

A NEW GENUS OF AMERICAN OCHTERIDAE
(HEMIPTERA)

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The present paper is based entirely upon a study of the types of the American species of the family *Ochteridae* in the British Museum of Natural History (London), Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris) and the Instituto Español de Entomología (Madrid). As a result of a careful study of the types, it is necessary to erect a new genus for the reception of *Pelogonus victor* Bolívar and to suppress *Pelogonus splendidulus* Montadon as a synonym of *victor*. In order to clarify the literature, the changes are listed in the bibliography under *victor* Bolívar. The fine colored illustration was made by Señor Mostacero.

Ocyochterus, new genus.

Head broad, with vertex feebly concave, the front not prolonged over rostrum. Eyes large, prominent, deeply roundly, emarginate within behind, the outer margin rounded and sharply narrowed anteriorly; ocelli fairly large, widely separated. Pronotum very broad, as wide in front as the head across eyes, with outer margin strongly explanate, the explanate part subequal in width to the width of an eye. Apex of head slowly broadly

rounded. Rostrum long, reaching to base abdomen. Shape of eyes, position of ocelli and shape of scutellum as in figure 1. Hemelytra very wide, with very broad lateral margins or embolium, the embolium as broad as explanate margin of pronotum; membrane large, with cells on basal part very distinct, perhaps 10-12 cells in apical three-fourths. Other characters similar to genus *Ochterus* Latreille.

Type of genus, *Pelogonus victor* Bolívar, from Ecuador.

Differs from the genus *Ochterus* by the widely expanded pronotal and hemelytra margins, position of ocelli, more oblique and sharply rounded anterior margins of eyes and cells of membrane. The genus *Megochterus* Jaczewski from the Australian region differs from both *Ochterus* and *Ocyochterus* by the prolongation of anterior part of head and the more numerous cells in hemelytral membrane.

***Ocyochterus victor* (Bolívar).**

Pelogonus victor Bolívar, An. Soc. Esp., 8:144. 1879.

Pelogonus splendidulus Montandon, Bull. d'Hist. Nat., Paris, No. 2, pp. 73-75. 1898.

Ochterus splendidulus Schell, Jr. Kan. Ent. Soc., 16(2):33. 1946.

Ochterus victor Schell, Jr. Kan. Ent. Soc., 16(2):46. 1946.

Ochterus splendidulus Drake, Fla. Ent., 35(2):75. 1952.

Ochterus victor Drake, Drake, Fla. Ent., 35(2):75. 1952.

Type of *Ochterus victor* (Bolívar) = (*Pelogonus victor* Bolívar), Pichincha, Ecuador, collected by Martínez and Sáez, is in perfect state of preservation and deposited in the Instituto Español de Entomología, Madrid, Spain.

As it is impossible to distinguish *Pelogonus splendidulus* Montandon (type, male, in Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, and a female also labeled type (should be allotype) in British Museum of Natural History, London) from *O. victor* Bolívar, the American species of ochterids by its larger size, broadly in the bibliography.

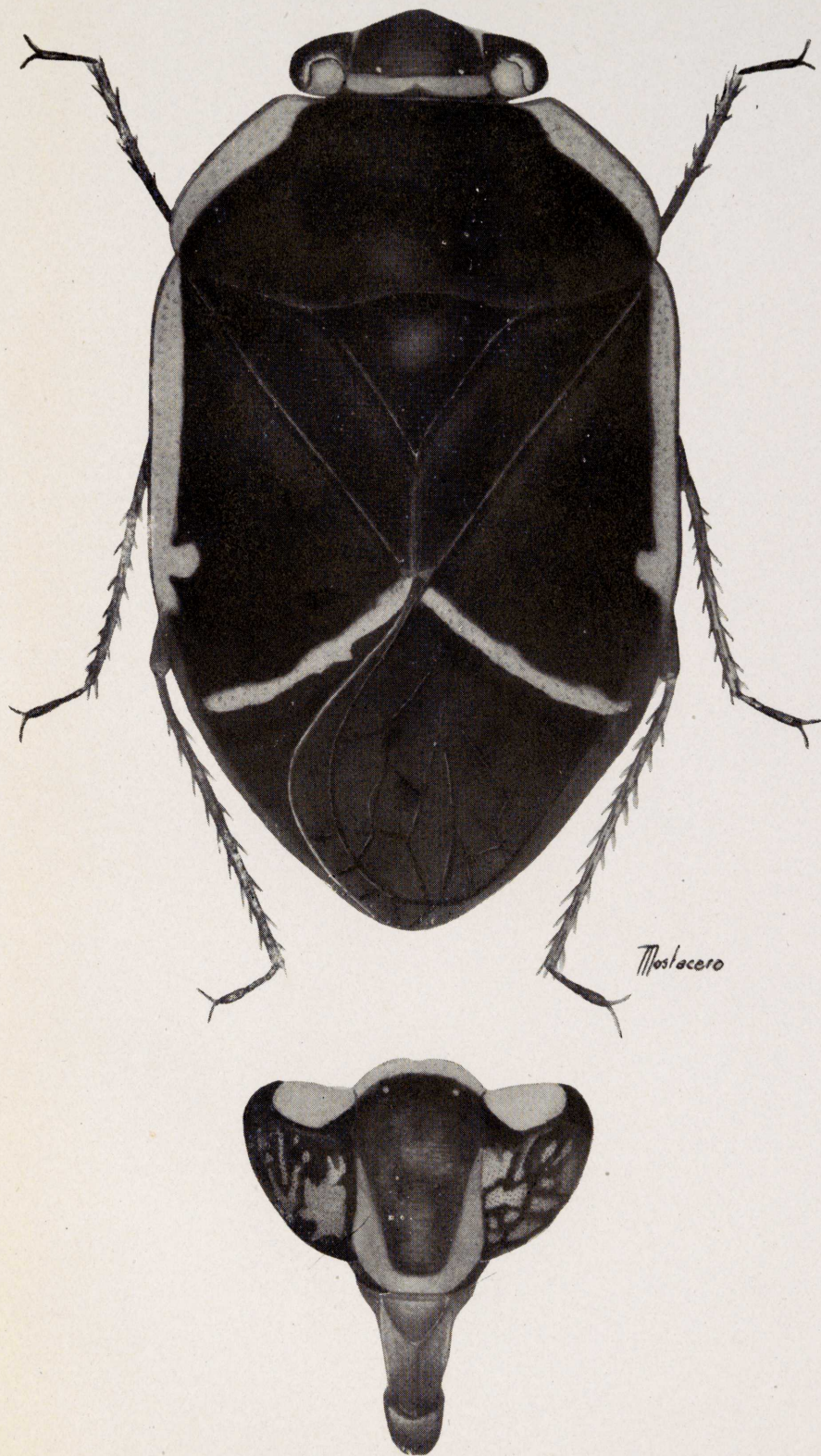
O. victor Bolívar may be easily differentiated from all of

the American species of ochterids by its larger size, broadly explanate pronotal and hemelytra and the conspicuous flaval markings of dorsal surface (fig. 1).

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Fig. 1.—*Ocyochterus victor* (Bolívar), type, and head separately.



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