species of the latter genus.

BAETIDAE

Centropiloides bifasciatum (Esben-Petersen).—1 9 subimago, Lubudi, Congo, ii.60.

Čentroptiloides sp.— 1 of imago, Mazabuka, N. Rhodesia, iii.61; 1 Q imago, Marandellas, S. Rhodesia, xii.60. 1962.]

These specimens both belong to an undescribed species, smaller than *bifasciatum*, the costal and subcostal areas of the wing being very pale lemon yellow, and with two to three cross-veins between R_1 and R_2 heavily pigmented dark brown, the pigment spreading out onto the adjacent wing membrane.

Cloëon smaeleni Lestage.—2 & A, Zambezi river, Mwinilunga, N. Rhodesia, v.61.

This species appears to be widely distributed throughout tropical Africa. Described by Lestage, 1924, *Rev. Zool. Bot., Afr.*, 12:426, from Lisabethville, Katanga, it has been recorded by Kimmins, 1960, *Bull. Brit. Mus.* (*Nat. Hist.*) *Ent.* 9:339, as *Procloëon smaeleni*, from Uganda, Ghana and Sierra Leone. It is one of the commonest species of the genus in Tanganyika, and I have also collected it in Liberia and Gambia. *P. fraudulentum* Demoulin, also from Katanga, may well be a synonym.

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LEPTOPHLEBIIDAE

Adenophlebia peringueyella Lestage.—1 of imago, Clare Estate, Natal, iv. 59.

Adenophlebiodes (Adenophlebiodes) decorata (Navás).—1 9 imago, 16 miles west of Mwinilunga, N. Rhodesia, ii.60.

Adenophlebiodes (Hyalophlebia) sp.—1 \mathcal{Q} imago, Marendellas, S. Rhodesia, i.62.

EUTHYPLOCIIDAE

Afroplocia? sampsoni Barnard.—1 of imago, Marendellas, S. Rhodesia, xii.60.

This species agrees well with Barnard's description. There are 8-9 sinuous intercalaries in the cubital field, wing 14 mm., body 15 mm. This species has previously only been recorded from Natal.

EPHEMERIDAE

Eatonica schoutedeni (Navás).—1 of imago, Entebbe, iii.58; 2 of of, Bukakata, Lake Victoria, v.52; 2 of of, Grand Beach, Lake Nyasa, i.45; 2 of of, Mount Selinda, Melsetter, S. Rhodesia, ii.61.

Eatonica sp.-1 9 subimago, Lubudi, Congo, ii.60.

An immense specimen, body 33 mm., wing 30 mm., wing span 55 mm., and thus almost double the size of some of the specimens listed above. Although only one species of *Eatonica* is currently recognised (cf. Barnard, 1932, *Trans. R. Soc. Afr.* 20:210), it seems inconceivable that a specimen of such dimensions should be conspecific with those, for instance, mentioned by Barnard from Wankie with a body length in the female of only 12 mm.

POLYMITARCIDAE

Povilla adusta Navás.—1 of imago, Ingwezi, Syringa, S. Rhodesia, xi.55; 1 Q imago, Victoria Falls, xii.55; 1 of imago, Ikelenge, Mwinilunga, N. Rhodesia, ii.60; 1 of imago, Marandellas, S. Rhodesia, xii.61.

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