A PRELIMINARY REVISION OF THE GENUS ATRACTOMORPHA SAUSSURE. 1862

(Orthoptera: Acridoidea: Pyrgomorphidae)

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I. INTRODUCTION.

Atractomorpha is an easily recognizable pyrgomorphid genus which is widely distributed in the Old World tropics and subtropics, occurring from West Africa to the Indo-Malayan and Papuan regions. It is absent from Europe and North Africa, but its range extends into temperate zones, particularly in eastern Asia and in eastern Australia. At least one species has also been introduced into the Hawaiian Islands. Introduction into the New World so far seems improbable (See KEVAN, 1960).

No less than forty species have been described or subsequently placed in the genus by previous authors, but it has now become apparent that individual variation within species and the insufficient material available to earlier authors has led to a multiplicity of invalid species being erected. As a result of our examination only nine species and five additional subspecies may now be recognized.

In this preliminary revision only the primary synonymy is given; a fuller synonymy will be published later. It should however, be observed that many of the records of past authors are incorrect and little reliance can usually be placed in many of the names used. Further details of each species and subspecies will also be given at a later date. The great majority of existing types have been examined. These were kindly loaned by various institutions or were examined in the museums in which they are deposited. Some of these types had lain undetected since the time of their original description and have only now come to light.

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II. BRIEF GENERIC DIAGNOSIS.

Atracomorpha Saussure, 1862

'ruxalis Fabricius, 1793, Ent. Syst., 2: 26 (partim); Palisot de Beauvois, 1806, Ins. Agr. Amêr. Orth.: 16 (partim); Thunberg, 1815, Mém. Acad. Sci. St.-Péterb., 5: 263 (partim); 1827 Nova Acta Soc. Sci. Uppsala, 9: 76 (partim); Burmeister, 1838, Handb. Ent. 2 (2): 606 (partim).

1[cridium] (Truxalis), DE HAAN, 1842, Verh. nat. Gesch. Nederland. overz. Bezitt. 18

(Zool. 17): 138 (partim).

Truxalis (Pyrgomorpha), Guérin-Ménéville, 1844, Icon. Règne Anim. 7: 340 (partim). Pyrgomorpha Blanchard, in Dumont d'Urville, 1853, Voy. Pole Sud (Zool.) 4: 567 (partim); Walker, 1870, Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 3: 497 (partim).

Atractomorpha Saussure, 1862, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, (4) 1: 474.

Tryxalis Walker, 1870, Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 3: 494 (partim).

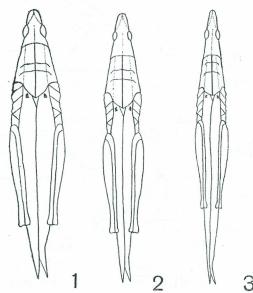
Perena Walker, 1870, Ibid.: 506.

Minorissa Thomas, 1874, Bull. U.S. Geol. geogr. Surv. Terr 1 (2), Ser. 1: 63 (nec Walker) [cf. Kevan, 1960].

Type species by subsequent designation (Kirby, 1910, Syn. Cat. Orth. 3: 331): $Truxalis\ crenulatus\ Fabricius,\ 1793=Atractomorpha\ crenulata\ (Fab.).$

Pyrgomorphidae with body fusiform or elongate. Head conical, frontal profile very strongly oblique, fastigium of vertex well developed, lanceolate to pyramidal in outline as seen from above. Antennae subtriquetrous at base, becoming subcylindrical apically. Eyes elongate-ovate or oblong, with a well defined dorsal spot. Outer surface of mandible with a pair of prominent ridges, the space between them concave. Pronotum tricarinate with anterior margin of dorsum subemarginate to truncate; posterior margin angular to subtruncate. Tegmina fully developed, usually extending beyond the apex of the abdomen, acute lanceolate at apex, narrower in male than in female. Hind wings present in both sexes, often rosy or red at base. Hind femur slender, elongate, with knee shortly bilobed; hind tibia smooth,

with pointed spines and an outer terminal spine. Prosternal tubercle obliquely truncated; anterior face of tubercle rather concave; mesosternal interspace trapezoidal, often rather narrow, particularly in the male, metasternal interspace ellipsoidal or oblong. Typanum well developed. Supra-anal plate elongate trigonal. Cerci short and conical. Epiphallus with middle portion anchor-shaped. Ovipositor with dorsal valves sinuate and crenulated. Male diploid chromosome number 19.



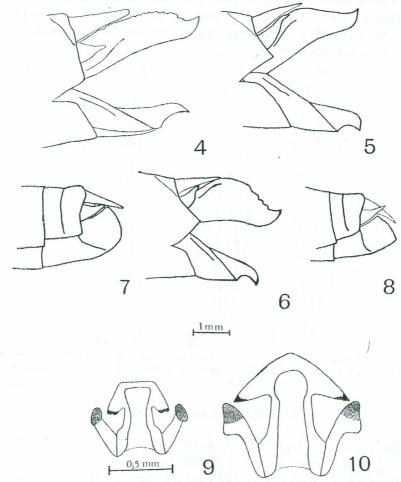
FIGS. 1-3. Body-forms of Atractomorpha spp. (diagrammatic). 1. Stout form as in A. aberrans group; 2. Intermediate form typical of the majority of species; 3. Very slender form as in A. psittacina.

III. PRELIMINARY KEY TO SPECIES 1).

¹⁾ Like most other pyrgomorphid genera, *Atractomorpha* shows great intra-specific variation, so that individual specimens are often difficult to determine and series are desirable for diagnosis. As a rule, males are less easily distinguished than females.

²⁾ This membranous area has not previously been figured, although it was referred to by YAKOBSON (1902), in his generic diagnosis, and in passing by BOLIVAR (1905) in his description of A. sinensis, A. blanchardi and A. ambigua and in his redescriptions of A. angusta KARSCH; he does not refer to it in his key. HEBARD (1922: 339) and BEI-BIENKO (1949: 174) also refer, without special comment, to a small,

 Oblique row of postocular tubercles callous, low and irregularly arranged (figs. 11, 21). Females almost always with small dark or reddish maculae or points on pronotum and tegmina. Hind wings deep reddish or brickred, not clear hyaline nor rosy at base only. Dorsal ovipositor valves

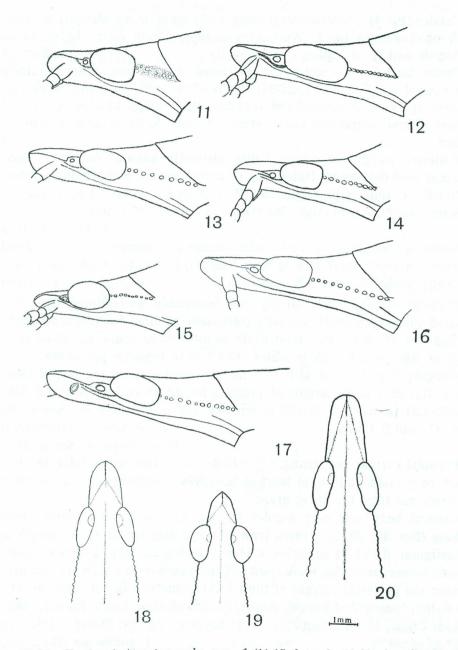


Figs. 4-10. Genitalia of Atractomorpha spp., 4-6. Ovipositor (lateral); 7, 8. Apex of 3 abdomen (lateral); 9, 10. Epiphallus. 4, 9. A. aberrans; 5. A. sinensis; 6. A. crenulata; 7. A. crenaticeps; 8. A. psittacina; 10. A. brevicornis.

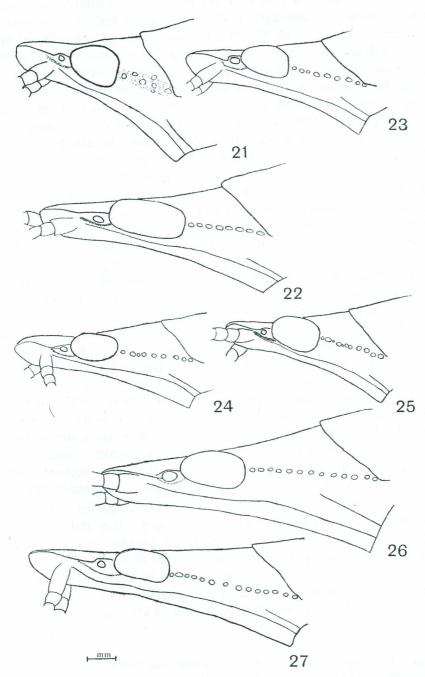
smooth, colourless area on the lateral pronotal lobe near to the caudal margin. It is possible that this area may act as some form of resonator in stridulation, although sound production by Atractomorpha does not seem to have been recorded. Thoracic stridulation is reported for the pyrgomorphid genus Aularches (Maxwell-Lefroy, 1923; Hingston, 1927). Another explanation might be that the cavity behind the membranous area acts as an air reservoir associated with the semi-aquatic habits of some Atractomorpha species. The absence of a thoracic spiracle behind the membrane gives no additional support to this suggestion, however.

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	slender (fig. 4). Postero-lateral margin of pronotum not strongly arcuate.
	Epiphallus as in fig. 9. West African region from Sierra Leone to N. Angola and E. to Katanga and Uganda A. aberrans Karsch
	Postocolar tubercles more strongly raised, distinct and rather regularly
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	arranged (cf. figs. 12-17, 22-27). Neither sex with numerous dark pig-
	ment spots on pronotum and tegmina. Hind wings hyaline or rosy at
	base. Dorsal ovipositor valves stout (cf. figs. 5, 6). Asiatic or Austra-
0	lian
3.	Posterior margin of pronotal disc distinctly angular (fig. 32). Hind
	wings well developed. Outer face of femur convex and strongly keeled.
	Nepal, N. India (Himalayas, N. West Bengal, Assam); Upper Burma,
	Siam; Mergui Archipelago; Malaya; Indo-China, S.W. China
	Posterior margin of pronotal disc obtuse or rounded (fig. 34). Hind
	wings smaller. Outer face of hind femur not strongly convex or promi-
	nently keeled. E. and S.E. Australia A. australis Rehn
4.	Pronotal carinae fairly strong and reasonably well-defined (fig. 37).
	Hind wings very short, virtually colourless, hyaline. Fastigium of vertex
	long (fig. 16, 26); ratio, least width of interocular space/length of fasti-
	gium, usually 0.35-0.39 in males, 0.38-0.45 in females; pronotum rather
	elongate (fig. 37) and without a membranous area on the lateral lobes
	(cf. fig. 38); ratio, length of prozona/length of rest of pronotal disc,
	0.75-0.91 in males, 0.64-0.73 in females. Japan; Ryu Kyu Is.; Korea; N.,
	E., C., and S. China
	[For subspecies see p. 186]
	Pronotal carinae not strong, often ill-defined. Hind wings fully develop-
	ed, rosy when mature, at least at base. Not combining the above char-
	acters nor from the above areas
5.	General body-form very slender (cf. fig. 3). Fastigium of vertex very
٠.	long (figs. 17, 20, 27); ratio, least width of interocular space/length of
	fastigium, 0.29-0.34 in males, 0.34-0.40 in females. Apex of male abdo-
	men rather acute (fig. 8). Majority of specimens with a membranous area
	near the posterior margin of the lateral pronotal lobe (cf. figs. 40, 41).
~	Ceylon; India (West Bengal, Assam); East Pakistan; Lower Burma; Siam;
	Indo-China; Malaya; Sumatra; Java; Borneo; Celebes; Eastern Moluccas;
	Philippines
	Body-form not exceptionally slender (cf. fig. 2). Fastigium of vertex
	comparatively rather shorter. Male abdomen with apex more obtuse
	(cf. fig. 7) 6



Figs. 11-20. Heads of Atractomorpha spp. & (11-17, lateral; 18-20, dorsal). 11. A. aberrans; 12. A. crenaticeps crenaticeps; 13, 18. A. acutipennis sinensis; 14. A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri; 15, 19. A. crenulata crenulata; 16. A. brevicornis brevicornis; 17, 20. A. psittacina.



Figs. 21-27. Heads of Atractomorpha spp. \(\) (lateral). 21. A. aberrans; 22. A. crenaticeps crenaticeps; 23. A. sinensis; 24. A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri; 25. A. crenulata crenulata; 26. A. brevicornis brevicornis; 27. A. psittacina.

6. Fastigium of vertex rather short; ratio, least width of interocular space/length of fastigium, 0.40-0.50 in males, 0.48-0.59 in females. Eyes convex and prominent (cf. figs. 15, 19, 25, 31). Lateral margin of pronotal disc well defined, divergent and somewhat convex in the metazona (fig. 36). Tegmina not acuminate at apex, generally shorter and not usually exceeding the hind knees by more than one-third of their length. Hind femora rather short; ratio, length of pronotum/length of hind femur, 0.43-0.46 in males, 0.50-0.55 in females. Dorsal ovipositor valves short and strongly convex above (fig. 6). India, Ceylon and the greater part of the Indo-Malayan and Indonesian regions. A. crenulata (FABRICIUS)

[For subspecies see p. 184].

Fastigium of vertex usually longer; ratio, least width of interocular space/length of fastigium, 0.36-0.40 in males, 0.42-0.48 in females ¹). Eyes not markedly convex and prominent (cf. figs. 12-14, 22-24, 28-30). Lateral margin of pronotal disc in the metazona less well defined (cf. figs. 33, 35). Tegmina acuminate at apex, generally longer and frequently surpassing the hind knees by more than one-third of their length (except in some forms of A. acutipennis). Hind femora longer (except in A. acutipennis); ratio, length of pronotum/length of hind femur, 0.32-0.43 in males, 0.42-0.51 in the majority of females ²). Dorsal ovipositor valves longer and less strongly convex above (cf. fig. 5) . . 7

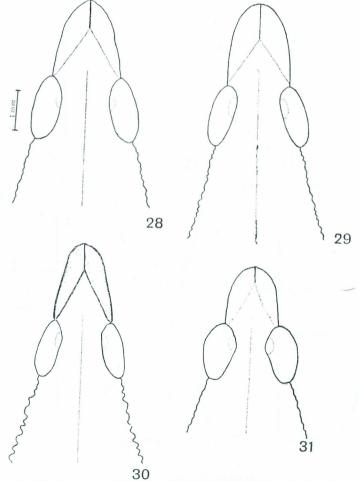
[For subspecies see p. 182].

2) This ratio in A. acutipennis is similar to that of A. crenulata.

¹⁾ This ratio is very variable in A. sinensis and may sometimes fall well within the range of A. crenulata.

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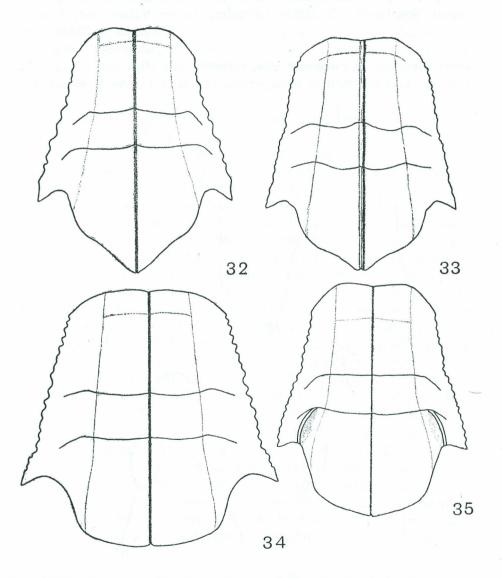
Eyes generally of moderate size, elongate-oval (figs. 13, 18, 23, 29); ratio, maximum width of head/length of eye, 1.31-1.44 in males; 1.80-



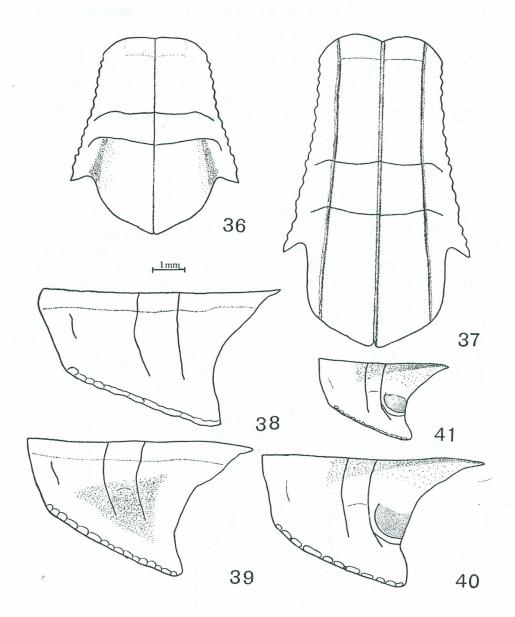
Figs. 28-31. Heads of Atractomorpha spp. ♀ (dorsal). 28. A. crenaticeps crenaticeps; 29. A. sinensis; 30. A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri; 31. A. crenulata crenulata.

¹⁾ A single specimen only, see footnote, p. 179.

1.90 in females. Lateral pronotal lobe with a distinct membranous area near posterior margin (fig. 35). South and Central China; Taiwan; Hawaii and Midway I (introduced) A. sinensis Bolívar



Figs. 32-35. Pronota of Atractomorpha spp., \$\gamma\$ (dorsal). 32. A. burri; 33. c. crenaticeps; 34. A. australis; 35. A. sinensis.



Figs. 36-41. Pronota of Atractomorpha spp. (dorsal and lateral). 36. A. crenulata rhodoptera; 37. A. b. brevicornis; 38. A. c. crenaticeps \mathfrak{P} ; 39. A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri \mathfrak{P} ; 40. A. c. crenulata \mathfrak{P} ; 41. Id., \mathfrak{F} .

IV. PRIMARY SYNONYMY AND NOTES ON SPECIES

1. Atractomorpha aberrans KARSCH, 1888

Truxalis crenulatus Palisot de Beauvois, 1807, Ins. Agr. Amér. Orth.: 79-80, pl. 3, fig. 1a. b [nec Fabricius].

Atractomorpha aberrans Karsch, 1888, Ent. Nachr. 14: 333, no. 25.

Atractomorpha rufopunctata I. Bolívar, 1894, Bull. Soc. ent. Fr. 63: clxi-syn. nov. Atractomorpha, sp. aff. aberrans Kevan, 1957, Opusc. Ent. 22: 203.

Type locality: — Angola: San Salvador.

Type: — Berlin.

KIRBY (1910: 332) was the first to point out that *T. crenulatus* of Beauvois was not conspecific with that of Fabricius. He synonymized it with *A. gerstaeckeri* Bolívar and was followed in this by later authors. The date of publication is given by him as 1805, but the pages on which *T. crenulatus* appears were not published until 1807 (undated Ms notes by Sherborn attached to the British Museum copy of Beauvois' work). Beauvois' figure is clearly that of *A. aberrans* Karsch, the latitude given

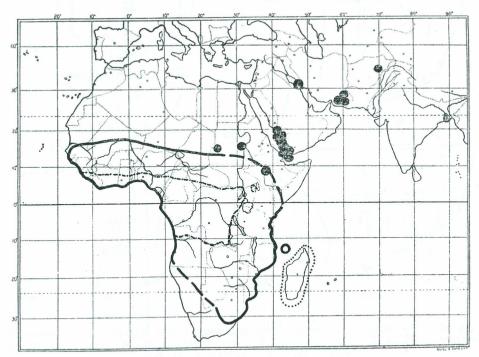


FIG. 42. Approximate distribution of Atractomorpha aberrans Karsch and A. acutipennis (Guérin). Broken line, limits of A. aberrans; dotted line, A. acutipennis acutipennis; solid line, A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri Bolivar; black circles, A. acutipennis brevis Uvarov.

in the text suggests that this specimen was from the Cameroons coast where this species is the most likely one be found.

This species is easily recognizable by its robust build, bright red hind wings and, in the female, by the frequent occurence of dark reddish maculae on the pronotum and tegmina.

2. Atractomorpha burri I. Bolívar, 1905

A[tractomorpha] Burri I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 197, 203. A[tractomorpha] Himalayika I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid. 5: 198, 204 — syn. nov.

Type locality: — Assam; Khasia Hills, Cherapungi. Type: — Madrid.

A. burri merely represents a small form of the same species as A. himalayica, somewhat resembling A. crenulata rhodoptera; types have been compared. The female specimen described by Bolívar should be regarded as the lectotype of A. burri since this specimen bears his determination label, whereas the male (which is damaged) does not. Apart from the robust appearance, the characteristic features of the species include the angular posterior margin of the pronotum and the rather strongly carinate hind femora. Himalayan specimens tend to be above average in size, but we can detect no constant difference between them and specimens from other areas which would warrant the recognition of himalayica as a separate subspecies.

3. Atractomorpha australis Rehn, 1907

Atractomorpha australis Rehn, 1907, Bull. Amer. Mus. nat. Hist. 23: 449, fig. 5. Atractomorpha crenaticeps australis Rehn, 1953, Grassh. Locusts Australia, 2: 37, pl. 1, figs. 4-6, pl. 27, figs. 196-200.

Type locality: — Australia: New South Wales.

Type: — New York (American Museum Nat. Hist.).

A. australis has recently been reduced to a subspecies of A. crenaticeps, but after further consideration we have come to the conclusion that it must be raised again to full specific status. Although Rehn (1953) found what he considered to be intermediate material between australis and crenaticeps, both forms (as in all species) are apparently subject to considerable convergent variation which gives the impression of intergradation. A considerable body of material, including much of that seen by Rehn, has been examined.

Apart from its generally heavier build and shorter wings, *A. australis* may be distinguished by the eye being rather broad dorsoventrally, by

the subtruncated or very obtusely angulate posterior margin of pronotal disc, by the short hind wings, and, from A. crenaticeps australiana Bolívar, by the complete absence of a membranous area on the lateral pronotal lobe in all the specimens we have examined. The view that australis and australiana belong to different species is also supported to some extent by the cytological evidence, put forward by WHITE (1957: 85), that in most populations of australis, supernumerary chromosomes are very frequent, while in A. c. australiana (i.e., A. crenaticeps crenaticeps of REHN (1953)) these do not seem to occur. Further, the geographical overlap is very large (A. australis extends northwards as far at least as Brisbane) and it would appear that both forms may occur together — at least in the Sydney area, where it would be quite reasonable to consider two distinct species to exist (Dr. M. J. D. White, in lit., 1957). We have also seen specimens of undoubted australiana from as far south as Melbourne (if the hand-written data labels are to be believed). As Dr. White suggests, only a detailed investigation in the field can finally elucidate this problem, but, until this is possible, we prefer to recognize A. australis as a distinct species.

A somewhat similar situation in the genus *Austroicetes* is discussed by White and Key (1957) who have shown that phenotypic intergradation can be misleading and can mask the existance of genotypically distinct species. In the present case certain morphological differences are apparent, although their reliability may be open to question.

4. Atractomorpha crenaticeps (BLANCHARD, 1853)

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This species is distinguishable from its nearest relative, *A. sinensis* Bolívar, by its more elongate eyes and by the lack, except in some Australian specimens of a distinct membranous area on the lateral pronotal lobe.

There are two subspecies, *A. c. crenaticeps* and *A. c. australiana*, which, however, do not correspond with those recognized by REHN (1953; see pp. 179 and 180). *A. c. crenaticeps* occurs in Indonesia, New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Solomon Islands, but not in Australia, while *A. c. australiana* is found in Eastern Australia and S.E. New Guinea only.

The two subspecies may be distinguished from each other and from *A. australis* (which REHN regarded as a subspecies of *A. crenaticeps*) as follows:

1. General form heavier, broader, particularly in the females (cf. fig. 1); fastigium of vertex more regularly triangular, shorter and stouter, not usually longer than the eye. Eye smaller, ovoid, broader behind; ratio, maximum width of head/length of eye, 1.46-1.48 in males, 2.10-2.22 in

females. Hind margin of pronotal disc very obtusely angulate or even subtruncate; lateral pronotal lobe without a membranous area. Tegmina less acuminate; hind wings much shorter than fore wings. Male cerci with apical portion longer and usually straighter (cf. Rehn, 1953). Southeastern Australia A. australis Rehn General form more slender (cf. fig. 2); fastigium of vertex narrow and more elongate with more arcuate margins, longer than the eye. Eye larger, elongate-oblong (figs. 12, 22, 28); ratio, maximum width of head/length of eye, 1.22-1.46 in males, 1.40-1.91 in females. Hind margin of pronotal disc distinctly angulate; lateral pronotal lobe with or without a membranous area near the posterior margin. Tegmina elongate; hind wings fully expanded. Male cerci with apical portion shorter and slightly incurved (cf. REHN, 1953). Borneo; Moluccas; Lesser Sunda Islands (east); New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Solomon Is.; 2. Lateral pronotal lobe usually with a membranous area near the posterior margin (often absent in male and sometimes also in female), less deep; ratio, length/greatest depth, 1.37-1.56 in males, 1.63-1.80 in females. Southeast New Guinea; north and east Australia. Lateral pronotal lobe without a membranous area, deeper; ratio, length/ greatest depth, 1.28-1.38 in males, 1.55-1.60 in females. Borneo 1), Eastern part of Lesser Sunda Islands; Moluccas; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Solomon Is.; [Hawaii (introduced)?] 2) . A. c. crenaticeps (BLANCHARD)

4a. Atractomorpha crenaticeps australiana I. Bolívar, 1905 A[tractomorpha] Australiana I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. Nat. 5: 198, 209. Atractomorpha crenaticeps crenaticeps REHN, 1953 Grassh. Locusts Australia, 2: 33 (partim), pl. 1, figs. 1-3; pl. 2, fig. 7; pl. 27, fig. 191-195 [nec Blanchard].

Type locality: — Australia: Queensland, Rockhampton. Type: — "Stockholm"? [cannot be traced] 3).

1) WILLEMSE (1928) recorded A. similis (a synonym of this form) from the Men-

3) Although Bolívar in his original description states that the single female type is in Stockholm, it is apparently nolonger there. Neither is it listed among Stockholm types by Sjöstedt (1932). A male and a female from the type series are in Vienna, but the latter is presumably not the type. The same holds for a female in Hamburg.

tawer Is., West of Sumatra. We have not seen his material, but doubt if the identification is correct; the species in question may be A. crenulata crenulata.

2) A single female in the U.S. National Museum bears the hand-written label "Aiea, Oahu, T. H., Tokuhara Plantation, Mar. 18, 1940, 40837". Since all over Hamilia material examined belongs to A. cincomic and the data given is condition than wajian material examined belongs to A. sinensis and the date given is earlier than the beginning of large-scale wartime transportation between the South Pacific and Hawaii, we are not satisfied that some error in labelling has not occurred.

REHN (1953) regarded australiana and crenaticeps as being synonyms (although he does in fact suggest that the former may not be fully typical) and, in common with other authors, recognized Bolívar's A. similis as a distinct species; he was not able to examine types. An examination of BLAN-CHARD's specimen (and a recent re-examination of them by Professor I. CHOPARD), however, has shown that crenaticeps and similis are synonyms and that australiana is distinct, at least subspecifically. The characteristic membranous area which is absent from the type material of both crenaticeps and similis, is present in typical australiana and can also be seen in REHN's plate of "crenaticeps crenaticeps". REHN also correctly records this form from Milne Bay, S.E. New Guinea. The specimens from this locality which we have examined (including those seen by REHN), have the membrane on the lateral pronotal lobe clearly developed in almost all the females and in some of the males, in contrast to other New Guinea material from more northerly and westerly parts of the island. The range of A. c. australiana extends north-eastwards to the Huon Gulf.

4b. Atractomorpha crenaticeps crenaticeps (BLANCHARD, 1853)

Pyrgomorpha crenaticeps Blanchard, 1853, Voy. Pole Sud (Zool.) 4: 568, and Atlas (Zool.), Orth.: pl. 3, figs. 5, 6 (non fig. 4).

Truxalis oceanicus Montrouzier, 1855, Ann. Soc. agric. Lyon (2) 7: 90 — syn. nov. Atractomorpha similis I. Bolívar, 1884, An. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 13: 64, 68, 495 (partim) — syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] dentifrons I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 199, 210 — syn. nov.

Atractomorpha crenaticeps crenaticeps Rehn, 1953, Grassh. Locusts Australia, 2: 33 (partim).

Type locality: — N.W. Guinea: Triton Bay. Type: — Paris.

The synonymy of similis with crenaticeps has already been discussed briefly (p. 180). The reasons for synonymizing T. oceanicus with A. c. crenaticeps are, firstly, that the type locality of T. oceanicus is within a part of the distributional range of A. c. crenaticeps, whence no other species of the genus is known; and secondly that, although Montrouzier's description is very inadequate, he mentions the oblong eye which is characteristic of A. crenaticeps. Kirby (1910: 334) is responsible for suggesting that this species belongs to Atractomorpha — a view with which we concur. Montrouzier's other Truxalis species referred to Atractomorpha by Kirby (l.c.), namely T. sylvaticus, would seem to be a species of Desmopterella and is here tentatively transferred to this genus since the meagre description

agrees more with *Demopterella* than it does with *Atractomorpha* ¹). Montrouzier's type appear to have been destroyed. His collections were deposited at the Institution Sainte Marie de Saint-Chamond, Loire, and were damaged during military occupations in the two World Wars; what could be salvaged was sent to the Paris Museum (Prof. J. Wautier of Lyons, *in lit.* 1958), but the above types do not appear to be among the material saved.

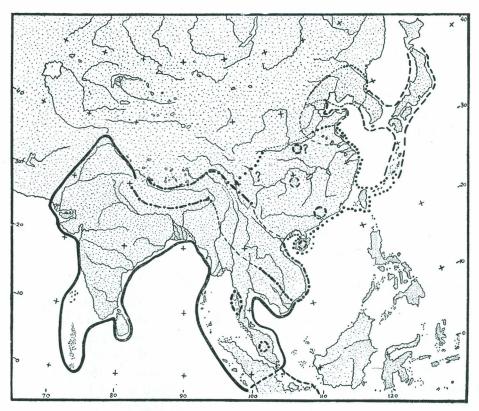


FIG. 43. Approximate distribution of Atractomorpha crenulata crenulata (FABRICIUS); A. c. rhodoptera Karsch———; A. burri Bolívar ————; A. sinensis Bolívar ————; and A. b. heteroptera Bei-Bienko —————; and A. b. heteroptera Bei-Bienko —————.

5. Atractomorpha sinensis I. Bolívar, 1905

Perena concolor Walker, 1870, Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 3: 506 (partim).

Atractomorpha Aurivillii I. Bolívar, 1884, An. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 13: 64, 67, 495 (partim).

¹⁾ Truxalis sylvaticus Montrouzier, 1855, Ann. Soc. agric. Lyon (2) 7: 90 = Desmopterella sylvatica (Montr.), comb. nov.

tractomorpha Aurivilliusi Yakobson, 1902, In Yakobson & Bianki, Pyramokr. Lozhnoset. Ross. Imp.: 198, 289 (partim).

[tractomorpha] sinensis I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 198, 205. [tractomorpha] angusta I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 198, 207 (nec Karsch, 1888).

[tractomorpha] ambigua I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 198, 209 — syn. nov. tractomorpha aurivillii Sjöstedt, 1933, Ark, Zool. 25A (3): 18, 31.

sme lecelity: China

ype locality: — China.

ype: — Paris.

This species, which is now well established in Hawaii, is recognizable om the other widely distributed Chinese species, *A. brevicornis* Thunberg, y the absence of the membranous area on the lateral pronotal lobe, by ne more distinct pronotal carinae and by the short, colourless hind wings the latter. The full distribution of neither is well known. From its southern neighbour, *A. c. crenaticeps*, it is distinguished by its well-developed ronotal membrane and shorter, more oval eye.

The lectotype of *Perena concolor* is referable to *A. brevicornis breviornis* (see p. 187) and that of *A. aurivillii* to *A. acutipennis gerstaeckeri* see p. 183).

6. Atractomorpha acutipennis (GUERIN-MENEVILLE, 1844)

This species is distinguishable from the foregoing by its shorter femora nd smaller eyes and by the slight concavity in the lateral lobes of the ronotum. It occurs in three (or possibly more) very poorly defined subpecies, the differentiation of which on morphological characters is very nsatisfactory. The three subspecies here tentatively recognized are A. a. cutipennis from Madagascar, A. a. gerstaeckeri from the greater part of frica south of the Sahara, and A. a. brevis from N.E. Africa and S.W. Asia. n general the Malagasy subspecies is characterized by its larger size, more longate form (especially in respect of the fastigium of vertex and of the egmina) as compared with the majority of specimens of the generally istributed African subspecies, A. a. gerstaeckeri (which is also known from he Comoro Islands — see p. 183); A. a. brevis, typically, is small and ossesses a rather shorter fastigium and has rather short tegmina (these re, however, unreliable characters). The features mentioned are subject o wide variation and, at best, are of value only in the females; the males f all subspecies are very similar. A key to subspecies would be of little alue at present.

6a. Atractomorpha acutipennis acutipennis (GUERIN-MENEVILLE, 1844) ruxalis (Pyrgomorpha) acutipennis GUÉRIN-MÉNÉVILLE, Icon. Règne Anim. 7: 340. ltractomorpha hova SAUSSURE, 1899, Abh. Senckenb. naturf. Ges. 21: 640 — syn. nov.

P[yrgomorpha] Madagascariensis BLANCHARD (cf. I. BOLÍVAR, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 209) — nomen nudum.

Type locality: - Madagascar.

Type: — Cannot be traced; probably lost; lectotype of *A. hova* (in Geneva) should be regarded as neotype.

There is little room for doubt that A. hove is synonymous with GUERIN'S T. (P.) acutipennis in spite of the loss of the type of that species.

6b. Atractomorpha acutipennis gerstaeckeri I. Bolívar, 1884

Truxalis crenulata Burmeister, 1838, Handb. Ent. 2 (2): 609 (nec Fabricius, 1793). Atractomorpha Gerstaeckeri I. Bolívar, 1884, An. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 13: 64, 66, 495 (partim).

Atractomorpha Aurivillii I. Bolívar, 1884, Ibid.: 64, 67, 495, p.l, fig. 8 (partim) — syn. nov. 1).

Atractomorpha congensis Saussure, 1893, Proc. U.S. nat. Mus. 16: 581 — nomen nudum [cf. Kevan (1960)].

Atractomorpha Aurivilliusi Yakobson, 1902, In Yakobson & Bianki, Pryamokr. Lozhnoset. Ross. Imp.: 198, 289 (partim).

Atractomorpha madacassis Bruner, 1910, In Voelzkow, Reise Ostafr. 1903-1905, 2: 628—syn. nov.

Type locality: — Gabon.

Type: — Madrid.

Burmeister's material (in Halle) from the Comoro Islands has been examined and is more referable to this subspecies than to the Malagasy A. a. acutipennis. Bolívar's type series of gerstaeckeri and aurivillii include also specimens of A. crenulata and A. sinensis respectively. The female lectotype of A. madacassis agrees fully with typical A. a. gerstaeckeri, particularly in its smaller size and less elongate form, and is unlike any other Malagasy specimen examined. The locality (S.W. Madagascar), noted by Bruner, is possibly erroneous and it is conceivable that the specimen is from the east coast of Africa since Voelzkow's expedition also brought back material thence.

Three specimens from Northern Rhodesia (1 δ , 1 \S , Lake Bangweulu, near Moufuli, 7.X.1946, and 1 \S , near Lake Bangweulu, N'Salushi Island, 13.XI.1946, *M. Steele*) in the British Museum (Natural History) differ from the rest of the African material by having a longer fastigium and strongly depressed eyes. The first two specimens are also very large, but in view of the wide variation in species of this genus, it is best for the present to refer them to this subspecies.

 $^{^{1})}$ This synonymy has already been hinted at by Kevan (1956: 975, 976; 1957: 203).

6c. Atractomorpha acutipennis brevis UVAROV, 1938

Atractomorpha brevis UVAROV, 1938, In UVAROV & TEWFIK, Bull. Soc. ent. Egypte, 21: 274, 280, fig. 3, A and B.

4tr[a]ctomorpha externa Bei-Bienko, 1949, Dokl. Akad. Nauk. SSSR (n.s.) 67: 173, 174, fig. 1, 2. — syn. nov.

Гуре Locality: — Yemen: Wadi Sharis.

Type: — Cairo; paratype in the British Museum (Natural History).

Not a great deal of material of this subspecies is available, but it would seem that, in addition to S.W. Arabia, it occurs also in central Sudan, Ethiopia and the Somali 'horn' of Africa and eastwards through Iraq and S. and E. Persia to Afganistan. It may also occur in the western part of West Pakistan. Forms intermediate to subsp. *gerstaeckeri* occur in southern Sudan and western Ethiopia.

Amongst type material only the paratype of *A. brevis* has been examined, but photographs of the holotype of *A. externa* have been supplied by Professor Bei-Bienko and there is, so far, no reason to doubt the correctness of the above synonymy.

7. Atractomorpha crenulata (FABRICIUS, 1793)

This species is usually fairly readily distinguishable by the characters given in the key to species (p. 172). There are two subspecies, western and eastern, as follows:

- b. General body-form slightly stouter and tegmina generally shorter. Lateral pronotal lobe without or with only a feebly developed membranous area. S.E. Sumatra; Java; Lesser Sunda Islands . . . A. c. rhodoptera Karsch

7a. Atractomorpha crenulata crenulata (FABRICIUS, 1793)

T[ruxalis] crenulatus Fabricius, 1793, Ent. Syst. 2: 28.

T[ruxalis] scaber Thunberg, 1815, Mém. Acad. Sci. St.-Péterb. 5: 266.

T[ruxalis] crenatus Thunberg, 1827, Nova Acta Soc. Sci. Upsala 9: 86.

Truxalis porrecta Walker, 1859. Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. (3) 4: 222.

Atractomorpha consobrina Saussure, 1862, Ann. Soc. ent. Fr., (4) 1: 475 — syn. nov. Atractomorpha Gerstaeckeri I. Bolívar, 1884, An. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 13: 64, 66, 495 (partim).

Atractomorpha similis I. Bolívar, 1884, Ibid.: 64, 68, 495 (partim).

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Atractomorpha angusta KARSCH, 1888, Ent. Nachr. 14: 333, no. 24.

Atractomorpha infumata I. Bolívar, 1898, Ann. Mus. Stor. Genova, 39: 86, no. 38—syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] crenulata var. prasina I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 197, 201 — syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] Blanchardi I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 198, 206 — syn. nov.

Atractomorpha blanchardi Kirby, 1914, Faun. Brit. Ind., Acrid.: 181, 184 [Error for A. blanchardii I. Bolívar]. — syn. nov.

Atractomorpha obscura I. Bolívar, 1916, Rev. Acad. Cienc. Madr. 16: 392 — syn. nov.

Type locality: -- South India: Tranquebar.

Type: — Copenhagen.

The greater part of this synonymy requires no comment at this stage except to say that it is based on an examination of all available types. The type of *T. porrecta*, however, cannot now be traced, but there is no reason to disagree with Kirby (1910: 332), who synonymized Walker's *T. porrecta* with Thunberg's *T. scaber*; presumably Kirby had seen Walker's type. The inclusion of *A. gerstaeckeri* (part) and *A. similis* (part) in the synonymy is on account of Bolívar's type material from Calcutta and the Andaman Islands.

A fairly long series of *A. crenulata* from the island of Minikoi is rather uniformly large and stout when compared with material of *A. c. crenulata* from India and elsewhere, but there is so much variation in the latter that it would be unwise to place much emphasis on these variants, although they may represent a localized race.

7b. Atractomorpha crenulata rhodoptera KARSCH, 1888

Atractomorpha rhodoptera KARSCH, 1888, Ent. Nachr. 14: 332, no. 23.

A[tractomorpha] crenulata var. fumosa I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 197, 201 — syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] sinuata I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 197, 201 — syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] lanceolata I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 197, 202 — syn. nov.

Type locality: — Java.

Type: — Berlin.

'The above synonymy is based on an examination of types. The type of *rhodoptera* differs from almost all other material examined in having short hind wings, but this appears to be only an individual variation.

8. Atractomorpha brevicornis (THUNBERG, 1815)

This species is recognizable by its prominent pronotal carinae and colourless hind wings. It occurs in two ill-defined subspecies, the typical

- form, A. b. brevicornis, and a northern race A. b. heteroptera. A sufficiently large series of the latter subspecies was not available for study, but the following key, based on that kindly provided by Professor G. Ya. BEI-BIENKO (in lit., 1957), is given as a tentative means of distinguishing between them.

8a. Atractomorpha brevicornis brevicornis (THUNBERG, 1815)

T[ruxalis] brevicornis Thunberg, 1815, Mém. Acad. Sci. St. Péterb. 5: 264 [nec Fabricius, 1775 = Gryllus brevicornis Linné, 1764].

Truxalis lata Motschoulsky, 1866, Byull. Mosk. Obshch. Prir. 39: 181.

Perena concolor Walker, 1870, Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 3: 506 (partim) — syn. nov. Tryxalis diminuta Walker, 1871, Ibid. 5: 50 — syn. nov.

Minorissa alata Thomas, 1874, Bul. U.S. zool. geogr. Surv. Terr. 1 (2) Ser. 1: 63 [cf. Kevan (1960)].

Atractomorpha Bedeli I. Bolívar, 1884, An. Soc. Hist. nat. 13: 64, 69.

Acrida lata Yakobson, 1902, In Yakobson & Bianki, Pryamokr. Lozhnset. Ross. Imp.: 214.

A[tractomorpha] lata, Bei-Bienko, 1951, Opred. Faun. SSSR, 38: 277.

Type locality: — China [Not "Indiae orientali et occidentali" as indicated in Thunberg's text; this habitat was presumably "borrowed" from Fabricius, with whose *T. brevicornis* Thunberg's is not conspecific]. Type. — Uppsala.

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¹⁾ The distribution of Atractomorpha in China is poorly known; that of A. b. brevicornis is presumably not so discontinuous as might be suggested from specimens examined. A. sinensis also occurs on Hainan, the south Chinese mainland and in central China. Bei-Bienko (1951) cites A. lata (i.e. A. m. brevicornis) from Taiwan, but this is presumably an error.

²⁾ The size of the ocellus is not a reliable character in either sex.

KIRBY (1910: 331) first indicated that Thunberg's *T. brevicornis* belonged to *Atractomorpha* (although he synonymized it with *A. crenulata* (Fabricius, 1793)] and reference to Thunberg's material shows him to have been generically correct. Since *T. brevicornis* Thunberg is only an historial junior homonym of *T. brevicornis* Fabricius, 1775, neither species being described nor remaining in the same genus, the name *brevicornis* is available for this species, especially in the light of the decisions regarding junior homonyms made recently at the 15th International Congress of Zoology, London, 1958. The synonymy of the wellknown name *A. bedeli*, with the obscure *T. lata* was established by Bei-Bienko (1951: 277), but, since it is not to be retroactive, the new 50-year "Statute of Limitations" introduced at the 15th International Congress of Zoology will not permit a return to the use of the well-known name *bedeli*. There is thus no reason not to use the first available name, *brevicornis*, in favour of the recently resurrected *lata*. The types of all nominal species, other than that of *T. lata*, have been examined.

There are three specimens (2 \circ without data, and 1 \circ from China) in Thunberg's collection at Uppsala, all labelled T. brevicornis. Of these, the female is conspecific with A. bedeli and thus with T. lata; one male is referable to A. psittacina and the other to A. sinensis. Since only the female agrees with Thunberg's original description, it is only this specimen which may safely be regarded as the type of his T. brevicornis — "hemelytra sesqui-longiora, alis hyalinis". The males were probably added to the collection at a later date and should be ignored for the purposes of type fixation.

The type of T. lata (from Japan) is presumed lost (Prof. G. Ya. Bei-Bienko, personal communication, 1958). P. concolor types include material referable to A. sinensis (see p. 181). The type of A. bedeli is a female from Yokohama (Paris).

8b. Atractomorpha brevicornis heteroptera Bei-Bienko, 1951

A[tractomorpha] heteroptera Bei-Bienko, 1951, Opred. Faun. SSSR, 38: 275, 276, figs. 565, 566, 569.

Type locality: — Manchuria: Mukden.

Type: — Leningrad.

The reduction of *A. heteroptera* to subspecific status is due to Professor Bei-Bienko himself (*in lit.*, 1957). Whether even this distinction is deserved remains to be determined.

9. Atractomorpha psittacina (DE HAAN, 1842)

Acridium (Truxalis) psittacinum DE HAAN, 1842, Verh. nat. Gesch. Nederl. overz. Bezitt. 18 (Zool. 7): 146; 1844, Ibid.; pl. 23, fig. 2 (non fig. 1) 1).

¹⁾ This error was pointed out by SAUSSURE (1899: 639) and KIRBY (1910: 333).

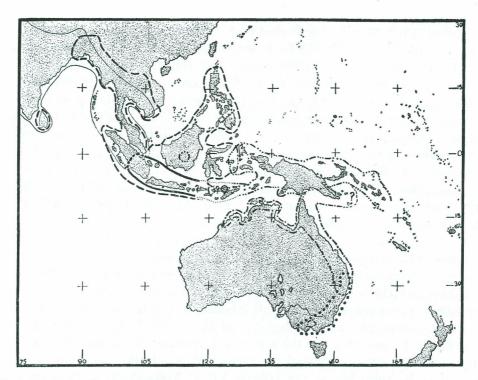


FIG. 44. Approximate distribution of Atractomorpha crenulata crenulata (Fabricius)

; A. c. rhodoptera Karsch ; A. crenaticeps crenaticeps (Blanchard)

...; A. c. australiana Bolívar ; A. australis Rehn ...; and A. psittacina (De Haan) ;

Pyrgomorpha parabolica Walker, 1870, Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 3: 498. Pyrgomorpha contracta Walker, 1870, Ibid.: 499.

A[tractomorpha] philippina I. Bolívar, 1905, Bol. Soc. esp. Hist. nat. 5: 199, 212—syn. nov.

A[tractomorpha] Dohrni I. Bolívar, 1905, Ibid.: 199, 212 — syn. nov.

Type locality: — Java.

Type: — Leiden.

This is a very easily distinguishable species on account of its very slender, elongate form. The above synonymy is based on an examination of all types and requires little comment at present, except to note that the type of *A. dohrni* is in Madrid and not Stettin.

V. APPENDIX.

The following was originally described as a species of *Atractomorpha*, but it belongs to the genus *Pyrgomorpha*. The type has been examined.

Atractomorpha mongolica SJÖSTEDT, 1933, Ark. Zool. 25A (30): 30, pl. 12, fig. 3. = Pyrgomorpha conica mongolica (SJÖSTEDT) [cf. BEI-BIENKO (1951, Opred. Faun. SSSR.: 39, p. 273)].

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