

**MITES ON ZYGOPTERA, WITH PARTICULAR  
REFERENCE TO *ARRENURUS* SPECIES,  
SELECTION SITES AND HOST PREFERENCES**

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Larval mites of several *Arrenurus* spp. are found as parasites on Zygoptera. Data from Poland on prevalence, loads, and host specificity are presented. The larval mites are identified and their site selection and host preferences recorded. 7 Zygoptera spp. and 7 spp. of arrenurid mite have been studied. Particular attention has been paid to *Coenagrion puella* and its parasites. New host records are included.

## A REVIEW OF THE ODONATA OF KAZAKHSTAN

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The odonate fauna of Kazakhstan (86 spp.) is reviewed, using literature data, miscellaneous collections and the results of an expedition by the authors in July 2004. *Aeshna caerulea*, *A. subarctica*, *Somatochlora graeseri* (all from the S Altai mountains), *Macromia amphigena fraenata* (Sibinskies Lakes near Ust'-Kamenogorsk), *Calopteryx samarcandica*, *Coenagrion hylas* and *Anormogomphus kiritchenkoi* (all based on specimens in Zool. Inst. Russ. Acad. Sci., St. Petersburg) are first records for the country.

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**A REVISED MOLECULAR PHYLOGENY  
OF THE CALOPTERYGINAE  
(ZYGOPTERA: CALOPTERYGIDAE)**

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An updated version of an ITS-based phylogeny of the Calopteryginae, using sequences of 31 ingroup taxa, is given. The subfamily consists of 3 main clades, each with 2 subclades. Only clade 1 (*Calopteryx* s. s.) is not exclusively Asian but extends to Europe and North America. In the East-Asian clade 2, the genus *Matrona* is found to be descended from an *Atrocalopteryx*-like ancestor. Several so-called South-East Asian *Calopteryx* probably either belong to *Atrocalopteryx* or to as yet unnamed genera near *Atrocalopteryx*. *Archineura* consists of 2 spp., limited to China and Indo-China, and is rather basal to clade 3. The subclade *Neurobasis-Matronoides* is worthy of further analysis.

**ULTRASTRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION  
OF THE LARVAL SPIRACLES IN *LIBELLULA DEPRESSA* L.  
(ANISOPTERA: LIBELLULIDAE)**

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In the last larval instar (F-0) of *L. depressa*, 2 paired spiracles, in the form of elongated eye-shaped structures, are located in the anterior region of the mesothorax segment. A fine structural analysis of these spiracles under the scanning and electron microscopes reveals that each spiracle consists of a well-developed cuticular peritreme with a dorsal-anterior lip bearing a thin laminar coat and a ventral-posterior lip bearing a filter apparatus. The filter apparatus derives from a series of folds forming discrete groups adhering to one another to delimit empty spaces and producing a honeycomb-like structure. This structure is coherent with the need to avoid entry of water when the larva is submerged. The function of these spiracles during the insect development is discussed, noting that in anisopteran larvae the rectal epithelium, forming the so called branchial basket, is the main respiratory organ.

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**ENERGY EXPENDITURE IN PATROLLING MALES  
OF *CORDULIA AENEA AMURENSIS* SELYS  
(ANISOPTERA: CORDULIIDAE)**

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The ♂♂ hover frequently during patrolling flight, and fiercely chase rival ♂♂. Their patrolling flight was videotaped and analyzed. The average net-patrol flight speed (except hovering) was  $161.6 \pm 30.6$  cm/s faster in the morning and the evening than during the day. Also, hovering frequency was more frequent and the duration of hovering bouts was longer in the morning and the evening than during the day, and was synchronized with patrolling flight speed. However, chasing flight was not related to patrolling or hovering and the duration of chasing bout was about 4-5 seconds with an average flight speed of  $274.6 \pm 64.7$  cm/s. The body temperatures of patrolling flight and chasing flight were significantly different; the former,  $39.8 \pm 1.4^\circ\text{C}$ , the latter was  $40.4 \pm 1.0^\circ\text{C}$ . The time budget of patrolling males based upon video pictures was calculated and the relative energy expenditure of patrolling ♂♂ was estimated by standardizing the average net-patrolling flight speed as 1. Energy expenditure of the ♂♂ was greater in the morning and the evening than during the day. It is assumed that energy expenditure was affected by ambient temperatures, with ♂♂ changing the flight speed and duration of hovering. The ♂♂ are inferior in their sex recognition and it is assumed that their frequent hovering with concurrent large energy expenditure is to enable ♂♂ to distinguish ♀♀.

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

**THE LARVA OF *GOMPHIDIA T-NIGRUM* SELYS FROM NEPAL  
(ANISOPTERA: GOMPHIDAE)**

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The final instar exuviae from the Phewa Tal lake at Pokhara, Nepal is described and illustrated and comparison is made with *Ictinogomphus rapax* larvae, inhabiting the same water body. Mention is made of the more noted differences between the SE Asian *Lindeniinae* genera.

**THE LARVA OF *HETAERINA MENDEZI* JURZITZA,  
WITH COMMENTS ON *H. ROSEA* SELYS  
(ZYGOPTERA: CALOPTERYGIDAE)**

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*H. mendezi* larva is described and illustrated for the first time based on specimens from Misiones Province, Argentina. Larvae of *H. rosea* from NW Argentina are found to partially differ from its original larval description, and that species is re-diagnosed. A comparative table for all known larvae of *Hetaerina* and related calopterygid genera is provided.

**OBITUARY**

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A brief biography of I. Sonehara (28 January 1921-12 May 2000), a science teacher and the author of “*The life history of Epithea bimaculata sibirica on Mt. Yatsugatake*” is followed by his odonatological bibliography (1962-1996; 66 titles).