



New records of variegated mud-loving beetles (Coleoptera: Heteroceridae) for Vietnam

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Abstract: New faunistic records of Heteroceridae from Vietnam are provided. *Augyles gabriellae* Mascagni, 1993 is recorded for the first time for Vietnam.

Key words: fauna, distribution, Vietnam, Coleoptera, Heteroceridae, *Augyles gabriellae*

INTRODUCTION

Family Heteroceridae includes 5 genera and about 370 species worldwide (Mascagni 2014, Skalický & Ezer 2014). Adults and larvae of Heteroceridae construct tunnels in wet sand and soil at the edges of streams, rivers, lakes and ponds, and in brackish mud flats (Vanin et al. 2016, Taşar 2014, 2018). The last preliminary list of variegated mud-loving beetles of Vietnam included 9 species and subspecies (Mascagni et al. 2017): *Augyles anulatus* (Mascagni, 1991); *A. gigas* Mascagni, Thanh Binh et Ha 2017; *A. hiekei* Mascagni, 1995; *A. infimus* (Fairmaire, 1889); *A. manfredjaechi* (Mascagni, 1995); *Heterocerus fenestratus* (Thunberg, 1784); *H. lorenzvae* Mascagni, 1993; *H. nepalensis* Mascagni, 1993 and *H. philippensis* ssp. *javanicus* (Grouvelle, 1896) (Fairmaire 1889, Mascagni 1991, 1995b, Mascagni et al. 2017, Mascagni & Skalický 2007). The records of *Micilus minutissimus* Sahlberg, 1900 needs confirmation (Mascagni 2003, Mascagni et al. 2017).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The material has been collected as results of expeditions of the Joint Russia-Vietnam Complex Expedition in different years (including 2018). Majority of collected beetles are stored in the Collection of aquatic invertebrates of the Papanin Institute for Biology of Inland Waters, Russian Academy of Sciences, (Borok, Russia, IBIW), while one specimen (holotypus of *Augyles letovi* Sazhnev, 2018) are kept in the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St.-Petersburg, Russia, ZISP).

Photographs of the beetles and the localities were taken using Olympus GT-5 digital camera. Images were generated and enhanced by using PHOTOSHOP®.

RESULTS

The updated check-list of the species of variegated mud-loving beetles of Vietnam is presented below in a systematic order.

Family Heteroceridae MacLeay, 1825

Genus *Augyles* Schiödte, 1866

Augyles (Augyles) anulatus (Mascagni, 1991)

Literature. Hanoi (Mascagni 1995b).

Material examined. Vietnam: Prov. Đồng Nai, NNE Ho Chi Minh, env. Cat Tien, 8–10 Jul 1995, 1♀ (coll. A. Napolov, IBIW), in moss, 7–10 Jul 1995, 1♀ (coll. A. Napolov, IBIW).

Note. First record for Southern Vietnam and Đồng Nai Province.

Distribution. Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam (Mascagni 1991, 1995b, Skalický 1999).

Augyles (Augyles) gabriellae (Mascagni, 1993)

(Fig. 1)

Material examined. Vietnam: Prov. Hòa Bình, UV light, 15 Jan 1976, 1♀ (coll. L. Medvedev, IBIW); Prov. Đồng Nai, NNE Ho Chi Minh, env. Cat Tien, 8–10 Jul 1995, 1♂ (coll. A. Napolov, IBIW).

Note. First record for Vietnam!

Distribution. Cambodia, Indonesia (Java), Laos, Nepal, Thailand (Mascagni, 1993; Skalický, 2000b, 2005a, 2010a), Vietnam (new record).

Augyles (Augyles) gigas Mascagni, Thanh Binh & Ha, 2017

Literature. Hai Duong (Mascagni et al. 2017).

Distribution. Vietnam (Mascagni et al. 2017).

Augyles (Augyles) hiekei (Mascagni, 1995)

(Fig. 2)

Literature. Chiem-Hoa, Hanoi (Mascagni 1995b).

Material examined. Vietnam: Prov. Hòa Bình, UV light, 15 Jan 1976, 1♂, 2♀♀ (coll. L. Medvedev, IBIW), in moss, 18 Jan 1976, 1♂ (coll. L. Medvedev, IBIW).

Note. First record for Hòa Bình Province.

Distribution. India, Laos, Vietnam (Mascagni 1995b, Skalický 2000b, 2001a).

Augyles (Augyles) infimus (Fairmaire, 1889)

Literature. “Tonkin” (Fairmaire 1889).

Distribution. Vietnam (Fairmaire 1889).

Augyles (Augyles) manfredjaechi (Mascagni, 1995)

Literature. Nam Cat Tien National Park, 40 km NW An Khe Buon Luoi (Mascagni 2003).

Distribution. Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam (Mascagni 1995a, 1995b, 2003, Mascagni & Sforzi 1999, Skalický 2000a, 2005b, 2012).

Augyles (Augyles) letovi Sazhnev, 2018

Material examined. Vietnam: Holotypus – Prov. Hòa Bình, UV light, 15 Jan 1976, 1♂ (coll. L. Medvedev, ZISP). Paratypus – in moss, 18 Jan 1976, 1♀ (coll. L. Medvedev, IBIW).



Figs 1–4. Heteroceridae from Vietnam. 1 – *Augyles gabriellae*, male; 2 – *Augyles hiekei*, female; 3 – *Heterocerus nepalensis*, male; 4 – *Heterocerus lorenzevae*, male.

Genus *Heterocerus* Fabricius, 1792

***Heterocerus fenestratus* (Thunberg, 1784)**

Literature. “Tonkin” (Charpentier 1979); Hanoi (Mascagni 1995b); Thanh Moi (Mascagni 1995); Phu Tho (Mascagni et al. 2017); Bac Kan (Mascagni et al. 2017); Cuc Phuong National Park (Mascagni et al. 2017).

Distribution. Holarctic species (Larson 2014; Taşar & Mascagni 2014; Mascagni 2016; Sazhnev 2016). On territory of Oriental Region *Heterocerus fenestratus* is distributed in Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam (Skalický 1999, 2000b, 2012; Freitag et al. 2016; Mascagni et al. 2017).

***Heterocerus nepalensis* Mascagni, 1993**

(Fig. 3)

Literature. Hanoi (Mascagni 1995a); Cuc Phuong (Mascagni 1995b).

Material examined. Vietnam: Prov. Đồng Nai, Ma Da forest, 10 Jan 1980, 1♂ (coll. L. Medvedev, IBIW); env. Vinh An, Hồ Trị An Reservoir, duct of Dong Nai River, 11°05'57.6"N 107°01'29.0"E, rock-pools in riverbed downstream of the dam, 9 May 2018, 2♂♂, 1♀ (coll. A. Sazhnev, IBIW).

Note. First record for Southern Vietnam and Đồng Nai Province. Specimens were collected on the stony bank and chippings of rock-pools in riverbed (Figs 5 & 6) together with Carabidae (*Tachys* sp.), Hydrophilidae (*Coelostoma* sp., *Helochares* sp.) and *Heterocerus lorenzevae* Mascagni 1993.

Distribution. Oriental Region (India, Laos, Myanmar, Sumatra, Thailand, Vietnam), China, Hong Kong, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Turkmenistan (Mascagni 1995a, 1995b, 2003, 2016, Mascagni & Sforzi 1999, Skalický 2000a, 2000b, 2003, 2010a, 2010b).

***Heterocerus lorenzevae* Mascagni, 1993**

(Fig. 4)

Literature. Nam Cat Tien National Park (Mascagni 2003).

Material examined. Vietnam: Prov. Đồng Nai, Vinh An env., Hồ Trị An Reservoir, duct of Dong Nai River, 11°05'57.6"N 107°01'29.0"E, rock-pools in riverbed downstream of the dam, 9 May 2018, 1♂ (coll. A. Sazhnev, IBIW).

Distribution. Bangladesh, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam (Mascagni 1993, 1995b, Mascagni & Sforzi 1999, Skalický 2000a, 2000b, 2001b, 2005b, 2012).

***Heterocerus philippensis* ssp. *javanicus* (Grouvelle, 1896)**

Literature. Cuc Phuong (Mascagni 2003, Mascagni & Skalický 2007); Ben En National Park (Mascagni 2003; Mascagni & Skalický 2007).

Distribution. India, Indonesia (Java, Nias), Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam (Mascagni & Skalický 2007, Skalický 2010a).

Genus *Micilus* Mulsant & Rey, 1872

***Micilus minutissimus* Sahlberg, 1900**

Literature. Yen Bai (Mascagni 2003).

Note. Records from Vietnam need confirmation (Mascagni et al. 2017).

Distribution. India (Uttarakhand), Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam (Mascagni 2016).



Figs 5–6. Habitats of *Heterocerus nepalensis* and *Heterocerus lorenzvae* in Vietnam. 5 – General view of the duct Dong Nai River and dam of Hồ Trị An Reservoir, 6 – One of rock-pools in riverbed downstream.

CONCLUSIONS

The fauna of the variegated mud-loving beetles of Vietnam is one of the little-studied in South-Eastern Asia, and the list of Heteroceridae of Vietnam now has 11 species, excluding the records of *Micilus minutissimus* Sahlberg, 1900 needs confirmation. Almost all records of Heteroceridae in the south of Vietnam belong to the territory of the Đồng Nai National Park (Cat Tien, and Ma Da forest). Probably of national parks also helps support native habitats and the high species diversity of variegated mud-loving beetles.

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STRESZCZENIE

[Nowe stwierdzenia chrząszczy różnorożkowatych (Coleoptera: Heteroceridae) w Wietnamie]

W artykule przedstawiono wyniki badań nad fauną różnorożkowatych (Heteroceridae) Wietnamu. Analizowany materiał został zebrany podczas rosyjsko-wietnamskich ekspedycji do roku 2018 i jest przechowywany w zbiorach Rosyjskiej Akademii Nauk w Instytucie Wód Śródlądowych w Boroku oraz w Instytucie Zoologicznym w St.-Petersburgu. Przedstawiona lista zawiera 11 gatunków chrząszczy z tej rodziny, gdyż uzupełniły ją dwa nowe stwierdzenia: *Augyles gabriellae* (Mascagni, 1993) oraz ostatnio opisany *Augyles letovi* Sazhnev, 2018.

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