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# Taxonomic updates and descriptions of four new Lophopini planthopper species (Hemiptera, Fulgoroidea, Lophopidae) from Yunnan province, South China

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**Abstract.** Taxonomic updates and descriptions of four new species from Yunnan, China are provided: three new species in the genus *Pitambara* Distant, 1906: *P. triremiprocta* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov., *P. impudica* Wang & Bourgoin, sp. nov., *P. tricorne* Wang & Wang, sp. nov., and one new species in the genus *Serida* Walker, 1857: *Serida parenthesisflexuosa* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov. A new identification key to *Pitambara* species is provided, as well as to the species of the genus *Lacusa* Stål, 1862. *Lacusa yunnanensis* Chou & Huang, 1985 stat. rev. is not considered as a synonym of the species *L. fuscofasciata* (Stål, 1854) anymore and *Lacusa orientalis* (Liang, 2000) is transferred to the genus *Acothrura* Melichar, 1915 as *Acothrura orientalis* (Liang, 2000) comb. nov.

**Keywords.** Taxonomy, new taxa, *Pitambara*, *Serida*, *Lacusa*.

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## Introduction

The planthopper family Lophopidae Stål, 1866 is a small family, presently including 47 genera (5 of which are fossil) and 149 species (Bourgoin 2016). A cladistic analysis performed by Soulier-Perkins (2001) showed that four main monophyletic lineages could be identified: Carrionia<sup>+</sup>, Makota<sup>+</sup>, Bisma<sup>+</sup> and Sarebasa<sup>+</sup>. In 2014, Emeljanov redefined the Lophopidae subfamilies and added two tribes (Emeljanov

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**Table 1.** Known Lophopidae species in China.

Genera	Species	Locations in China
Acothrura Melichar, 1915	Acothrura fucizona Wang, Zhou & Yuan, 2000	Yunnan
	Acothrura impunctata (Jacobi, 1905)	Yunnan
Bisma Distant, 1906	Bisma longicephala Liang, 2000	Hainan
Elasmoscelis Spinola, 1839	Elasmoscelis perforata Walker, 1862	Guangdong, Hainan, Taiwan
Lacusa Stål, 1862	Lacusa digitata Xing & Chen, 2014	Yunnan
	Lacusa fuscofasciata (Stål, 1854)	Guizhou, Guangdong, Hainan, Yunnan
	Lacusa orientalia Liang, 2000	Yunnan
	Lacusa producta Xing & Chen, 2014	Yunnan
Lophops Spinola, 1839	Lophops carinata (Kirby, 1891)	Hainan, Taiwan
Paracorethrura Melichar, 1915	Paracorethrura iocnemis (Jacobi, 1905)	Guangxi
Pitambara Distant, 1906	Pitambara dawnana Distant, 1912	Yunnan
	Pitambara nigrofuscata Liang, 2000	Yunnan
Podoschtroumpfa Soulier-Perkins, 1998	Podoschtroumpfa rubrolineata Liang, 2000	Yunnan
Pyrilla Stål, 1859	Pyrilla perpusilla (Walker, 1851)	Yunnan
	Pyrilla sinica Liang, 1997	Fujian, Jiangxi, Hainan, Guangxi, Yunnan
Serida Walker, 1857	Serida elasmoscelis (Jacobi, 1944)	Fujian, Hainan, Jiangxi
	Serida latens Walker, 1857	Fujian

2014). The Lophopini Stål, 1866, *sensu* Emeljanov, contains the same genera as in Sarebasa<sup>+</sup>, plus *Katoma* Baker, 1925, which was absent in Soulier-Perkins's phylogenetic analysis (2001), but minus *Elasmoscelis* Spinola, 1839, which was placed in the Elasmoscelini tribe. Sarebasa<sup>+</sup> is widely distributed, from Africa to the Solomon Islands and from China to Australia. Its distribution remains patchy and, since many taxa show great abilities to disperse (Soulier-Perkins 2000), it remains difficult to determine the biogeographic origin of this group. However, Sarebasa<sup>+</sup> remains the group with the most affinities with continental land masses, particularly Southeast Asia.

Eleven genera and 18 species of Lophopidae are actually found in China, but only in its oriental region (Table 1). Liang (1996) studied the Chinese lophopids and provided a first checklist for the country, containing 7 genera and 8 species. The following year he added a new species (Liang 1997), then three new ones in 2000 (Liang 2000). In the same year, Wang *et al.* (2000) described one new species and registered *Acothrura impunctata* (Jacobi, 1905) as new for China. Later, *Podoschtroumpfa rubrolineata* Liang, 2000 was registered as new for China by Wang & Wang (2012) and, finally, two new species were added by Xing & Chen (2014).

In the present paper, the checklist for China is enriched by four new species that we describe and we review the distribution of Chinese Lophopidae together with several necessary taxonomic adjustments in this family.

# Material and methods

The specimens were prepared after softening for 12 hours in a cylinder glass with humid conditions. Subsequently, the abdomen of the specimens was separated from the body, then boiled in a 10% KOH solution for 5 to 10 minutes. When needed, some drops of blue paragon were added for a better observation of the ectodermic genital ducts. The final observation was done in glycerin. Photographs of the specimens were taken with a Leica DFC camera attached to a Leica M205A stereo microscope and further processed with LAS V3.7 software. Terminology follows Bourgoin (1988) and Soulier-Perkins (1998, 2001) for male genitalia and Bourgoin *et al.* (2015) for forewing venation. For each new described species, two authors are selected for the authorship: the first author of the article Wang M.L. followed alternatively by one of the three other authors.

#### **Abbreviations**

= apical hyaline patch of tegmina = anterior process of periandrium app Bhp = basal hyaline patch of tegmina Chp = costal hyaline patch of tegmina = dorsal process of periandrium dpp mde = medio-dorsal extension of anal tube mep = median extension of periandrium Mhp = median hyaline patch of tegmina mpp = median process of periandrium mve = medio-ventral extension of anal tube = periandrium

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ppp = posterior process of periandrium VaPA = ventral anterior process of aedeagus VpPA = ventral posterior process of aedeagus

BPBM = Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, U.S.A.

IRScNB = Institut Royal des Sciences naturelles de Belgique, Bruxelles, Belgique IZCAS = Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

MNHN = Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France = Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China

NWAFU = Entomological Museum of Northwest A&F University, Yangling, China

SMNH = Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden VNMN = Vietnam National Museum of Nature, Hanoï, Vietnam

# **Results**

Class Hexapoda Blainville, 1816 Order Hemiptera Linnaeus, 1758 Suborder Auchenorrhyncha Duméril, 1806 Infraorder Fulgoromorpha Evans, 1946 Superfamily Fulgoroidea Latreille, 1807 Family Lophopidae Stål, 1866 Subfamily Lophopinae Stål, 1866 Tribe Lophopini Stål, 1866

Genus Pitambara Distant, 1906

Pitambara Distant, 1906: 319.

Pitambara – Melichar 1915: 361. — Liang 2000: 291.

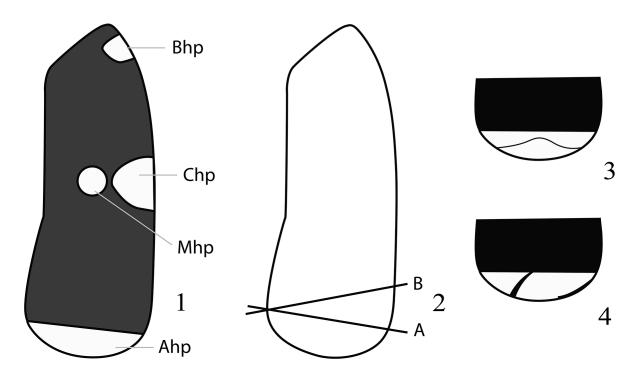
# Type species

Elasmoscelis radians Kirby, 1891, designated by subsequent designation of Melichar (1915: 361).

# Redescription

Relatively small taxon, length 7.0-8.5 mm. Head including eyes narrower than pronotum. Vertex moderately long, about 1.0–1.5 times longer than broad, slightly produced forward in front of eyes or at level of anterior margin of eyes; anterior and lateral margins carinated and elevated, anterior margin slightly convex or nearly straight, posterior margin concave. Compound eyes large. Ocelli present; genal and ocelar carinae absent; foramen of the antenna not touching compound eye. Antennae with scape very small and short; pedicel oblong. Frons much longer than broad in ventral view, margins carinated, lateral margins moderately ampliated basally, sublateral carinae well marked and elevated, not reaching frontoclypeal suture, but joining each other anteriorly and reaching vertex margin by forming short common stem, median area depressed, median carina, if present, very weak. Clypeus thick, elevated medially, median carina well developed. Labium short, not reaching hind coxae; apical segment extremely short. Pronotum shorter and broader than vertex, tricarinate, anterior margin convex, posterior margin nearly straight, dorso-lateral angle oblique, median area small and narrow, lateral carinae fused at anterior margin. Mesonotum large, tricarinate. Tegmina relatively short and broad, apical margin rounded, claval margin slightly ampliated beyond clavus; costal area broad, or narrow near base and broadening from base to apex, with many transverse parallel veins inside; subapical line in apical part generally observable, veins Pcu and A1 fused at middle of clavus. Hindwings broader than tegmina; anal lobe developed, without transverse veins on apical area. Fore and median femora and tibiae flattened. Hind tibiae somewhat dilated at apex, with 2 spines on lateral margin and over 30 small spines organised on 3 to 5 rows in apical part. First metathoracic tarsal segment incrassate, longer than cumulative length of next two segments, bearing a pad of microsetae ventrally, one apical spine on each side plus a few additional small ones.

#### Key to the species of Pitambara Distant, 1906



**Figs 1–4.** Schematic patterns on tegmina of *Pitambara*. **1.** Placement of the different possible hyaline patches. **2.** Shape of the apical hyaline patch delineated according to the A or B line. **3–4.** Apical hyaline patch with sinuate ornamentation (3) or a thick stripe reaching the apical margin of tegmina (4).

3. -	Apical hyaline patch of tegmina delineated by the B line (Fig. 2)	
4. –	Frons with the area between sublateral carinae reddish	
5. –	Vertex with three longitudinal stripes (Figs 8, 19, 30)	
6.	Frons white, sublateral carinae brown, with two brown bands near lateral angles of frons (Fig. 31)  **P. tricorne** Wang & Wang, sp. nov.	
_	Coloration of frons and carinae different	
7. –	Frons with a white transverse band at base (Fig. 9)	
8.	Longitudinal stripes on vertex extremely slim	
9. –	Tegmina with a basal hyaline patch (Figs 1, 16, Bhp)	
	Tegmina with median hyaline patch (Fig. 1, Mhp)	
	Frons reddish in median and lateral part	
	Vertex with a longitudinal stripe 13  Vertex without any marking 14	
	Apical hyaline patch of tegmina containing a thick stripe reaching the apical margin of tegmina by one end (Fig. 4); sublateral carinae of frons brownish	
14. -	Tegmina mostly brownish, some discolorations are present on the basal and claval area; fore femora with basal half black, apical half yellowish with two fuscous stripes	

*Pitambara triremiprocta* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:E5848886-C6B5-45C0-BB0F-61137185BB72 Figs 5–15, 38–39

# Diagnosis

Within the *Pitambara* species presenting a costal hyaline patch on the tegmina (Fig. 1), *P. triremiprocta* is the only one for which this patch is roughly triangular, with a very large base along the costal margin and its tip reaching the level of CuA, and with an apical hyaline patch having a brown sinuate stripe inside (Fig. 5).

## **Etymology**

Free arrangement between the words "trireme" and "proctodeum" since the apex of the anal tube is shaped like the bow of ancient Mediterranean warship.

# Type material

## Holotype

CHINA:  $\circlearrowleft$ , Menglun, Yunnan Province, 570 m, 11 Dec. 1999, coll. Daozheng Qin (NWAFU).

## **Paratypes**

CHINA: 1 ♀, primeval forest, Menglun, Yunnan Province, 8 Jun. 1974, collector unknown (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Jinghong, Yunnan Province, Aug. 1975, coll. Ding Jinhua (NAU).

#### **Description**

Length, male (including tegmina) (n = 1): 8.2 mm, female (including tegmina) (n = 2): 8.2–8.5 mm.

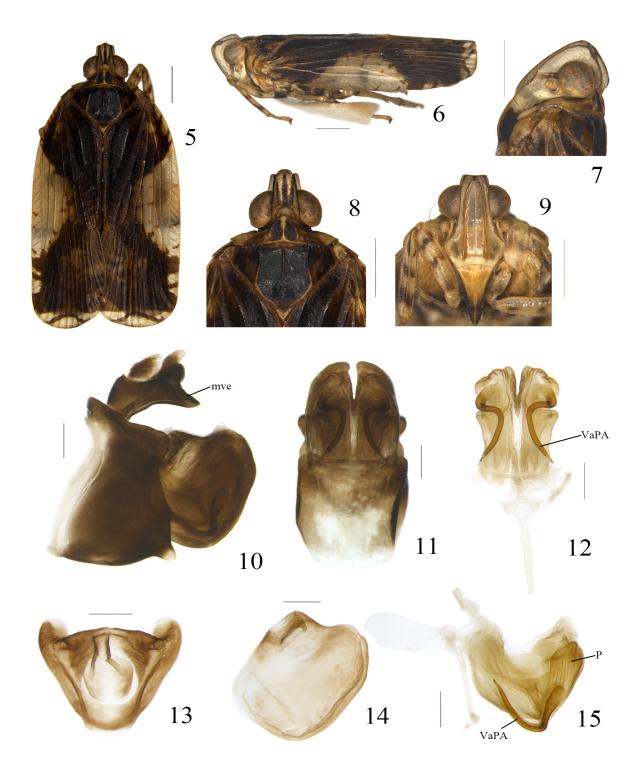
Vertex 1.3 times longer in midline than broad at base, anterior margin V-shaped well marked, lateral margins elevated and posterior margin largely rounded, with its most anterior point being at the level of the middle of the compound eyes (Fig. 8). Froms 1.5 times longer in midline than its widest part (Fig. 9), slender median carina present. Pronotum 4.1 times broader at widest part than long in midline (Fig. 8). Mesonotum 1.4 times broader at widest part than long in midline (Fig. 8).

#### Coloration

Vertex pale tawny, with three fuscous longitudinal stripes, anterior and lateral margins black (Figs 5, 8). Eyes brownish ochraceous (Fig. 8). Frons pale tawny, with a broad white transverse band at base, sublateral carinae ochraceous (Fig. 9). Clypeus yellow, with apical part dark brown (Fig. 9). Gena greyish white, with one fuscous transverse stripe crossing ocellus (Fig. 7). Ocelli brown. Pronotum tawny, with median and lateral carinae yellow; the median area surrounded by lateral carinae brown (Fig. 8). Mesonotum black, median carina black, lateral carinae with upper half black and lower half tawny, lateral area dark brown mixed with tawny (Fig. 8). Tegmina dark brown; costal margin with several short fuscous transverse stripes near base, one very large white triangular marking at middle extending to outer margin of clavus, sparsely diffuse with short fuscous stripes inside; apical part of tegmina with two small irregular white markings along costal margin, and white at apex, with one fuscous sinuate stripe inside (Fig. 5). Hindwings pale brown. Legs pale tawny, fore and middle femora and tibiae diffused with fuscous transverse stripes.

#### Male terminalia

In lateral view, pygofer higher than wide, with dorsal margin deeply sloping posteriorly for the first half and slightly sloping for the second half, postero-dorsal angle rounded (Fig. 10); dorsal margin shorter than ventral margin; posterior margin with a deep cut out on its ½ upper part. In ventral view, pygofer posterior margin almost straight, with the exception of lateral angles rounded (Fig. 11). Anal tube in dorsal view wider than long, with apical part slightly convex and lateral margins oblique, dorso-lateral angles obviously prominent at each side (Fig. 13), in lateral view anal tube prolonged posteriorly beyond the anal opening point by a medio-ventral extension gradually tapering to apex (Fig. 10). Gonostylus approximately as high as broad; dorsal margin concave near middle, with a small hook-like process directed postero-ventrally; ventral margin obliquely rounded (Figs 10, 14). Periandrium in lateral view rounded apically, bearing on each side a fold rounded apically as well, but bearing a series of very small teeth (Figs 15, 38). Aedeagus bearing a pair of ventral processes oriented anteriorly (Figs 15, 39); in ventral view, apex of periandrium with a clear ditch; ventral process of aedeagus zigzag shaped (Fig. 12).



**Figs 5–15.** *Pitambara triremiprocta* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov., holotype, ♂. **5.** Habitus, dorsal view. **6.** Habitus, lateral view. **7.** Head, lateral view. **8.** Head and thorax, dorsal view. **9.** Frons and clypeus. **10.** Male terminalia, lateral view. **11.** Male terminalia, ventral view. **12.** Phallic complex, ventral view. **13.** Anal tube, dorsal view. **14.** Gonostylus, lateral view. **15.** Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 5–9 = 1 mm: 10–15 = 0.2 mm.

*Pitambara impudica* Wang & Bourgoin, sp. nov. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:0B90E5F8-2ADC-4DF5-8ECA-BD05CC6A7605 Figs 16–26, 40–41

#### **Diagnosis**

This species can be distinguished from all other *Pitambara* species by the presence on its tegmina of a basal hyaline patch and a costal hyaline patch (Fig. 1) both roughly rectangular (Fig. 16).

## **Etymology**

The Latin name *impudica* refers to the shape of the anal tube in dorsal view (Fig. 24), similar to insulting *digitibus impudicus* as called in the ancient Rome.

# Type material

## Holotype

CHINA: &, Menglun, Yunnan Province, 25 May 1991, coll. Yinglun Wang & Wanzhi Cai (NWAFU).

## **Paratypes**

CHINA: 1 &, Menglun, Yunnan Province, 19 May 1991, coll. Yinglun Wang & Wanzhi Cai (NWAFU); 1 &, Menglun, Yunnan Province, 20 May 1991, coll. Yinglun Wang & Wanzhi Cai (NWAFU); 1 &, Mengla, Yunnan Province, 9 Jun. 1991, coll. Yinglun Wang & Wanzhi Cai (MNHN); 1 &, Mengla, Yunnan Province, 10 Jun. 1991, coll. Yinglun Wang & Wanzhi Cai (MNHN).

## **Description**

Length, male (including tegmina) (n = 5): 7.8–8.0 mm.

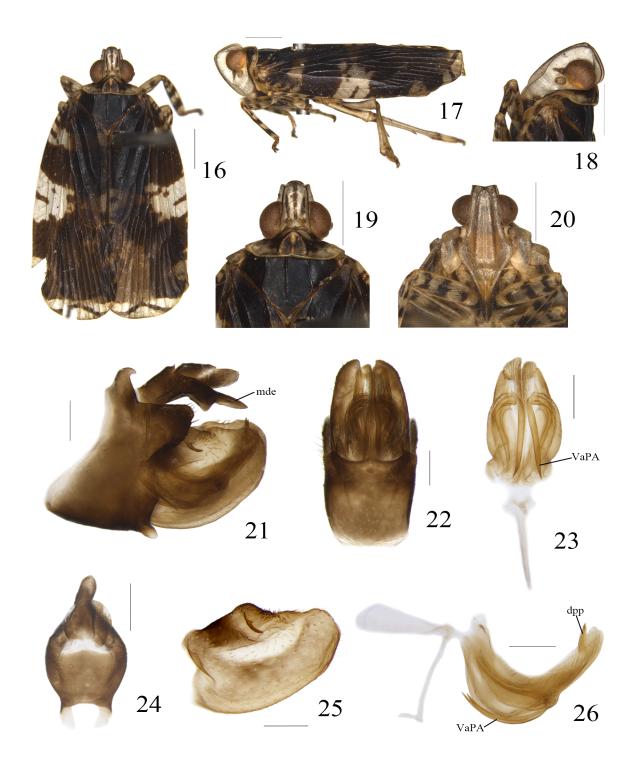
Vertex 1.5 times longer in midline than broad at base, anterior margin V-shaped well marked, anterior and lateral margins elevated. From 1.5 times longer in midline than widest part, median carina weakly present. Pronotum 3.9 times broader at widest part than long in midline. Mesonotum 1.5 times broader at widest part than long in midline.

#### **Coloration**

Vertex greyish white with three slender and fuscous longitudinal stripes and two fuscous patches at base; anterior and lateral margins black (Fig. 19). Eyes brownish ochraceous (Fig. 19). Frons pale piceous in ventral view; sublateral carinae brown, with very narrow longitudinal stripes at inner side; lateral margins brown (Fig. 20). Clypeus pale piceous, with apical part dark brown (Fig. 20). Gena greyish white, with one fuscous transverse stripe crossing ocellus (Fig. 18). Ocelli red. Pronotum greyish white, with dark brown colour suffused in apical and median area on disc; median and lateral carinae ochraceous (Fig. 19). Mesonotum black, median and lateral carinae black (Fig. 19). Tegmina dark brown, costal margin with one greyish white marking along with two fuscous transverse stripes at basal ¼; one rectangular greyish white marking at middle extending to median part of tegmina, with fuscous transverse stripes inside; two small greyish white irregular markings near apex of costal margin, and apical part greyish white, with fuscous sinuate stripe inside (Fig. 16). Hindwings pale brown. Legs pale piceous; fore and median femora and tibiae diffused with fuscous transverse stripes.

#### Male terminalia

Pygofer higher than wide in profile, with dorsal margin sloping posteriorly at basal ½ and flattened at basal ¾, posterior margin slightly concave near middle, dorso-lateral angle acute (Fig. 21). Anal tube in dorsal view longer than wide, with apical part digitiform and lateral margin convex (Fig. 24); in lateral view, anal tube prolonged posteriorly beyond the anal opening point by a medio-dorsal extension gradually tapering to apex (Fig. 21). Gonostylus longer than high, dorsal margin sloping forward at basal



**Figs 16–26.** *Pitambara impudica* Wang & Bourgoin, sp. nov., holotype, ♂. **16**. Habitus, dorsal view. **17**. Habitus, lateral view. **18**. Head, lateral view. **19**. Head and thorax, dorsal view. **20**. Frons and clypeus. **21**. Male terminalia, lateral view. **22**. Male terminalia, ventral view. **23**. Phallic complex, ventral view. **24**. Anal tube, dorsal view. **25**. Gonostylus, lateral view. **26**. Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 16–20 = 1 mm; 21–26 = 0.2 mm.

part and sinuate at apical part, with a small hook-like process directed posteriorly near base; ventral margin obliquely rounded (Figs 21, 25). In lateral view, dorsal margin of periandrium regularly curved and deeply concave at middle, beyond the insertion level of aedeagus process, periandrium getting slender regularly and apex round, bearing a dorsal process oriented dorsally (Figs 26, 40), aedeagus bearing a pair of ventral-anterior processes very regularly curved and oriented anteriorly (Fig. 26). In ventral view, processes of aedeagus straight.

*Pitambara tricorne* Wang & Wang, sp. nov. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:749B7FD4-6ABD-4E35-81C5-F3B926189F27 Figs 27–37, 42–44

## **Diagnosis**

Within the *Pitambara* species presenting a rectangular costal hyaline patch on the tegmina (Fig. 1), *P. tricorne* sp. nov. is the only one presenting a whitish from with two brown bands near lateral angles and sublateral brown carinae (Fig. 31). The "tricorne" shape of the periandrium's apex is unique.

# **Etymology**

Named after a hat in fashion during the 18<sup>th</sup> century in France, the "tricorne" was that of a triangular shape and folded in 3 horns. The apex of the periandrium has a similar shape. Name placed in apposition.

## Type material

## Holotype

CHINA:  $\circlearrowleft$ , Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 596 m, 2 Dec. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS).

#### **Paratypes**

CHINA: 1 &, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′710″, E 101°16′941″, 652 m, 16 Nov. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS).

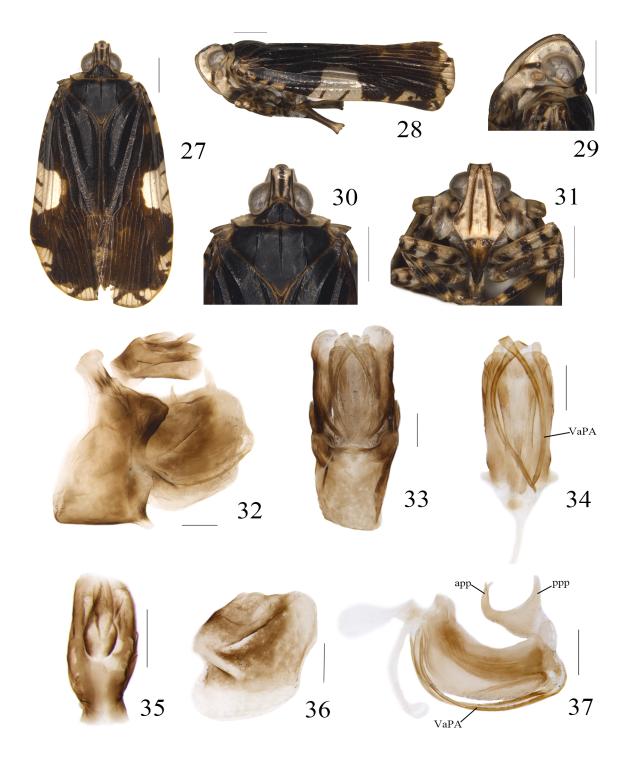
#### **Description**

Length, male (including tegmina) (n = 2): 7.8–8.1 mm.

Vertex 1.3 times longer in midline than broad at base, lateral margins elevated. From 1.4 times longer in midline than widest part. Pronotum 4.1 times broader at widest part than long in midline. Mesonotum 1.5 times broader at widest part than long in midline.

## Coloration

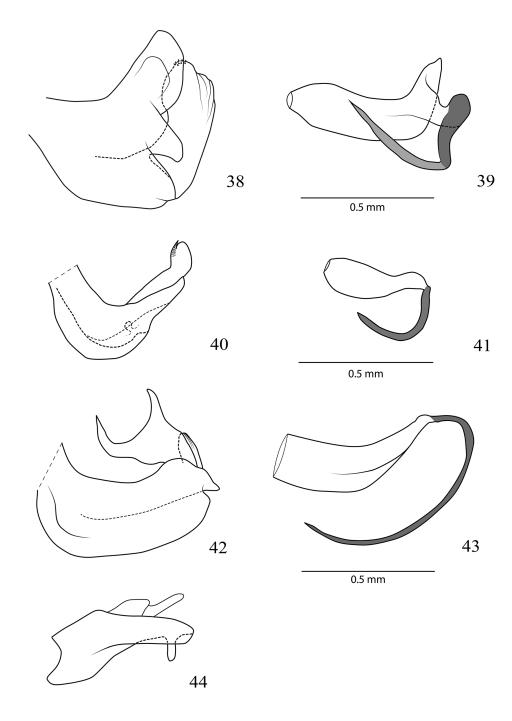
Vertex greyish white, with three slender fuscous longitudinal stripes; lateral stripes with small fuscous patches at base; lateral margins black (Fig. 30). Eyes grey (Fig. 30). Frons white; two very small fuscous spots near apex and two fuscous bands near lateral angles; sublateral carinae brown (Fig. 31). Clypeus dark brown, median area yellow (Fig. 31). Gena greyish white, with one fuscous transverse stripe crossing ocellus (Fig. 29). Ocelli grey. Pronotum with median area between eyes black and lateral area grey (Fig. 30). Mesonotum black (Fig. 30). Tegmina dark brown, costal margin with several fuscous transverse stripes at basal ½; one sub-rectangular white marking at middle extending to median part of tegmina with two fuscous transverse stripes inside; two small irregular white markings along apical part of costal margin, and apex of tegmina white, one fuscous sinuate stripe inside (Fig. 27). Hindwings pale brown. Legs pale tawny; fore and middle femora and tibiae diffused with several thick fuscous transverse stripes, hind femora dark brown and tibia yellow; lateral and apical spines black.



**Figs 27–37.** *Pitambara tricorne* Wang & Wang, sp. nov., holotype, ♂. **27.** Habitus, dorsal view. **28.** Habitus, lateral view. **29.** Head, lateral view. **30.** Head and thorax, dorsal view. **31.** Frons and clypeus. **32.** Male terminalia, lateral view. **33.** Male terminalia, ventral view. **34.** Phallic complex, ventral view. **35.** Anal tube, dorsal view. **36.** Gonostylus, lateral view. **37.** Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 27–31 = 1 mm; 32–37 = 0.2 mm.

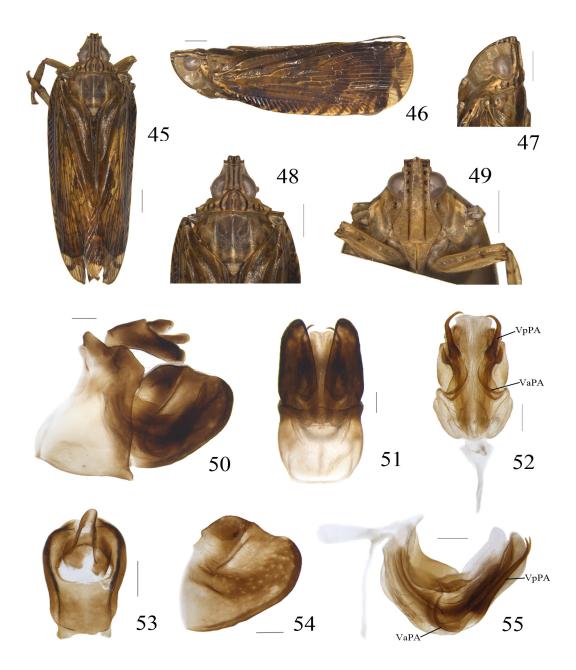
#### Male terminalia

Pygofer higher than wide in profile, with dorsal margin sloping posteriorly, posterior margin slightly concave near middle, postero-dorsal angle acute (Fig. 32), posterior margin cut out from the top down to the ½. Anal tube in dorsal view longer than wide, cylindrical, with lateral margin nearly parallel; anal opening situated at mid length (Fig. 35); in lateral view with a pair of small ventral teeth hidden near apex



**Figs 38–44.** Phallic complexes and anal tube. **38–39**. *Pitambara triremiprocta* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov. **38**. Periandrium, lateral view. **39**. Aedeagus, lateral view. **40–41**. *Pitambara impudica* Wang & Bourgoin, sp. nov. **40**. Periandrium, lateral view. **41**. Aedeagus, lateral view. **42–44**. *Pitambara tricorne* Wang & Wang, sp. nov. **42**. Periandrium, lateral view. **43**. Aedeagus, lateral view. **44**. Anal tube, lateral view.

(Fig. 44). Gonostylus higher than broad; dorsal margin sinuate, with a small hook-like process directed posteriorly near base, ventral margin curved (Figs 32, 36). In lateral view, dorsal margin of periandrium gently and regularly curved; apex of periandrium extremely developed and ending posteriorly into two processes and anteriorly by a process apically bifid, all processes oriented dorsally (Figs 37, 42); margin between anterior and posterior processes largely rounded. Aedeagus bearing a pair of ventro-posterior processes very long and slender, regularly curved and oriented antero-dorsally (Figs 37, 43).



**Figs 45–55.** *Serida parenthesisflexuosa* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov., holotype, ♂. **45**. Habitus, dorsal view. **46**. Habitus, lateral view. **47**. Head, lateral view. **48**. Head and thorax, dorsal view. **49**. Frons and clypeus. **50**. Male terminalia, lateral view. **51**. Male terminalia, ventral view. **52**. Phallic complex, ventral view. **53**. Anal tube, dorsal view. **54**. Gonostylus, lateral view. **55**. Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 45–49 = 1 mm; 50–55 = 0.2 mm.

#### Genus Serida Walker, 1857

Serida Walker, 1857: 158.

Serida – Distant 1906: 324. — Melichar 1915: 343.

## Type species

Serida latens Walker, 1857. Subsequent designation by Distant (1906: 324).

*Serida parenthesisflexuosa* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:3B6F9F67-8C94-48F5-B71C-28EC3F7F8505 Figs 45–57

## **Diagnosis**

This species can be easily indentified by vertex showing three brown parallel longitudinal bands (Fig. 48); aedeagus bearing two pairs of ventral processes, ventral anterior processes strongly curved and antero-dorsally oriented, ventral posterior processes long and nearly straight with apex oriented dorsally (Figs 55, 57).

# **Etymology**

The dorsal margin of the periandrium being shaped like a curly bracket, the name is made from a concatenation of two Latin words: *parenthesis* meaning "bracket" and *flexuosa* meaning "sinuous".

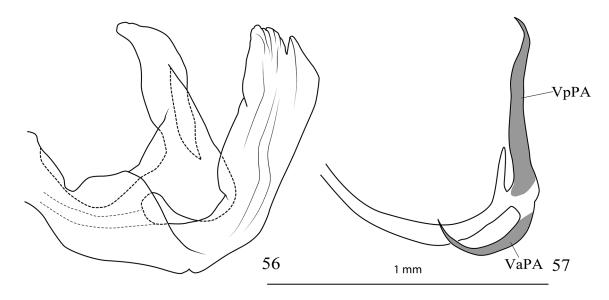
# Type material

#### Holotype

CHINA: ♂, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°53′993″, E 101°16′810″, 611 m, 19 Aug. 2007, coll. Guo Zheng (IZCAS).

# **Paratypes**

CHINA: 2 33, same data as holotype (IZCAS).



**Figs 56–57.** *Serida parenthesisflexuosa* Wang & Soulier-Perkins, sp. nov. **56**. Periandrium, lateral view. **57**. Aedeagus, lateral view.

# **Description**

Length, male (including tegmina) (n = 3): 10.5–11.0 mm.

Vertex in dorsal view 1.1 times longer in midline than wide at base; apical margin slightly concave; lateral margins slightly excavate. Frons 1.7 times longer in midline than widest part, 2.9 times longer in midline than wide at base; sublateral carinae parallel and elevated, fused dorso-apically and forming an acute angle. Pronotum 3.7 times broader at widest part than long in midline. Mesonotum 1.0 times broader at base than long in midline. Tegmina 2.8 times longer at longest part than broad.

#### **Coloration**

Vertex ochraceous, with three brown paralleled longitudinal bands (Fig. 48). Eyes grey (Fig. 48). Frons protrusion in front of vertex in dorsal view ochraceous, with one brown transverse band at middle and several dark brown patches on each side (Fig. 48). Frons ochraceous; sublateral carinae brown, with 7 brown patches on each side along outer rim of sublateral carinae; lateral margins brown (Fig. 49). Ocelli tawny. Genae ochraceous. Pronotum ochraceous, with curved brown band along lateral carinae and three brown longitudinal stripes in lateral area on each side; carinae ochraceous (Fig. 48). Mesonotum tawny, median and lateral carinae pale yellow (Fig. 48). Tegmina dark tawny; costal margin with several brown oblique transverse stripes; apical part with one sinuate brown stripe at tip (Figs 45–46). Legs ochraceous.

#### Male terminalia

Pygofer higher than wide in profile, with dorsal margin sloping down posteriorly on the  $\frac{1}{3}$  of anterior part; postero-dorsal angle truncated; posterior margin slightly concave medially (Fig. 50). Anal tube in dorsal view longer than wide, cylindrical, with apical margin rounded (Fig. 53). In lateral view, gonostylus approximately as broad as high; dorsal margin slightly sinuate, on the upper anterior side a very small lateral process curving down, ventro-posterior margin oblique (Figs 50, 54). In lateral view, dorsal margin of periandrium "curly brackets" shaped (Figs 55–56). Aedeagus bearing two pairs of ventral processes, ventral anterior processes hidden in the periandrium folds, strongly curved and antero-dorsally oriented, ventral posterior processes nearly straight with apex oriented dorsally (Figs 55, 57).

Genus *Lacusa* Stål, 1862

Lacusa Stål, 1862: 309.

Lacusa - Distant 1906: 323. — Melichar 1915: 354.

## Type species

Elasmoscelis fuscofasciata Stål, 1854. Designated by Stål (1862: 309).

Key to species of the genus *Lacusa* Stål, 1862 (modified from Xing & Chen 2014)

## Lacusa yunnanensis Chou & Huang, 1985 stat. rev.

Lacusa yunnanensis Chou & Huang in Chou et al., 1985: 128.

Lacusa fuscofasciata – Liang 1996: 146. [syn. error]

#### Note

In 1854, Stål described a new species *Elasmoscelis fuscofasciata* from "India orientalis" (Stål 1854). In 1862, he transferred it to *Lacusa* Stål, 1862 and just mentioned that the specimen was a male, without providing any description concerning the terminalia. Distant (1906) and Melichar (1915) identified some specimens as being *L. fuscofasciata* and illustrated their descriptions with drawing of the habitus and a frontal view of the head. In 1985, Chou and Huang (in Chou *et al.* 1985) described a new species, *Lacusa yunnanensis* Chou & Huang, 1985. The authors mentioned that *L. yunnanensis* closely resembles *L. fuscofasciata* and differs only by two characters: a branched fuscous transverse band near the outer margin on the tegmina and a meso- and metathorax fuscous versus an unbranched band on the tegmina and a meso- and metathorax slightly brown for *L. fuscofasciata*. Chou and Huang indicated that the holotype was a female and provided a drawing of the habitus and a frontal view of the head.

In 1996, Liang placed *L. yunnanensis* as a synonym of *L. fuscofasciata*. He wrote that after having examined material from different provinces in China and the female holotype of *L. yunnanensis*, the latter represents part of the colour variability within *L. fuscofasciata*. In the PhD thesis of Soulier-Perkins (unpublished 1997), some illustrations for the genus *Lacusa* were provided. As such, drawings of male terminalia were provided for the first time for what she believed to be *L. fuscofasciata* according to the available description in the literature at this time – the corresponding habitus is here provided in Fig. 86. In 2000, Liang provided an illustration of male terminalia of *L. fuscofasciata*, in accordance with Soulier-Perkins (unpublished 1997). In 2014, Xing and Chen described two new species, *Lacusa producta* Xing & Chen, 2014 and *Lacusa digitata* Xing & Chen, 2014. The descriptions were followed by some illustrations: pictures of the specimens and drawings of the male terminalia. They allow an easy recognition of the species when males are available. The authors also provided pictures and drawings of a specimen they believed to be *L. fuscofasciata*, and the male terminalia in their paper are in accordance with the drawings of Soulier-Perkins (unpublished 1997) and Liang (2000).

We checked the holotype of *L. yunnanensis*. Our surprise was big when 1) we noticed it was not a female but a male and 2) the drawing provided by Chou *et al.* (1985) was not the one of the holotype, which could explain the discrepancy between the description of the shape of the band at the tip of the tegmina and its illustration. We provide here the pictures of the holotype and the drawings of the male terminalia that we prepared (Figs 58–70). In Fig. 63, we can clearly see what the authors described as a branched band near the outer margin of the forewing. This character and the male terminalia are clearly different from what is usually recognised as being *L. fuscofasciata*, which would lead us to invalidate Liang's synonymy.

Since all the illustrations provided in the literature for *L. fuscofasciata* were done from specimens identified as such but not from the holotype, we also borrowed and examined the holotype in order to prepare the male terminalia and illustrate them. A second surprise was waiting for us as the holotype of *L. fuscofasciata* is not a male but a female (Figs 74–78). However, the pattern at the tip of the tegmina is unbranched and distinct from the branched band observed in *L. yunnanensis*.

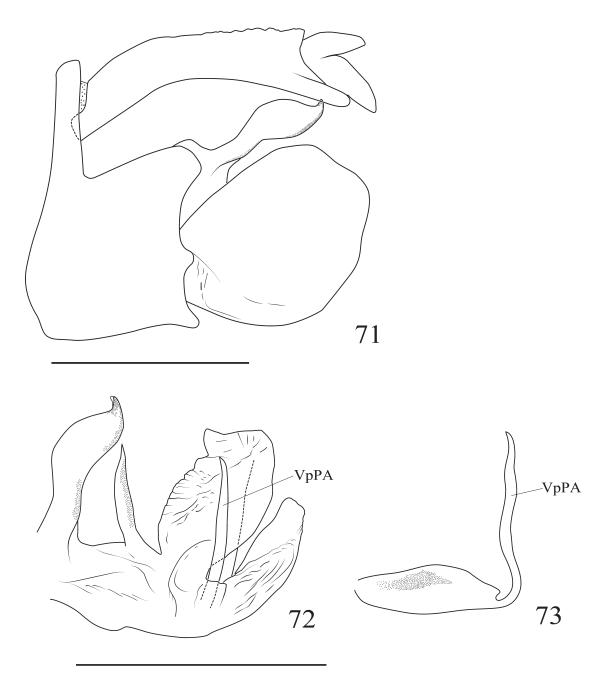
Lacusa species identification is therefore reanalysed here after realising all these facts and data. In the material examined, all the males with an unbranched pattern on the tegmina (Figs 85–86) always showed the same male terminalia as in Soulier-Perkins (unpublished 1997) (genitalia of male with habitus as in Fig. 86), Liang (2000) and Xing & Chen (2014). We also examined 4 females (including the holotype



**Figs 58–70.** *Lacusa yunnanensis* Chou & Huang, 1985 stat. rev., holotype, ♂. **58**. Habitus, dorsal view. **59**. Habitus, lateral view. **60**. Head, lateral view. **61**. Head and thorax, dorsal view. **62**. Frontal view. **63**. Tegmina. **64**. Labels. **65**. Male terminalia, lateral view. **66**. Male terminalia, ventral view. **67**. Phallic complex, ventral view. **68**. Anal tube, dorsal view. **69**. Gonostylus, lateral view. **70**. Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 58–63 = 1 mm; 65–70 = 0.2 mm.

of *L. fuscofasciata*), presenting an unbranched pattern at the tip of the tegmina. The abdomen in all four specimens presents ventrally a segment VII of a "simple shape". The posterior margin is slightly produced posteriorly in its median part. Depending on the specimen, this margin is more or less rounded (Figs 83, 87–88). We now conclude that all the specimens presenting the unbranched pattern on the tegmina belong to the same species: *L. fuscofasciata*.

From the pictures provided by Xing and Chen for *L. producta* and *L. digitata* (Xing & Chen 2014), we noticed that the pattern at the tip of their tegmina is comparable to the branched pattern of *L. yunnanensis* 



**Figs 71–73.** *Lacusa yunnanensis* Chou & Huang, 1985 stat. rev., from Thailand, Chiangmai Province. **71.** Male terminalia, lateral view. **72.** Phallic complex: periandrium and aedeagus, lateral view. **73.** Aedeagus, lateral view. Scale bars = 1 mm.

but the three species can be clearly identified from each other by their male terminalia. In the material examined, six females presented a segment VII highly modified as in Figs 80, 89 and 90. Moreover, five of them presented a branched pattern at the tip of the tegmina, the sixth female had both tegmina damaged with the tips missing. However, this female was collected in the same place and date as a male identified as *L. yunnanensis* because of its terminalia. The VII segment illustrated in Fig. 89 belongs to this female and could be considered as illustrating what a female of the species *L. yunnanensis* looks like. This highly modified segment VII is associated with a branched pattern on the tegmina and as such not identified as *L. fuscofasciata*.

For all these reasons, *L. yunnanensis* is reinstated as a valid species and the already known illustrations of the terminalia of *L. fuscofasciatia* should be considered as valid.

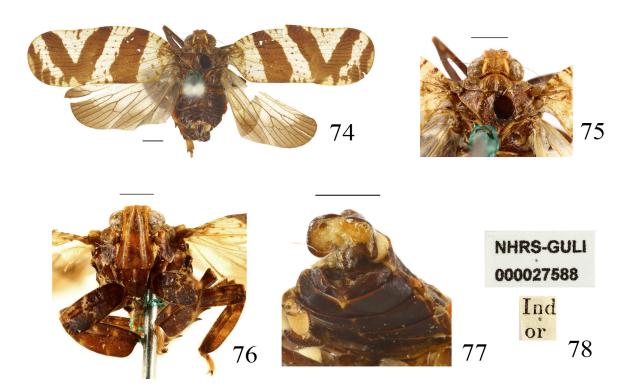
From the examined material we noticed that *L. fuscofasciata* and *L. yunnanensis* are not found in the same areas. *L. yunnanensis* seems to be located in the South-West part of the Yunnan Province with its distribution extending to the north of Thailand. *L. fuscofasciata* appears to be more broadly distributed from South to North Vietnam and into the Chinese provinces of Guangxi and Guizhou. The holotype of *L. fuscofasciata* was collected in "India Orientalis" which is very vague since, at that time, this area corresponded to what actually is known as India, Bangladesh, a part of China and all of Southeast Asia.

#### Material examined

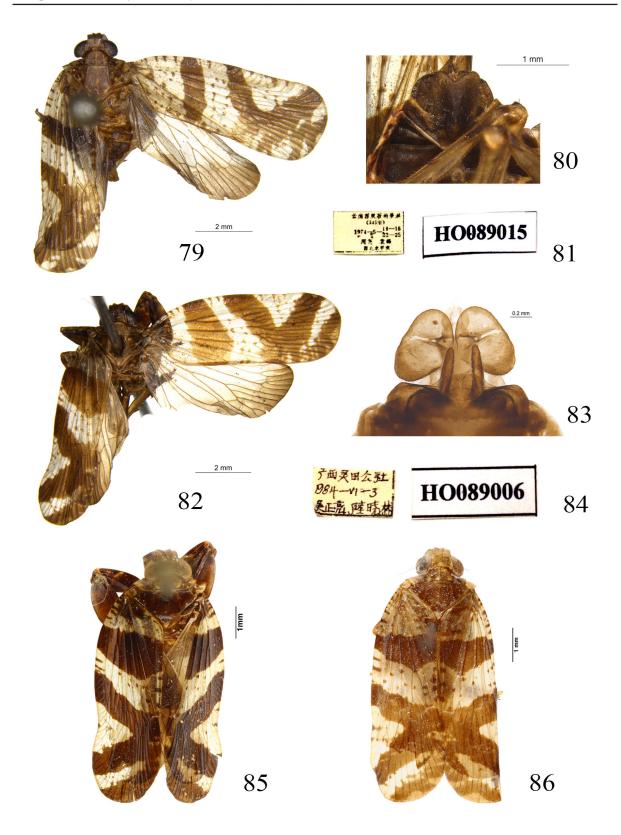
#### Elasmoscelis fuscofasciata

Holotype ♀, Ind[ia] or[ientalis], NHRS-GULI 000027588 (SMNH).

VIETNAM: *L. fuscofasciata*: 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , museum Paris, Tonkin, env. immédiats de Lao-Kay, CAPne SAUVEZ, 1908 (MNHN); 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Cochinchine, Tayninh, 15 Nov. 1924, R. Vitalis de Salvaza (IRScNB); 2  $\circlearrowleft$   $\circlearrowleft$ , Cat



**Figs 74–78.** *Lacusa fuscofasciata* (Stål, 1854), holotype, ♀. **74.** Habitus, dorsal view. **75.** Head and thorax, dorsal view. **76.** Frons and clypeus, frontal view. **77.** Female terminalia, ¾ ventral view. **78.** Labels. Scale bars = 1 mm.



**Figs 79–86.** *Lacusa* Stål, 1862 specimens. **79–81.** ♀ from China, Yunnan Province. **79.** Habitus, dorsal view. **80.** Female terminalia, ventral view. **81.** Labels. **82–84.** ♀ from China, Guangxi Province: *L. fuscofasciata* (Stål, 1854). **82.** Habitus, dorsal view. **83.** Female terminalia, ventral view. **84.** Labels. **85.** ♂ from Tonkin, Lao-Kay; habitus, dorsal view. **86.** ♂ from Vietnam, Mt Lang Bian; habitus, dorsal view.

Tien N.P., 11°26'N 107°26'E, 6–16 Jul. 2012, Leg. J. Constant & J. Bresseel, I.G. 32.161 (IRScNB); 1 ♂, 20 km, N. of Pleiku, 650 m, 9 May 1960, S. Quate collector (BPBM); 1 ♂, Mt Lang Bian, 1500–2000 m, 19 May–8 Jun.1961, N.R. Spencer collector Bishop (BPBM); 1 ♂, Lò Gò-Xa Mát, 7 Nov. 2003 (VNMN).

CHINA: 2 ♀♀, China, Guangxi Province, Lingtian gongshe, 3 Jun. 1984 (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Guizhou Province, Luodian, 15 Jul. 1982 (NWAFU).

#### L. yunnanensis

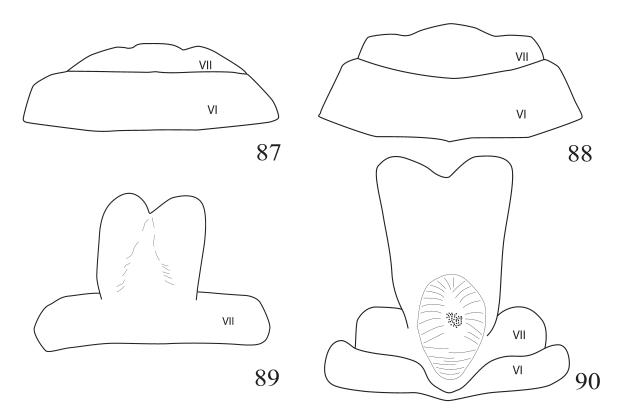
CHINA: holotype, &, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 640 m, 21–30 Apr. 1974, coll. Io Chou, Feng Yuan & Yinyue Hu (NWAFU); 1 &, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 17 Apr. 1982, coll. Sumei Wang & Jingruo Zhou (NWAFU).

THAILAND: 1 ♂, Loei, Na Haeo, 9 Feb. 1999, gallery forest, river, Leg. P. Grootaert (IRScNB); 1 ♂, 1 ♀, Chiangmai prov.: Fang (Agr. Exp. Station), 600 m, 14 Jun. 1965, P.D. Ashlock collector, Bishop Mus., U.S.-Japan Sci. coop. program (BPBM); 1 ♂, Chiangdao, 3-11 Apr. 1958, T. C. Maa (BPBM).

#### **Unidenfied materials**

THAILAND: 1 \, Na Haeo, 15-22 Aug. 2003, Leg. P. Grootaert (IRScNB).

CHINA: 1 ♀, Jinghong, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 545 m, 14–16 May 1974, coll. Io Chou & Feng Yuan (NWAFU); 2 ♀♀, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 24 Apr. 1982, coll. Sumei Wang & Jiangruo Zhou (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Xiaomengyang, Yunnan Province, 23 Apr. 1982, coll. Jiangruo Chou & Sumei Wang (NWAFU).



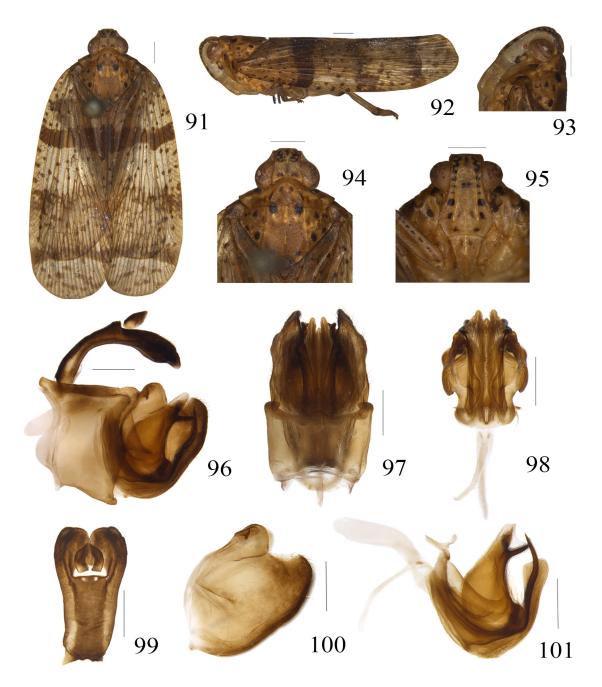
**Figs 87–90.** Female sternites VI and VII. **87**. *Elasmoscelis fuscofasciata* Stål, 1854, holotype, ♀, drawing from dry specimen. **88**. ♀ from China, Guangxi Province, drawing from dry specimen. **89**. ♀ from Thailand, Chiangmai Province prepared in glycerin. **90**. ♀ from Thailand, Na Haeo, drawing from dry specimen.

# Genus Acothrura Melichar, 1915

Acothrura Melichar, 1915: 353.

# Type species

Corethrura impunctata Jacobi, 1905. By original designation and monotypy (Melichar 1915: 353).



**Figs 91–101.** *Acothrura fucizona* Wang, Chou & Yuan, 2000, paratype, ♂. **91**. Habitus, dorsal view. **92**. Habitus, lateral view. **93**. Head, lateral view. **94**. Head and thorax, dorsal view. **95**. Frons and clypeus. **96**. Male terminalia, lateral view. **97**. Male terminalia, ventral view. **98**. Phallic complex, ventral view. **99**. Anal tube, dorsal view. **100**. Gonostylus, lateral view. **101**. Phallic complex and tectiform structure, lateral view. Scale bars: 91–95 = 1 mm; 96–101 = 0.5 mm.

# Acothrura orientalis (Liang, 2000) comb. nov.

Lacusa orientalis Liang, 2000: 289.

#### Note

The species *Lacusa orientalis* was described by Liang in 2000. Xing & Chen (2014) reviewed all the species of the genus *Lacusa*. According to their observations, this species should be removed from the genus *Lacusa* and placed in the genera *Sarebasa* Distant, 1909 or *Acothrura* Melichar, 1915 (Xing & Chen 2014). After comparing habitus and phallic complexes of *L. orientalis* (Liang 2000: figs 17, 23–27) and *Acothrura fucizona* Wang, Chou & Yuan, 2000 (Figs 91–101), the very similar brown markings on vertex and thorax, shape of anal tube, pygofer with dorsal margin straight, posterior margin curved and gonostylus with apical margin concave at middle lead us to place *L. orientalis* in the genus *Acothrura* Melichar, 1915. The following new combination is accordingly proposed: *Acothrura orientalis* (Liang, 2000) comb. nov.

#### Material examined

# Acothrura fucizona Wang, Chou & Yuan, 2000

CHINA: 1 & (paratype), Xiaomengyang, Yunnan Province, 900 m, 4 Apr. 1957, coll. Shuyong Wang (NWAFU); 1 & (paratype), Mengla, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 620–650 m, 24 May. 1959, coll. Yiran Zhang (NWAFU); 1 & Damenglong, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 650 m, 16 Apr. 1958, coll. Shuyong Wang (NWAFU); 1 & Jianghong, Yunnan Province, 1200 m, 6 Mar. 1957, coll. Bangfeiluofu (NWAFU); 1 & bamboo forest, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′380″, E 101°16′815″, 670 m, 21 Nov. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS); 3 & A, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′380″, E 101°16′815″, 622 m, 22 Nov. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS); 2 & A bamboo forest, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′380″, E 101°16′815″, 622 m, 22 Nov. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS); 1 & bamboo forest, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′386″, E 101°16′803″, 627 m, 22 Nov. 2009, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS).

VIETNAM: 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Hoa-Binh, Tonkin, coll. A. de Cooman (NWAFU); 2  $\circlearrowleft$   $\circlearrowleft$ , Hoa-Binh, Tonkin, 1919, coll. A. de. Cooman (MNHN); 2  $\circlearrowleft$   $\circlearrowleft$ , Hoa-Binh, Tonkin, 1928, coll. A. de. Cooman (MNHN).

THAILAND: 2 & &, Chiangmni, Province Chiangdao, 450 m, 5–11 Apr. 1958, coll. T. C. Maa. (MNHN); 1 &, Chiangmai, 500 m, 15 Apr. 1958, coll. T. C. Maa. (MNHN).

LAOS: 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Ban Van Eue, Vientiane Province, 30 Apr. 1966, light trap, native collector (MNHN).

# Acothrura impunctata (Jacobi, 1905)

CHINA: 1 ♀, Mengla, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 620–650 m, 2 Jun. 1959, coll. Fuji Pu (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Menglun, Mengla, Yunnan Province, 24 May. 1974, coll. Jiang Xiong (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Damenglong, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, 9 Jun. 1981, coll. Huaping Lu (NWAFU); 1 ♀, Ivshilin, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′710″, E 101°16′941″, 652 m, 16 Nov. 2009, light trap, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS); 1 ♀, Menglun, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, N 21°54′380″, E 101°16′815″, 620 m, 21 Nov. 2009, light trap, coll. Guo Tang & Zhiyuan Yao (IZCAS).

VIETNAM: 6 ♀♀, Hoa-Binh, Tonkin, 1919, coll. A. de. Cooman (MNHN).

## **Discussion**

## On the collecting location and plants

For all the new species described here, some specimens were collected in the elm green forest and/or the bamboo forest, both located near Menglun, a small town in the Mengla County, Xishuangbanna municipality of the Yunnan Province. The same locality labels could be found on material identified

as *Pitambara dawnana* Distant, 1912, *Acothrura fucizona* Wang, Zhou & Yuan, 2000 and *Acothrura impunctata* (Jacobi, 1905) from the IZCAS collections. This locality is undeniably species rich for the Lophopidae. The average annual temperature in this area is around 21 to 22°C, with a precipitation oscillating between 1400 and 1800 millimeters. Specimens were collected between 540 and 1400 meters asl. According to the collector, the specimens caught in the bamboo forest were most likely feeding on it. No clear identification of host plant could be given for the specimens collected in the elm forest.

#### On the genus Acothrura

With the new combination, the genus *Acothrura* now counts three species: *A. impunctata* (Jacobi, 1905), *A. fucizona* Wang, Chou & Yuan, 2000 and *A. orientalis* (Liang, 2000) comb. nov. We examined material from MNHN, NWAFU and IZCAS, as well as a paratype of *A. fucizona* (NWAFU). *A. impunctata* is quickly distinguishable from the other two species by its habitus and size. Jacobi (1905) described it from one specimen supposed to be a male. However, judging from the drawing the illustrated specimen is a female, easily recognisable by the shape of the anal tube, as are all the specimens examined from MNHN, NWAFU and IZCAS and identified as *A. impunctata*. By contrast, Liang (2000) lists only males for all specimens examined in his description of A. orientalis comb. nov. Similarly, A. fucizona is known by males only. When we looked at the distribution, we noticed that all species were present in Hoa-Binh. Specimens were collected by de Cooman. Accordingly, dimorphism cannot be excluded and it could well be possible that *A. orientalis* comb. nov. or *A. fucizona* represent a synonym of *A. impuctata*. The only way to verify this hypothesis would be to find specimens in copula or to make barcoding analysis for the three species.

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