A new species of *Cratomelus* from Chile (Orthoptera: Anostostomatidae: Cratomelinae)

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Cratomelus meritus sp. n. (Chile) distinctly differs from other congeners in the characteristic structure of the male abdominal apex.

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Cratomelus meritus sp. n.

Holotype. ♂, **Chile**, "Varas Avangua" (Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg).
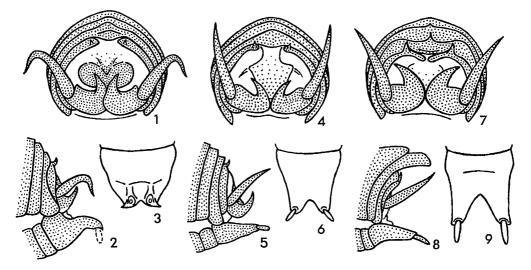
Description. Male (holotype). General appearance as in two other congeners. Coloration reddish brown, darkish. Venation of wings typical of this genus; tegmina extending to apex of 1st abdominal tergite and slightly overlapping. Abdominal tergites: 7th and 8th with small hind median notch (without any processes), 9th with small hind median lobe, 10th divided by rather wide membranous median area and with rather small hooks; paraprocts (Figs 1, 2) characteristic; genital plate (Fig. 3) short, with small hind median notch and acute paired apical projections (styles missing).

Female unknown.

Length (mm). Body 32; pronotum 9; tegmina 6; hind femora 18; hind tibiae 16.

Comparison. *C. meritus* differs from *C. integer* And. (Figs 4-6) in the larger tegmina (in *C. integer*, they extend to the base of 1st abdominal tergite and do not contact each other), more robust male paraproctal hooks, and the shape of the male genital plate, from *C. armatus* Blanch. (= *Stenopelmatus chilensis* Sauss., *Lencica ferruginea* Walk., *C. valdivia* Grab., *C. monticellii* Salfi, *C. productus* And.) (Figs 7-9) in the absence of any processes on 7th and 8th male abdominal tergites and the shape of the 9th and 10th abdominal tergites, paraproctal hooks, and genital plate of male.

Figs 1-9. *Cratomelus*, ♂. 1-3, *C. meritus* sp. n.; 4-6, *C. integer* And. (holotype); 7-9, *C. armatus* Blanch. Abdominal apex from behind (1, 4, 7) and from side (2, 5, 8); genital plate from below (3, 6, 9).