Revision of the Tribe Colpopterini Gnezdilov, 2003 (Homoptera, Fulgoroidea: Nogodinidae)

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Abstract—The tribe Colpopterini Gnezdilov, 2003 is revised, upgraded to the subfamily Colpopterinae, stat. n., and transferred from the family Issidae Spinola to Nogodinidae Melichar. The tribe Colpopterini is recorded from the Afrotropical Region for the first time—*Bumerangum deckerti* gen. et sp. n. is described from Southern Africa. The tribe Colpopterini s. str. comprises 6 genera: *Bumerangum* gen. n., *Caudibeccus* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *Colpoptera* Burmeister, 1835, *Jamaha* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *Neocolpoptera* Dozier, 1931, and *Ugoa* Fennah, 1945. The genera *Cheiloceps* Uhler, 1895, *Tempsa* Stål, 1866, *Eupilis* Walker, 1857, and *Gabaloeca* Walker, 1870 are transferred to the tribe Issini Spinola of the family Issidae. *Issus longulus* Lethierry, 1890 is transferred to the genus *Colpoptera* Burmeister. A key to the genera and a list of the species of the tribe Colpopterini are given. Morphological data confirming independent evolution of similar ovipositor types in the families Issidae and Nogodinidae are provided. The term "styletization" is suggested for describing the transformation of the ovipositor from a rounded to an elongate type.

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The tribe Colpopterini was established in 2003 within the family Issidae Spinola for two Neotropical genera, Colpoptera Burmeister, 1835 and Neocolpoptera Dozier, 1931, based on the characteristic shape and venation of its fore and hind wings (Gnezdilov, 2003). It was also noted that one of the species of the genus Colpoptera was characterized by a specialized beak-shaped ovipositor. One year later, the composition of the tribe was supplemented with several Oriental genera possessing a similar beak-shaped ovipositor (Fig. 6) (Gnezdilov et al., 2004). Although it seems quite reasonable to group genera with a similar structure of such a complex formation as the ovipositor, a comparative examination of the internal structure of the ovipositor and of the hind-wing venation in various representatives of the tribes Colpopterini, Issini sensu Gnezdilov, 2009, and Parahiraciini sensu Gnezdilov et Wilson, 2007 has shown that similar types of ovipositor could arise concurrently in two fulgoroid groups, the tribes Colpopterini sensu stricto in the Neotropical Region and Issini in the Oriental Region, rather than be formed only once in the tribe Colpopterini sensu lato.

In particular, the branching second anal vein (A_2 2–4) of the hind wing (Fig. 1) is characteristic of the American genera of the tribe Issini. This character was also found in an Oligocene genus from Mexican amber

(Grimaldi and Engel, 2005, figs. 2.25, 2.26), and in the recent genera Amnisa Stål, 1862, Cheiloceps Uhler, 1895, Heremon Kirkaldy, 1903, Oronoqua Fennah, 1947, and Thionia Stål, 1859. The genera Picumna Stål, 1864 and Amphiscepa Germar, 1830 are exceptions: their second anal veins is simple $(A_2 \ 1)$. The Oriental (Darwallia Gnezdilov, 2010, Tempsa Stål, 1866, Sarima Melichar, 1903, Eupilis Walker, 1857, Gabaloeca Walker, 1870, Syrgis Stål, 1870, Eusarima Yang, 1994, Neokodaiana Yang, 1994, Paravindilis Yang, 1994, Parasarima Yang, 1994, Sinesarima Yang, 1994, Neosarima Yang, 1994, Scantinius Stål, 1866, and Thabena Stål, 1866), Australian (Orinda Kirkaldy, 1907), and Afrotropical (Chimetopon Schmidt, 1910) genera of Issini and Parahiraciini are also characterized by a simple second anal vein $(A_2 1)$ (Figs. 2, 3). Some American (for example, Picumna) and all the Oriental and Australian genera of the tribes Issini and Parahiraciini studied by me are characterized by the veins Pcu and A_1 fused in their middle section and subsequently diverging in the apical part (Figs. 2, 3). *Pcu* and A_1 are fused in the Oligocene representative of the tribe Issini (Grimaldi and Engel, figs 2.25, 2.26), which may imply plesiomorphy of this state. A partial fusion of Pcu and A_1 is also found in Cicadelloidea (Bothrogonia sp.) and Cercopoidea [Aphrophoridae, Aphrophora salicina (Goeze, 1778):



Figs. 1–3. Issidae, hind wing: (1) *Thionia producta* Van Duzee, (2) *Eusarima (Nepalius)* sp., (3) *Scantinius bruchoides* (Walker); A_{11} , anterior branch of first anal vein; A_{12} , posterior branch of first anal vein; A_2 , second anal vein.

see Anufriev and Emeljanov, 1988, fig. 5 (2), fig. 209 (2)]. The posterior branch of A_1 (A_{12} in Fig. 2) is weakened in comparison with the anterior branch (A_{11}), which may be caused by the position of the wing folding line running along it.

The independent origin of the specialized ovipositors in Colpopterini and in the Asian Issidae is proved by a difference in the structure of the connective laminae of gonapophyses VIII and IX in these taxa. In Issini (Eupilis sp.), the posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX are flagelliform in the apical parts (Figs. 11, 12); the anterior connective laminae of gonapophyses VIII are heavily sclerotized, narrow, and bear a row of rather large teeth, and the endogonocoxal process is short (Fig. 13). Colpopterini [Caudibeccus carlota (Myers, 1928)], in contrast, are characterized by the posterior connective laminae short in the apical parts (Fig. 16) and by the anterior connective laminae as long as the endogonocoxal processes, weakly sclerotized, and bearing no teeth (Fig. 17). In both the species mentioned, the gonoplacs are elongate and fused dorsally to form a case (sheaths) for the stylet-shaped anterior connective laminae (Fig. 14).

Both the tribes (Colpopterini and Issini) demonstrate distinct transitions from the ovipositor with the rounded gonoplacs to an elongate beak-shaped one. In the tribe Colpopterini (Neotropical Region), the gonoplacs are round in *Ugoa* Fennah, 1945 and *Jamaha* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, are insignificantly elongate in *Colpoptera* Burmeister, 1835 (Fig. 22), and are beak-shaped in *Caudibeccus* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008; in the tribe Issini, the gonoplacs are round in the majority of the genera and beak-shaped in *Eupilis* Walker, 1857, *Gabaloeca* Walker, 1870, and *Tempsa* Stål, 1866 (Figs. 6, 14). The same tendency is also observed in styletization (narrowing) of the anterior connective laminae, for example, in the genera *Colpoptera* and *Caudibeccus* (Figs. 17, 19).

In the common ancestor of the higher Fulgoroidea, the ovipositor probably was unspecialized, of the raking-kneading type, and its transition to the piercingsawing type occurred independently in different groups, in this case, in Colpopterini and Issini. A similar example of formation of the piercing-sawing ovipositor from the raking- kneading one is shown by the Neotropical tribe Cladodipterini Metcalf, family Dictyopharidae Spinola (Emeljanov, 1980). The monotypical subfamily Gastriniinae Fennah, family Nogodinidae Melichar, is also characterized by a long and narrow ovipositor (Fennah, 1987). In contrast to Colpopterini and Issini, in the genus Gastrinia Stål, 1859, the function of sheaths seems to pass to a large anal tube clasping the narrow gonoplacs dorsally and laterally.

Earlier (Gnezdilov, 2003) I supposed that the beakshaped ovipositor of *Caudibeccus carlota* could be



Figs. 4–6. Nogodinidae, *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister (4, 5) and Issidae *Eupilis* sp. (6) [(4) body, lateral view; (5) face; (6) ovipositor, lateral view].

used for piercing the plant tissues; however, another variant of oviposition is also possible, when the elongate ovipositor is used for laying eggs deeply in the axils of leaves, in flowers, in strobiles of gymnosperms, etc. The latter variant seems to be more probable, as the anterior connective laminae of gonapophyses VIII in C. carlota are weakly sclerotized and lack teeth (Fig. 17); however, in the Oriental genera Eupilis and Tempsa, these laminae appear stronger and are more heavily sclerotized (Fig. 13). Something similar is supposed for the most ancient Proboscidea-the Perm Archescytinidae Tillyard possessing a long slender ovipositor and laying eggs in the strobiles of Gymnospermae (Becker-Migdisova, 1972, cited after Popov, 1980). In the genus Colpoptera, the anal tube is long and narrow (Fig. 18), but the gonoplacs are not narrowed yet (Fig. 22), the posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX are slightly narrowed (Figs. 20, 21), and the structure of the anterior connective laminae of gonapophyses VIII is rather simple (Fig. 19).

The facts listed necessitate reconsidering the opinion that the tribe Colpopterini unites genera from the Neotropical and Oriental regions (Gnezdilov et al., 2004) and considering it polyphyletic. Moreover, material from Southern Africa, representing a new genus and a new species of the tribe Colpopterini s. str., changes radically our concept of the systematic position and distribution of the tribe. Characters of the male genitalia, found in the new genus, in particular, the stylus with a capitulum flattened laterally and lacking a lateral tooth (Fig. 39), testify to its attribution to the family Nogodinidae Melichar, and since the external structure of Bumerangum gen. n. and the Neotropical genera of the tribe Colpopterini s. str. [an elongate metope with a median carina (Figs. 5, 8), large mesonotum with median and lateral carinae (Figs. 9,



Figs. 7–9. Nogodinidae, Bumerangum deckerti Gnezdilov, gen. et sp. n., holotype: (7) lateral view; (8) face; (9) dorsal view.

27, 30, 31, 33), fore wings with a long clavus and with a rich cross-venation in the distal part (Figs. 4, 7, 35), a characteristic shape and simplified venation of the hind wing (Figs. 15, 36)] suggests their undoubted affinity, the whole tribe should be attributed to this family. Earlier, Colpopterini was placed in Issidae based namely on the characters of the male genitalia [the phallobase nearly lacking processes, except for the subapical one, the stylus with a pronounced capitulum bearing a lateral tooth (Figs. 23, 25, 26)]. However, already in *Caudibeccus carlota*, the stylus strongly differs from that typical of Issidae: the capitulum is not separated from the plate, and the lateral tooth is indistinct (Fig. 24).

Thus, I suggest that the tribe Colpopterini s. str. comprising the genera *Bumerangum* gen. n., *Caudibeccus* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *Colpoptera* Bur-

meister, 1835, *Jamaha* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *Neocolpoptera* Dozier, 1931, and *Ugoa* Fennah, 1945 should be transferred to the family Nogodinidae Melichar, whereas the genera *Cheiloceps* Uhler, 1895, *Tempsa* Stål, 1866, *Eupilis* Walker, 1857, and *Gabaloeca* Walker, 1870 should be transferred from Colpopterini to the nominotypical tribe of the family Issidae.

The suprageneric classification and phylogeny of the family Nogodinidae are underdeveloped. Fennah first revised the family and divided it into two subfamilies: Nogodininae Melichar, 1898 with 7 tribes (Nogodinini Melichar, 1898, Bladinini Kirkaldy, 1907, Mithymnini Fennah, 1967, Pisachini Fennah, 1978, Varciini Fennah, 1978, Epacriini Fennah, 1978, Lipocalliini Fennah, 1984), and the monotypical Gastriniinae Fennah, 1987 (Fennah, 1978, 1984, 1987). Re-



Fig. 10. Type locality (Namaqualand Soebastfontein) of Bumerangum deckerti gen. et sp. n. (photograph by J. Deckert).

cently Nogodininae was supplemented with the tribe Tongini Kirkaldy, 1907 transferred from the family Issidae, but the subtribe Gaetuliina Fennah, 1978 was, in contrast, excluded from the tribe Bladinini Kirkaldy, transferred to the family Tropiduchidae, and upgraded to a tribe (Gnezdilov, 2007). Despite the underdeveloped classification and phylogeny of Nogodinidae, I propose to transfer there the tribe Colpopterini, based of the above characters of the structure of the stylus, and also to regard it as a subfamily Colpopterinae stat. n., based on a very peculiar shape and venation of the fore and hind wings.

The nomenclature of parts of the head follows that of Emeljanov (1995), of the male genitalia, that of Gnezdilov (2002a), and of the female genitalia, those of Bourgoin (1993) and Gnezdilov (2002b).

The material examined is deposited in the following collections: SAMC, Iziko South African Museum, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa; MNB, Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany; MNHN, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France; and ZIN, the Zoological Institute, the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Family NOGODINIDAE Melichar

Subfamily Colpopterinae Gnezdilov, stat. n.

Colpopterini Gnezdilov, 2003 : 307. Type genus *Colpoptera* Burmeister, 1835.



Figs. 11–14. Issidae, *Eupilis* sp., ovipositor: (11) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX, dorsal view; (12) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX, lateral view; (13) anterior connective lamina of gonapophysis VIII and gonocoxa VIII, lateral view; (14) gonoplacs, dorsal view.

Diagnosis. Metope with distinct median carina, occasionally also with weak sublateral carinae (Figs. 5, 8). Pair of ocelli present. Mesonotum large, with median (in most genera) and lateral carinae (Figs. 9, 27, 30, 31, 33). Fore wing elongate, with large oblong-oval basal cell, with relatively wide subcostal area (Figs. 28, 29, 35), with hypocostal plate. Clavus long (3/4 of wing length). *Sc* + *R* 2, *M* 2 *CuA* 1–2. *CuA* (or its posterior branch) running into apex

of clavus. Longitudinal veins densely branching behind apex of clavus. Cross-venation rich, usually on both wings. Hind wing well developed, with wide anal lobe; apical margin of wing with 2 weak clefts between remigium and vannus and between anterior part of vannus and anal lobe; venation simple: longitudinal veins weakly branching, only 2 cross-veins present. *Sc* + *R* 2 *rm* 1 *M* 1–2 *mcu* 1 *CuA* 2 *CuP* 1 *Pcu* 1 (distal part curved toward *CuP*) A_1 2–3

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Figs. 15–17. Nogodinidae, *Caudibeccus carlota* (Myers) (after: Gnezdilov, 2003, modified): (15) hind wing; (16) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX, lateral view; (17) anterior connective lamina of gonapophysis VIII and gonocoxa VIII, lateral view.

(anterior branch diverging toward Pcu), A_2 1. Hind tibia with or without 1 or 2 lateral teeth. 1st metatarsomere with intermediate spines, 2nd metatarsomere only with 2 lateroapical spines. Structure of male and female genitalia varying.

Notes. The genera *Colpoptera* Burmeister, 1835, *Neocolpoptera* Dozier, 1931, and *Jamaha* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008 are characterized by the subcosta and radius of the fore wing originating from one point of the basal cell (Fig. 28), while in the genera *Caudibec*-

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cus Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *Ugoa* Fennah, 1945, and *Bumerangum* gen. n., the subcosta and radius originate from the basal cell as a common stem (Figs. 29, 35).

A List of the Genera and Species of the Subfamily Colpopterinae

Genus CAUDIBECCUS Gnezdilov et O'Brien

Caudibeccus Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008 : 22. Type species *Colpoptera carlota* Myers, 1928.



Figs. 18–22. Nogodinidae, *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister, ovipositor (after: Gnezdilov and O'Brien, 2008): (18) anal tube, dorsal view; (19) anterior connective lamina of gonapophysis VIII and gonocoxa VIII, lateral view; (20) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX, dorsal view; (21) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX, lateral view; (22) gonoplacs, lateral view.

Five species known from Cuba, the Lesser Antilles, and the Bahamas (Myers, 1928; Metcalf, 1954; Fennah, 1955; Gnezdilov and O'Brien, 2008): *Caudibeccus carlota* (Myers, 1928), *C. emeljanovi* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008, *C. lucaris* (Fennah, 1955), *C. meleagris* (Fennah, 1955), *C. punctata* (Metcalf, 1954).

Genus COLPOPTERA Burmeister

Colpoptera Burmeister, 1835 : 155. Type species *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister, 1835.

= *Hesperophara* Kirkaldy, 1904 : 279 (type species *Flata rustica* Fabricius, 1803), synonymy after: Gnezdilov and O'Brien, 2008 : 21.

Twenty-nine species and subspecies were described in the genus (Metcalf, 1958); however, attribution to this genus should be verified for the majority of them, as the concept of the genus *Colpoptera* changed, and new genera were established (Gnezdilov and O'Brien, 2008). Most of the species (18) are known from the Greater and Lesser Antilles, 10 species, from Mexico, and only 1 species, from South America (Fabricius, 1803; Burmeister, 1835; Lethierry, 1890; Van Duzee, 1907; Muir, 1924; Dozier, 1931; Osborn, 1935; Dozier, 1936 (in Wolcott, 1936); Caldwell, 1945; Caldwell and Martorell, 1951; Fennah, 1955, 1965; Metcalf, 1958; Bartlett, 2000): Colpoptera acutata Caldwell, 1945, C. albavenosa Caldwell, 1945, C. bifurcata Caldwell, 1945, C. brunneus Muir, 1924, C. caldwelli Metcalf, 1958, C. clerodendri Dozier, 1931, C. cyathae Fennah, 1955, C. elongata Caldwell, 1945, C. fusca Caldwell et Martorell, 1951, C. galatea Fennah, 1965, C. insularis Dozier, 1931, C. maculifrons maculifrons Muir, 1924, C. m. carinata Dozier, 1936



Figs. 23–26. Nogodinidae, male genitalia, penis (23, 25) and stylus (24, 26), lateral view [(23, 24) *Caudibeccus emeljanovi* Gnezdilov et O'Brien; (25, 26) *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister].

(in Wolcott, 1936), C. m. angustior Fennah, 1955, C. m. dominicana Fennah, 1955, C. m. grenadana Fennah, 1955, C. m. flavifrons Osborn, 1935, C. m. maculata Dozier, 1931, C. marginalis Burmeister, 1835, C. minuta Caldwell et Martorell, 1951, C. nana Dozier, 1931, C. nigridorsa Caldwell, 1945, C. rotunda Caldwell, 1945, C. rugosa Van Duzee, 1907, C. rustica (Fabricius, 1803), C. sinuata Burmeister, 1835, C. stigmata Caldwell, 1945, and C. thyone Fennah, 1955.

Colpoptera longula (Lethierry, 1890), comb. n.

Issus longulus Lethierry, 1890 : 149.

Thionia longula: Melichar, 1906 : 286.

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Material. Holotype: \bigcirc , with the hand-written label "*Issus longulus* Leth., Venezuela" and the printed label "San Esteban, E. Simon, III.88" (MNHN (EH) 7487).

Notes. The species was described from a male collected in Venezuela (Lethierry, 1890). Sex of the specimen described apparently was erroneously determined by Lethierry. The female with a hand-written label deposited in the collection of Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France, corresponds to the original description and is considered here as holotype. *Issus longulus* was erroneously transferred to the genus *Thionia* Stål, 1859 by Melichar (1906). Actually the species belongs to the genus *Colpoptera* Burmeis-



Figs. 27–31. Nogodinidae, *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister (27, 28), *Caudibeccus emeljanovi* Gnezdilov et O'Brien (29, 30), and *Neo-colpoptera portoricensis* Dozier (31) [(27, 30, 31) pro- and mesonotum, dorsal view; (28, 29) proximal part of fore wing].

ter, 1835, which is evident from the structure of its elongate, subtriangular gonoplacs.

Genus JAMAHA Gnezdilov et O'Brien

Jamaha Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008 : 24. Type species *Poeciloptera elevans* Walker, 1858.

The genus includes 2 species from Jamaica (Walker, 1858; Fennah, 1955; Gnezdilov and O'Brien, 2008): *Jamaha elevans* (Walker, 1858) and *J. chrysops* (Fennah, 1955). Record of *J. elevans* from Haiti Island (Melichar, 1902) requires verification.

Genus NEOCOLPOPTERA Dozier

Neocolpoptera Dozier, 1931 : 22. Type species *Neocolpoptera portoricensis* Dozier, 1931.

The genus includes 5 species distributed on the Lesser Antilles (Dozier, 1931; Caldwell et Martorell, 1951; Fennah, 1955): *Neocolpoptera memnonia* (Fennah, 1955), *N. monticolens* Dozier, 1931, *N. nemonticolens* Caldwell et Martorell, 1951, *N. portoricensis* Dozier, 1931, and *N. rara* Caldwell et Martorell, 1951.

Genus UGOA Fennah

Ugoa Fennah, 1945 : 505. Type species Ugoa glauca Fennah, 1945.

This monotypical genus is known from Trinidad Island (Fennah, 1945).

Genus BUMERANGUM Gnezdilov, gen. n.

Type species Bumerangum deckerti sp. n.

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Figs. 32–36. Nogodinidae, *Bumerangum deckerti* gen. et sp. n.: (32) head, lateral view; (33) pro- and mesonotum, dorsal view; (34) paranotal lobe, lateral view; (35) fore wing; (36) hind wing.

Description. Metope narrow, long, pointed toward apex, with distinct median carina running from its upper margin and continuing onto post- and anteclypeus (Fig. 8). Median carina interrupted by metopoclypeal suture, latter slightly arcuately protruding into metope. Lateral carinae of metope bend onto lateral parts of cephalic process (Fig. 32). Ocelli present. Sublateral carinae of metope distinct in its dorsal part, broken above level of eyes. Median and sublateral carinae of metope converging at apex of cephalic process. Coryphe long, narrow, with lateral margins gradually converging toward pointed apex, with dis-



Figs. 37–42. Nogodinidae, *Bumerangum deckerti* gen. et sp. n., holotype, male genitalia: (37) penis and connective, lateral view; (38) penis, ventral view; (39) stylus, lateral view; (40) anal tube, dorsal view; (41) anal tube, lateral view; (42) pygophore, lateral view; *t*, tooth on inner side of dorsolateral lobe of phallobase.

tinct median carina running from its posterior margin toward apex (Fig. 9). Posterior margin of coryphe arcuately emarginate. Cephalic process slightly bent apically (in lateral view: Fig. 32). Pronotum with approximately semicircular basal part bearing median carina (Figs. 9, 33). Anterior margin of pronotum steeply raised, posterior margin steeply deflexed. Paradiscal areas rather wide, with triangular projection below eyes. Paranotal lobes wide, without carinae, acute-angularly projecting downwards (Fig. 34). Mesonotum large, with median and lateral carinae connected in form of characteristic trident (Fig. 33). Dorsal part of mesonotum depressed. Tegulae large, without carinae. Fore wing long, rather narrow, weakly narrowed toward rounded apex, with narrow hypocostal plate and wide subcostal area (Figs. 7, 35). Basal cell narrowly oval. *Sc* and *R* originating from basal cell as common stem. *Sc* + *R* 2 (branching in

proximal part of wing), M 2 (branching before apex of clavus), CuA 1 (bent toward apex of clavus). Clavus closed: $Pcu + A_1$ running into A_2 before apex of clavus. Hind wing well developed, with 2 weak clefts: one between CuA and CuP, other between 1st and 2nd anal veins (Fig. 36). CuA₂ and CuP running into cleft, not merging apically. Anterior margin of hind wing weakly emarginate in area of coupling lobes. Sc + R 2(branching behind coupling lobe), rm 1, M 2 (short bifurcation in distal part), mcu 1, CuA 2, CuP 1, Pcu 1 (distal part curved toward CuP), A_1 3 (branch A_{11} - A_{12} diverging toward Pcu), A_2 1 (flattened proximally). Hind tibia with 2 lateral spines in distal half and with 8 apical spines. 1st metatarsomere wider than 2nd and 3rd ones, all of subequal length. 1st metatarsomere with 8 apical spines forming continuous row. 2nd metatarsomere only with 2 lateroapical spines. Pretarsus not projecting beyond claws.

Male genitalia (Figs. 37-42). Pygophore wide, with rounded dorsal angles and with posterior margin very weakly (shallowly) emarginate in lower part (Fig. 42). Anal tube rather wide and long, with deep emargination at apex (in dorsal view: Figs. 40, 41). Anal column large, long (2/3 of length of anal tube). Phallobase narrow (in lateral view), narrowly horseshoecurved (Fig. 37). Dorsolateral lobes of phallobase fused dorsally in form of weakly sclerotized sack. Each dorsolateral lobe with large tooth at apex (on inner side) (Fig. 37). Ventral lobe of phallobase long, wide, widened and collar-shaped deflexed apically (Figs. 37, 38). Aedeagus with pair of long narrow ventral hooks (not shorter than 2/3 of length of phallobase) narrowed toward apices and directed toward base of phallobase. Connective ladle-shaped proximally (Fig. 37). Stylus large, with straight posterior margin and with obtuse caudodorsal angle (Fig. 39). Capitulum of stylus without neck and lateral tooth (in lateral view), compressed laterally.

Female genitalia (Figs. 43–46). Anal tube short, relatively wide, widely emarginate at apex (Fig. 46). Anal column large, long, approximately 1.5 times as long as anal tube. Gonoplacs flat, rounded, convex at base of lobes dorsally, with membranous caudal part and long setae (Fig. 43). Sclerotized part of gonoplac with teeth at base of membranous part. Gonoplacs connected only at base of separated 3rd lobes. Gonocoxa VIII with straight posterior margin bearing no setae (Fig. 44). Anterior connective laminae of gonapophyses VIII with wide ridge, with 3 large rounded teeth in apical group, and with 3 carinate teeth in lat-

eral group. Endogonocoxal process bifurcate at apex. Posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX rather narrow (in dorsal view) (Fig. 45), flat (in lateral view). Distal parts of posterior connective laminae very weakly inclined toward midline. Median area flat, with single lobe. Lateral areas flat. Gonospiculum bridge narrow (in dorsal view).

Etymology. The name of the genus refers to the boomerang-shaped (in lateral view) insect body (Fig. 7).

Bumerangum deckerti Gnezdilov, sp. n. (Figs. 7–9)

Description. Head, except for genae and carinae on metope, and pro- and mesonotum dark brown, nearly black. Pedicel brown. Ocelli reddish. Carinae on metope and clypeus, genae above antennae, thorax, and legs yellowish pale brown. Median carina of pronotum pale brown. Tegulae and abdominal sternites dark brown. Fore wing brown or dark brown, nearly black in apical part. Hind wing matte, with brown or dark brown veins pale in places. Spines of legs black.

Body length: males 6.5–7.2 mm, female 7.5 mm.

Material. Republic of South Africa. Holotype, \mathcal{J} : Northern Cape Province, Quaggafontein b. Soebatsfontein, 30°11'17"S, 17°33'02"E, 30.IX.2002, J. Deckert leg. (SAMC). Paratypes: Northern Cape Province: 1 \mathcal{J} , 1 \mathcal{Q} , Quaggafontein, 29.IX–5.X.2002, "BIOTA, Malaise trap 2202420020704377," "BIO-TA," K. Ebert leg. (SAMC, ZIN); 1 \mathcal{J} , Quaggafontein b. Soebatsfontein, 30°11'11"S, 17°33'59"E [BIOTA], "BIOTA," 3.X.2002, J. Deckert leg. (MNB).

Etymology. The species is named after J. Deckert who collected it.

A Key to the Genera of the Subfamily Colpopterinae

- 1 (2). Cephalic process long (Figs. 7, 9). Clavus closed: $Pcu + A_1$ running into A_2 before apex of clavus (Fig. 35) *Bumerangum* gen. n.
- 2 (1). Cephalic process absent (Fig. 4). Clavus open: $Pcu + A_1$ running into A_2 at apex of clavus 3.
- 3 (8). Subcosta and radius of fore wing originating from one point of basal cell (Fig. 28) 4.



Figs. 43–46. Nogodinidae, *Bumerangum deckerti* gen. et sp. n., paratype, female genitalia: (43) gonoplacs, lateral view; (44) anterior connective lamina of gonapophysis VIII and gonocoxa VIII, lateral view; (45) posterior connective laminae of gonapophyses IX and gonospiculum bridge, dorsal view; (46) anal tube, dorsal view.

- 5 (4). Hind tibia with one lateral spine 6.

- 8 (3). Subcosta and radius of fore wing originating from basal cell as common stem (Fig. 29) 9.

- 9 (10). Ovipositor rounded. Hind tibia without lateral spines Ugoa Fennah.

The subfamily Colpopterinae is a compact group of fulgoroids, comprising 6 genera with 43 species and subspecies in the Neotropical and Afrotropical regions. It is beyond doubt that further investigation of the faunas of these regions and revision of the genus *Colpoptera* will increase the number of the known genera and species of this subfamily. Colpopterinae clearly differs from the other subfamilies of Nogodini-

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dae in a shape and venation of the fore and hind wings (Figs. 4, 7, 15, 35, 36). It is noteworthy that the simple venation of the hind wing (longitudinal veins weakly branch, cross-veins are scanty) of Colpopterinae is also characteristic of other families of the Fulgoroidea: Delphacidae, Cixiidae, Derbidae, Tropiduchidae (see figs.: Fennah, 1956; Anufriev and Emeljanov, 1988; Rahman et al., 2012).

The position of Bumerangum deckerti gen. et sp. n. among Colpopterinae is not quite clear. On the one hand, the new genus is characterized by the closed clavus of the fore wing (Fig. 35), which is generally typical of the primitive Fulgoroidea (Anufriev and Emeljanov, 1988) and can be considered an ancestral state in comparison with the open clavus characteristic of the American genera of the subfamily Colpopterinae. Bumerangum deckerti also differs in a more complex venation of the hind wing, in particular, in the bifurcate median and in the trifurcate first anal vein (Fig. 36)—in the other genera of the subfamily, the median is simple, and the first anal vein is bifurcate (Fig. 15); in addition, the apices of the posterior branch of CuA (CuA_2) and of CuP are not fused, similarly to those in species of the American genera. The non-fused apices of the veins CuA_2 and CuP can also be considered a plesiomorphic state. On the other hand, B. deckerti is similar to the genera Caudibeccus Gnezdilov et O'Brien and Ugoa Fennah (Fig. 29) in the fore-wing veins Sc and R originating from the basal cell as a common stem (Fig. 35). However, according to Emeljanov (1987), the separation of the basal areas of Sc and R, in particular, in the cercopocicadoids, is apparently secondary. On the whole, Bumerangum clearly differs from the other genera of the subfamily Colpopterinae in the peculiar shape of its cephalic process (Figs. 7-9, 32); in the other genera, the coryphe is transverse (Figs. 4, 5). The boomerangshaped body (in lateral view) of B. deckerti is similar to that of the Southern African Bowesdorpia tricornis Synave, 1956 also belonging to the family Nogodinidae (subfamily Nogodininae, tribe Mithymnini Fennah) (Gnezdilov, 2007).

The ecological features of representatives of the subfamily Colpopterinae remain unknown. The Neotropical species may dwell in forest or ecotone communities. In particular, *Colpoptera sinuata* Burmeister, 1835 was found in Mexico in a sparse flood-plain forest (D.R. Kasparyan, pers. comm.), and *Caudibeccus emeljanovi* Gnezdilov et O'Brien, 2008 was collected in Cuba from roadside grasses (A.F. Emeljanov,

pers. comm.). Bumerangum deckerti especially stands out; it inhabits arid landscapes with Succulent Karoo biome on the eastern coast of the Republic of South Africa (Biodiversity in Southern Africa, 2010) (Fig. 10). There are few reports on the trophic associations of several species of the genus Colpoptera and Jamaha elevans (Walker), which were found on representatives of the families Arecaceae, Cyathaceae, Polygonaceae, and Verbenaceae; records of Colpoptera from Verbenaceae are most frequent (Wilson et al., 1994).

Most genera and species of the subfamily are known from the Greater and Lesser Antilles. The Greater Antilles are considered to be formed not earlier than in the middle Eocene, and the formation of the existing Quarternary fauna of the islands is dated respectively to the period following the middle Eocene. For example, fossil records demonstrate that the majority of the land vertebrates appeared on the Greater Antilles during the Eocene-Oligocene (Iturralde-Vinent and MacPhee, 1999). Colpopterinae are reliably known from the early/middle Miocene. The insect shown in a photograph in the book of Grimaldi and Engela (2005, fig. 1.1) seems to be an undescribed representative of this subfamily from Dominican amber (Shcherbakov, 2006) and most likely belongs to one of the recent genera. Origination of the genus Bumerangum gen. n. should be associated with the transformation of the Miocene (25 million years ago) subtropical forests in the recent fynbos owing to the aridization of the Cape Province 8-7 million years ago (Richardson et al., 2001), which was caused by the separation of Antarctica from South America and resulted in formation of the cold circum-Antarctic currents about 14-11 million years ago.

In my opinion, the disjunctive distribution of the subfamily Colpopterinae in Central and South America and Southern Africa gives no grounds to suppose the ancient age of this taxon (for example, over 100 million years, which corresponds to the age of the Atlantic Ocean). According to Szwedo (2002), the families of the issidoid group, to which nogodinids also belong, might emerge at the boundary of the Cretaceous and the Neogene and underwent a rapid diversification in the Eocene–Miocene. I am inclined to agree with Eskov (1984) who asserts that "the formation of the southern disjunctive ranges by means of extinction of "connecting" forms on the northern continents is not an exception but a fundamental general rule." In particular, Nogodinidae are known from the late Eocene (55–53 million years ago) Oise amber in France (Szwedo, 2011). Thus, we probably deal with a reduction of the initially wide range of the subfamily Colpopterinae, also extending into the Northern hemisphere.

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