

SCALE INSECT (HEMIPTERA, COCCOMORPHA) SURVEY OF SOIL SAMPLES FROM SOUTHERN ASIA WITH DESCRIPTION OF TWO NEW SPECIES OF RHIZOECIDAE

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Seventeen species of Ortheziidae, Rhizoecidae and Pseudococcidae (Hemiptera: Cocco-morpha) were extracted from East and South Asian soil sample collection of the Hungar-ian Natural History Museum. Among 1080 soil samples almost 100 included scale insect specimens. Two new species of the family Rhizoecidae, *Rhizoecus muranyii* Kaydan sp. n. and *Ripersiella danyii* Kaydan et Konczné Benedicty sp. n. are described and illustrated, and identification keys of East and South Asian *Rhizoecus* and *Ripersiella* species are provided.

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INTRODUCTION

The infraorder Cocco-morpha (Sternorrhyncha: Hemiptera) are charac-terized by having wax secretions on the body (FOLDI 1997). Scale insects are small, sap-sucking true bugs, and their taxonomy is generally based on the microscopic cuticular features of the adult female, which is larviform. There are more than 8000 species known at present (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016) and among them there are many agricultural pests (MILLER & DAVIDSON 1990) and invasive species (MILLER *et al.* 2005).

The Ortheziidae (Ensign scale insects) has been considered to be one of the most ancient scale insect families (KOTEJA 1996, VEA & GRIMALDI 2012) and either an ancestor of all scale insects or a primitive, isolated branch of the archaeococcoids (VEA & GRIMALDI 2012). There are about 208 described species of Ortheziidae to date with 21 genera including four extinct genera. There are two main groups of host plant specialization in the Ortheziidae; (i) a group composed of species mainly in the Nipponortheziinae, Newsteadinae and Ortheziolinae occurring sporadically on leaf litter, presumably feeding on roots and fungal hyphae, and possibly on mosses and lichens mainly (see THORPE (1967) for a species feeding on a fungus); (ii) those that feed on vas-cular plants, including grasses, herbaceous and woody plants (KOTEJA 1996, KOZÁR 2004, VEA & GRIMALDI 2012).

Pseudococcidae and Rhizoecidae are known as “mealybugs” and this insect group form the second largest family group (with 2.307 species in about 293 genera in the family Pseudococcidae including 2012 species in 273 genera, and the Rhizoecidae with 244 species in 18 genera (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016) among 49 extant and extinct families within the Coccoomorpha. Species in the family Rhizoecidae were formerly placed in the mealybug family Pseudococcidae but are now regarded as belonging to a separate family (HODGSON 2012). It is not clear what their ancestors were like. Rhizoecids are probably closely related to the pseudococcids and may have once fed aerially and moved to a hypogeal habit later. However, it is known that Pseudococcidae (a neococcoid family) have been found in Lower Cretaceous amber (VEA & GRIMALDI 2015) and possibly the ancestors of rhizoecids as with present-day species have always lived underground or in leaf litter.

Although visual collecting is the widely used method in collecting scale insects species, Berlese funnel apparatus is effective for collecting hypogeal species, especially Ortheziidae and Rhizoecidae (KAYDAN *et al.* 2014, SZITA *et al.* 2014). The Hungarian Natural History Museum obtained a large collection of unsorted soil samples from several zoological expeditions (KORSÓS 2004, MAHUNKA 1991) to the Oriental and Continental part of Asia from the beginning of the 20th century. In addition, during the last few decades, several expeditions were organized to Asia by the researchers of the Hungarian Natural History Museum to collect snails, water insects, and soil animals including mites, spring-tails, millipedes, nematodes, and earthworms (MAHUNKA 1991, 2008, MERKL 1992, SZIRÁKI 1998, KORSÓS 2004, DÁNYI 2010, KONTSCHÁN 2010, SZEDERJESI *et al.* 2014,). Recently, studies were focused in Thailand and Taiwan (KONTSCHÁN 2011, KONTSCHÁN *et al.* 2014, MURÁNYI *et al.* 2014). A total of 1080 soil samples were collected all over Asia from different habitats such as forest litter, moss, agricultural areas, etc. In this study we have examined all the unsorted samples and we found 16 scale insect species. Here we report new records for the southern Asian fauna and describe two new species of Rhizoecidae.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens described and recorded in this study were all collected using soil and litter sampling devices, and extracted by Berlese funnel apparatus, from samples in the Hungarian Natural History Museum (HNHM) collection. This apparatus is widely used to extract living organisms, particularly arthropods. It works by creating a temperature gradient over the sample such that mobile organisms will move away from the higher temperatures and fall into a collecting vessel, where they are preserved for examination (SOUTHWOOD & HENDERSON 2000). The Berlese funnel is a suitable device with which to collect and sort hypogeal and ground-dwelling animals, and also those which live in the lower herb layer of different habitats. It will also occasionally collect species living on higher aerial parts of plants that have fallen to the ground on plant material, such as leaves, twigs, etc.

Specimens were prepared for light microscopy using the slide-mounting method discussed by KOSZTARAB and KOZÁR (1988). Prepared slide mounted specimens were observed and identified by using a phase-contrast light microscope (Olympus BX 41). The morphological terminology used follows KOZÁR and KONCZNÉ BENEDICTY (2007) and WILLIAMS (2004).

Holotypes of the new species described are deposited in the Hungarian Natural History Museum (HNHM). Paratypes are deposited in the HNHM and in the Plant Protection Institute, Centre for Agricultural Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (PPI). All measurements and counts of the new species description were taken from all the material available, and the results are given as a range for each character.

Distribution data for each species have been provided, with new country records in bold. However, must take into consideration, that these new country records are all relative to GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* (2016).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Among the soil samples almost 100 samples contained scale insect specimens. From these, 8 species belong to the Ortheziidae, 5 species belong to Rhizoecidae and 2 belong to the Pseudococcidae. Two new species belonging to the Rhizoecidae *Rhizoecus muranyii* Kaydan sp. n. and *Ripersiella danyii* Kaydan et Konczné Benedicty sp. n. are described and illustrated.

Ortheziidae

Newsteadia chihpena Shiau et Kozár

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀, Ilan County, Nanao, township, Nanao, SE foot of Yuantou Shan next to road Nr. 9, secondary broad-leaved forest, sifted leaf litter, 91 m a.s.l., N: 24°28.349', E: 121°48.891', 15.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12136; MNHN: As909).

Hosts plant. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Taiwan (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Newsteadia pinicola Shiau et Kozár

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀, Taitung County, Yakou tunnel, high mountain bamboo and pine vegetation, 2747 m a.s.l., N: 23°15.852', E: 120°57.702', 29.v.2008, Leg. L. Dányi, Z. Korsós & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12133; MNHN: As 877); 1 ♀, Nantou County, Ren-ai, township, Kunyang, Ma Shan, primary broad-leaved forest, leaf litter, 2200 m a.s.l., N: 24°06.7', E: 121°12.0', primary broad-leaved forest, 10.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12134; MNHN: As 924).

Host plant. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Taiwan (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Newsteadia vasarhelyii Kozár et Konczné Benedicty

Material examined. Sri Lanka: 1 ♀, Ratnapura District, Potuptiya, Sinaraja Forest Reserve, North part of the reserve, steep hill-side, mixed leaf litter and debris from tree trunks

of a forest above a narrow creek bed, 1000 m a.s.l., 07.iii.2000, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12135; MNHN: As811).

Host plants. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. South Korea (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Sri Lanka**.

Nipponorthezia taiwaniana Kozár et Wu

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀, Hualien County, Yu-shan National Park, Yuli, Walami Trail, Shenfong, ecological restoration area, 489 m. a.s.l., N: 23°19.6', E: 121°13.8', 26.v.2008, L. Dányi, Z. Korsós & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12137; MNHN: As862); 2 ♀♀, Kaohsiung County, Yus-shan National Park, Guanshan Trail, primary pine forest (*Pinus taiwanensis*), 2400 m a.s.l., N: 23°15.534', E: 120°55.167', 29.v.2008, Leg. L. Dányi, Z. Korsós & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12138; MNHN: As880); 2 ♀♀, Nantou County, Renai, township, Meizilin, Huisun Forest Area, Fording Trail, disturbed secondary broad-leaved forest, 717 m a.s.l., sifted leaf litter, N: 24°05.322', E: 121°01.763', 07.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12139; HNHN: As904); 2 ♀♀, Ilan County, Datong, township, Chilan, SE footh of Mt. Fanfan, primary broad-leaved forest, sifted leaf litter, 1192 m a.s.l., N: 24°37.393', E: 121°29.333', 18.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12140; HNHN: As937).

Host plant. Undetermined.

Distribution. Taiwan (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Nipponorthezinella guadalcanalia (Morrison)

Material examined. Taiwan: 2 ♀♀, Taichung County, Dongshi, near stream, mixed secondary forest, 443 m a.s.l., N: 24°16.546' E: 120°52.079' 26.ix.2011, Leg. Ujvári, Zs. (PPI: 12141; HNHN: As1045); 1 ♀, same locality data (PPI: 12142; HNHN: As1046); 1 ♀, Pingtung County, Kenting National Park, Nanren Mt., bamboo mixed rainforest, 161 m a.s.l., N: 22°05.059' E: 120°50'003'' 31.ix.2011., Leg. Ujvári, Zs. (PPI: 12143; HNHN: As1066).

Host plants. *Gardenia* sp. (Rubiaceae), *Alpinia purpurata* (Zingiberaceae) (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau (Palau), Hawaiian Islands (Oahu), Indonesia, New Caledonia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Réunion, Rodrigues Island, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Taiwan**.

Nipponorthezinella hirsuta Konczné Benedicty

Material examined. Vietnam: 1 ♀, Suoi Vang (Yellow Stream), 18 km NW of Da Lat, sifted litter and decaying wood, 17.x.1988. (PPI: 12144; HNHN: As975).

Host plants. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Nepal (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Vietnam**.

Ortheziolamameti loebli (Richard)

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀♀, Nantou County, Ren-ai, township, Kunyang, Ma Shan, primary broad-leaved forest, leaf litter, 2200 m a.s.l., N: 24°06.7', E: 121°12.0', 10.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12145; MNHN: As924).

Host plants. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution: Nepal (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Taiwan**.

Ortheziolamameti taipensiana Shiau et Kozár

Material examined. Taiwan: 2 ♀♀, Nantou County, Ren-ai, township, Kunyang, Ma Shan, primary broad-leaved forest, leaf litter, 2200 m a.s.l., N: 24°06.7', E: 121°12.0', 10.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 11926; HNHM: As924).

Host plant. Undetermined (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Taiwan, Thailand (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Pseudococcidae

Phenacoccus solenopsis Tinsley

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀, Pingtung County, Kenting National Park, seashore, 5 m a.s.l., N: 21°56.33', E: 120°47.549' 31.ix.2011, Leg. Ujvári, Zs. (PPI: 12147; HNHM: As1063).

Host plants. More than 199 host plant species 49 plant families (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Invasive species in the Palaearctic and Oriental Regions. Species origin is regarded as South America.

Comments. Normally, this species feeds on the aerial parts of plants but in unfavourable conditions, mealybugs may move to the lower parts of plants. Presumably this species was caught accidentally on the survey of the collection site.

Spilococcus erianthi (Kiritchenko)

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 ♀, Nantou County, Renlue Research Station, pine forest, 1484 m a.s.l., N: 23°42.795', E: 120°55.109', 25.ix.2011, Leg. Ujvári, Zs. (PPI: 12161; HNHM: As1041).

Host plants. *Erianthus* sp., *E. purpurescens*, *E. ravennae* (Poaceae) (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Taiwan**.

Rhizoecidae

Geococcus eliquatus Williams

Material examined. Taiwan: 3 ♀♀, Ilan County, Datong, township, Tatung, flood plain of Lanyang River, above Taiyada Bridge, floodplain with reed, decaying reed litter 144 m a.s.l., N: 24°40.222', E: 121°36.247', 18.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12132; MNHN: As903, T09-42).

Host plant. Collected from forest soil (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Thailand (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Taiwan**.

Rhizoecus Künckel d'Herculeis, 1878

Rhizoecus Künckel d'Herculeis, 1878: 163. Type species: *Rhizoecus falcifer* Künckel d'Herculeis, by monotypy.

Neorhizoecus Hambleton, 1946: 40. Type species: *Rhizoecus coffeae* Laing, by original designation.

Radiccoccus Hambleton, 1946: 47. Type species: *Rhizoecus globosus* James, by original designation.

Description (modified from KOZÁR & KONCZNÉ BENEDICTY, (2007) – Body of adult female small, elongate to round, membranous. Anal lobe poorly or moderately developed, often bearing 3 long apical setae (1 ventral and 2 dorsal) or with numerous short setae. Antennae short, strongly geniculate, placed close together, each five or six segmented, segments 2–5 often wider than long, last segment usually longer than wide, in 6 segmented antennae 1 falcate sensory setae on the antennal segment V, 1 falcate sensory seta on antennal segment V. In 5 segmented antennae there are 5 falcate sensory setae on terminal segment, 1 near base of segment which shows that in this group of species fifth and sixth segments fused. Labium longer than wide. Legs well developed, tarsus usually shorter than tibia, often with spine-like setae on inner margins, tarsus tapering. Claw slender and elongate, with short setose digitules or with knobbed digitules about as long as claw. Eyes present or absent. Circuli if present, numbering 1–6, circulus truncate conical, elongate cylindrical or bulbous with distal end sometimes flat, reticulated or with minute papilla like projections. Anterior and posterior ostioles normally present.

Frons often with a ventral sclerotized cephalic plate, sometimes with a few setae on margin. Body setae usually short and hair-like (flagellate), often extensively covering surface. Trilocular pores and oral collar tubular ducts present. Multilocular disc pores each with 7–12 loculi, present or absent. Discoidal pores sometimes present. Tritubular pores present in adult female, normally on both surfaces. Anal ring well developed bearing 6 hair-like setae and with large elongate to triangular pores. Anal ring pores often with different sizes of spiculae.

Internal genital organ showing great variability in structure, shape and size. Length of vulva+common oviduct sometimes only as long as half width of segment, in other cases it could be as long as width of three segments. Distance of vulval accessory glands from vulvar opening also very different.

Host plant. Host plants of many species are unknown. Several species are known from Cactaceae, *Coffea* spp., *Fragaria* spp., *Medicago* spp., *Thea* spp., palms and Poaceae.

Biology. Several species are important pest of different crops and ornamentals.

KEY TO ADULT FEMALES OF *RHIZOECUS* FROM SOUTHERN ASIA (modified from WILLIAMS 2004 and KOZÁR & KONCZNÉ BENEDICTY 2007)

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| 1 | Multilocular disc pores present, at least on venter | 3 |
| – | Multilocular pores absent entirely | 2 |
| 2 | Dorsal setae crowded on abdominal segments V–VIII, much more numerous than on head, thorax and anterior abdominal segments, eyes present | |
| | <i>R. pseudolasii</i> WILLIAMS | |
| – | Dorsal setae not crowded on abdominal segments V–VIII, distribution about same as on head, thorax and anterior segments, eyes absent | |
| | <i>R. cocois</i> WILLIAMS | |

- 3 Multilocular disc pores on dorsum present *R. americanus* (Hambleton)
- Multilocular disc pores on dorsum absent 4
- 4 Multilocular disc pores on venter confined to abdominal segment especially around vulva 5
- Multilocular disc pores confined to head only especially around mouth parts *R. muranyii* sp. n.
- 5 Circuli short, each wider than long, distal surface reticulated
R. amorphalli Betrem
- Circuli each longer than wide, with distal rounded or with papillae 6
- 6 Circulus single 7
- Circuli numbering 2 or 3 8
- 7 Tritubular pores forming rows on dorsum; oral collar tubular ducts short, wide, heavily sclerotised *R. kazachstanus* Matesova
- Tritubular pores on dorsum few, scattered; oral collar tubular ducts long, narrow, not sclerotised *R. omphalius* WILLIAMS
- 8 Circuli numbering 3 *R. tricirculus* Wu et Liu
- Circuli numbering 2 9
- 9 Circulus present on abdominal segment III tipped with 3 large rounded projections or papillae; circulus on abdominal segment IV with only a single projection or papilla *R. pignerator* WILLIAMS
- Circuli present on abdominal segments III and IV both similar, each tipped with about 6 small papilla-like projections *R. thailandicus* WILLIAMS

***Rhizoecus muranyii* Kaydan, sp. n.**

(Fig. 1)

Material examined – Holotype, ♀ (clearly indicated on the slide by black circle closest to name label), Taiwan: Nantou County, Lienhuachi, Lienhuachi Experimental Forest, primary forest above the research centre, near small stream, 772 m a.s.l., N: 23°55.135', E: 120°52.844', 14-18.ix.2011, Leg. Ujvári, Zs. (PPI: 12153; HNHM: As995); Paratypes, 7 ♀♀, same data as holotype (PPI: 12153, 12154; HNHM: As995 and As1010).

Description. Adult female. – Body elongate oval, 0.73–1.05 mm long, 0.33–0.640 mm wide. Eyes marginal, 10.0–12.5 µm wide. Antenna 6 segmented, 140–150 µm long; apical segment 35–40 µm long, 20–25 µm wide, with apical setae 22.5–25.0 µm long plus three fleshy setae, each 17.5–35.0 µm long. Clypeo-labral shield 70–80 µm long, 60–70 µm wide.

Labium 60–70 µm long, 37.5–50.0 µm wide. Anterior spiracles each 20–25 µm long, 7.5–10.0 µm wide across atrium; posterior spiracles each 22.5–32.5 µm long, 10.0–12.5 µm wide across atrium. Legs well developed; data for posterior legs: coxa 60–70 µm, long, trochanter + femur 105.0–112.5 µm long, tibia + tarsus 115–120 µm long, claw 22.5–25.0 µm long. Ratio of lengths of tibia + tarsus to trochanter + femur 1.02–1.14:1; ratio of lengths of tibia to tarsus 1.33–1.52:1; ratio of length of hind trochanter + femur to greatest width of femur 3.28–2.62:1. Tarsal digitules each 10.0–12.5 µm long, hair-like. Claw digitules spine-like each 4–5 µm long. Hind tibia with 2 large translucent pores. Both anterior and posterior ostioles present, anterior ostiole with 4 or 5 trilocular pores and 6–8 setae; posterior ostiole with 10–12 trilocular pores and 7–9 setae. Anal ring 45–50 µm wide, with 6 setae, each seta 55–90 µm long.

Dorsum. Body setae hair-like of various sizes, each 5.0–22.5 µm long. Multilocular pores absent. Tritubular pores each 7.0–7.5 µm in diameter, on head + thorax numbering 19–21 and also abdominal segments: I–III 6–12 ducts, IV 4, V 3–4, VI 2 or 3, VII 2 or 3, VIII + IX 0–2. Oral collar tubular ducts in single rows across all abdominal segments, each duct 2.5–3.0 µm long, 2.0–2.5 µm wide, on head, thorax and also abdominal segments: I–III 8–12 ducts, IV 4, V 3 or 4, VI 2–4, VII 3–5, VIII + IX 2.

Venter. Setae slender hair-like, each 5.0–22.5 µm long, longest setae medially on head. Apical setae of each anal lobe, each 40–50 µm long. Multilocular disc pores each 6–7 µm in diameter, present only on each side of clypeo-labral shield 5–8 in number. Tritubular pores each 7.0–7.5 µm in diameter, present on body margin only, totalling 24–28. Oral collar tubular ducts concentrated on body margin of abdominal segments, of one sizes, each 2.5–3.0 µm long, 2.0–2.5 µm wide, on margin of head thorax and abdominal segments: II–III 6–8 ducts, IV 3 or 4, V 2–4, VI 2 or 3, VII 2 or 3, VIII + IX absent.

Comments. *Rhizoecus muranyii* sp. n. can be readily distinguished in: (i) having multilocular pores only on the head; (ii) having only one size of tritubular pores on the dorsum and venter. *Rhizoecus muranyii* sp. n. is similar to *R. arabicus* Hambleton, *R. chilensis* Hambleton and *R. elongatus* Green; (i) in lacking multilocular disc pores on the dorsum, (ii) in having oral collar ducts on the dorsum and venter, (iii) in having 6 segmented antennae and (iv) in lacking multilocular pores around the vulva. However, *R. muranyii* differs from all three species in having multilocular disc pores on the head and thorax and around the clypeo-labral shield. This species is the only one so far in the genus bearing multilocular disc pores only on the head around the clypeo-labral shield.

Etymology. This species is named after Dr. Dávid Murányi who made valuable studies on Plecoptera and Odonata fauna, and the taxonomy of the Oriental Region.

Host plants. Unknown.

Distribution. Taiwan.

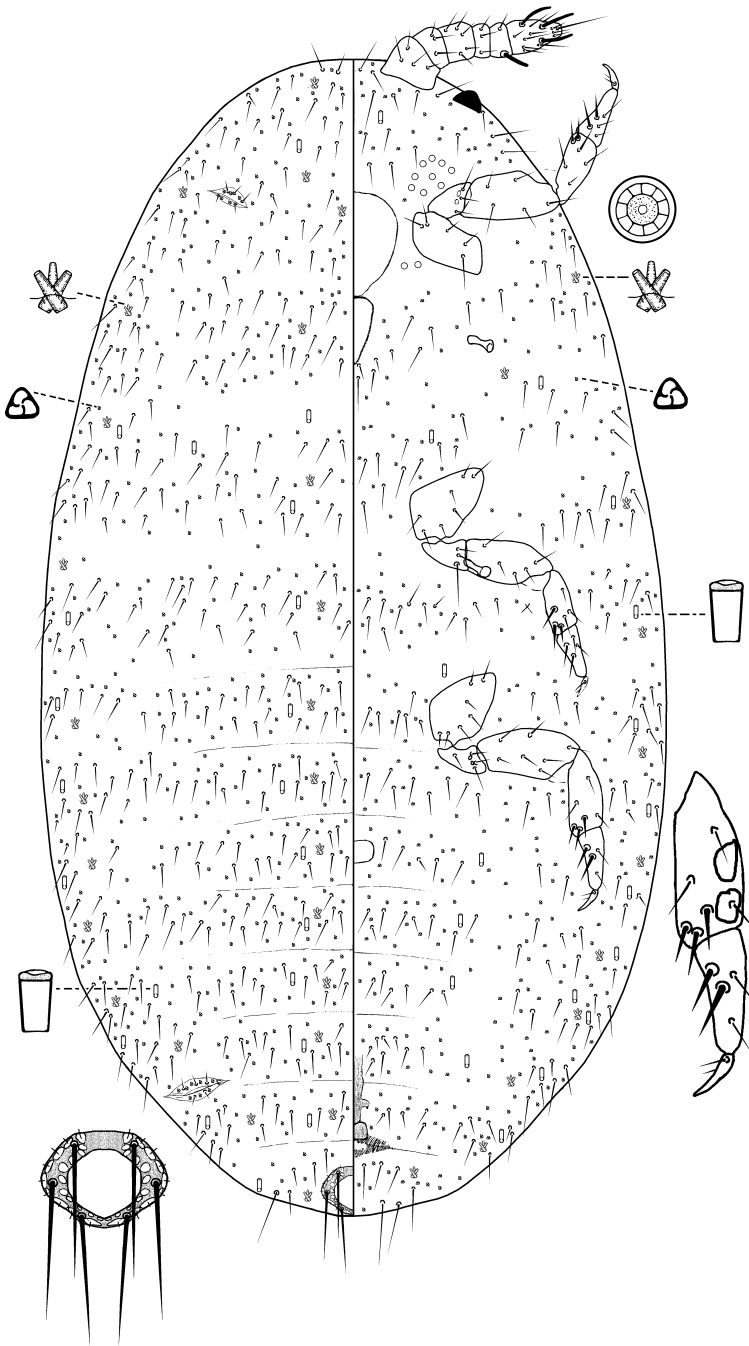


Fig. 1. *Rhizoecus muranyii* Kaydan sp. n. adult female, holotype

Rhizoecus amorphophalli Betrem

Material examined. Vietnam: 1 ♀, Da Lat, Thac Datanla waterfall, scraping debris, lichen and moss samples from a decaying stump of a deciduous tree, 1200 m a.s.l., 07.xii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S., Sziráki, Gy. and Zombori, L. (PPI: 12148; HNHM: As674).

Host plants. *Cordyline terminalis* (Agavaceae), *Amorphophallus* sp., *A. variabilis*, *Colocasia esculenta* (Araceae), *Asplenium* sp. (Aspleniaceae), *Dioscorea elephantipes* (Dioscoreaceae), *Curcuma domestica*, *C. longa*, *Kaempferia galanga*, *Zingiber officinale*, *Z. zerumber* (Zingiberaceae) (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Federated States of Micronesia, Hawaiian Islands, Guadeloupe, India, Kerala, Indonesia, Sumatra, Malaysia, Sabah, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom (England) (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Vietnam**.

Rhizoecus kazachstanus Matesova

Material examined. Thailand: 1 ♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, Camp, Berlese sample taken from debris under a dead tree trunk, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12150; HNHM: As692); 2 ♀♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, Reservoir, Berlese-funnel sample from deeper soil layer (40 cm) with lots of roots, 09.02.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12151; HNHM: As712); Sri Lanka: 2 ♀♀, 1 nymph, Ratnapura District: Potuptyiya, Sinaraja Forest Reserve, on a small plateau of forest, thick moss and detritus on a large rock, 900 m a.s.l., 07.iii.2000, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12152; HNHM: As821). Vietnam: 3 ♀♀, 1 nymph, Da Lat, Thac Datanla waterfall, taking litter and humus samples from rock crevices and from the base of bushes, 1200 m a.s.l., 07.xii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S., Sziráki, Gy. and Zombori, L. (PPI: 12149; HNHM: As672).

Host plants. *Tanacetum vulgare* (Asteraceae) (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Hungary, Kazakhstan (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Thailand, Vietnam**.

Comment. This species is a new record for Oriental scale insect fauna.

Ripersiella Tinsley

Ripersiella Tinsley (in Cockerell, 1899: 278).

Type species. *Ripersia rumicis* Maskell, 1892.

Rhizoecus (*Pararhizoecus*) Goux, 1941b: 197. Type species: *Rhizoecus* (*Pararhizoecus*) *petiti* Goux, by monotypy and original designation.

Pararhizoecus; Goux, 1943: 41. Change of status.

Description – Body of adult female small, elongate to round, usually membranous. Anal lobe poorly or moderately developed, often bearing 3 long apical setae (1 ventral and 2 dorsal) or with numerous short setae. Antennae short, strongly geniculate placed close together, each antennae 5 or 6 segmented, segments 2–5 often wider than long, last segment usually longer than wide, when 6 segmented, segment V with 1 falcate sensory seta, segment VI with 4 falcate sensory setae. When 5 segmented, 5 falcate sensory setae present on terminal segment, 1 of them near base of segment, characteristic of this group of species when fifth and sixth segments fused. Labium longer than wide. Legs well developed, tarsus usually shorter than tibia, often with spine-like setae on inner margins, tarsus tapering.

Claw slender and elongate, with short setose or knobbed digitules about as long as claw. Eyes present or absent. Circuli, if present, numbering 1–6, each circulus truncate conical, elongate cylindrical or bulbous with distal end sometimes flat, reticulated or with minute papilla-like projections. Anterior and posterior ostioles normally present.

Frons often with a ventral sclerotized cephalic plate, sometimes with a few setae on margin. Body setae usually short and hair-like (flagellate), often extensively covering surface. Trilocular pores present. Oral collar tubular ducts present. Multilocular disc pores each with 7–12 loculi, present or absent. Discoidal pores sometimes present. Tritubular pores in female absent. Bitubular pores usually present, occasionally absent, sometimes tubes short and wide or long and narrow, normally on both surfaces. Anal ring well developed, with large elongate to triangular pores bearing six hair-like setae. Anal ring pores often with different sizes of spicules.

Internal genital organ showing great variation in structure, shape and size (KOZÁR & KONCZNÉ BENEDICTY 2007). Length of vulva + common oviduct sometimes only as long as half width of segment or as long as wide as three segments. Distance of vulval accessory glands from opening of vulva also very different (modified also in part from KOZÁR & KONCZNÉ BENEDICTY 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007).

Host plant. Host plants of many species unknown.

Biology. Several species are important pests on roots of different plants. Most of the species were found in soil, in litter or in moss collected by Berlese funnel.

KEY TO ADULT FEMALE *RIPERSIELLA*

(Adopted from WILLIAMS 2004)

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| 1 | Antenna each with 5 segments | 2 |
| – | Antennae each with 6 segments | 9 |
| 2 | Multilocular disc pores entirely absent | <i>R. Chiangmaiensis</i> (Williams) |
| – | Multilocular pores present, at least on venter | 3 |
| 3 | Multilocular disc pores present on dorsum | 4 |
| – | Multilocular pores absent on dorsum | 7 |
| 4 | Circulus single | <i>R. danyii</i> Kaydan et Konczné Benedicty sp. n. |
| – | Circuli numbering 2 | 5 |
| 5 | Multilocular disc pores present in rows across dorsal segments, present also on venter of head and thorax | 6 |
| – | Multilocular disc pores on dorsum few, scattered, absent from venter of head and thorax | <i>R. cryphius</i> (Williams) |

- 6 All bitubular pores present on dorsum and venter of abdomen same size, each with stout tubes *R. bacorum* (Williams)
- Bitubular pores with stout tubes present on dorsum only; bitubular pores on venter of abdomen much smaller *R. saintpauliae* (Williams)
- 7 Bitubular pores present, each with stout tubes; multilocular disc pores on venter of abdomen present as far forward as abdominal segment IV, reaching margins *R. carolinensis* (Beardsley)
- Bitubular pores present, each with slender tubes; multilocular disc pores on venter present only as far forward as abdominal segment VI except for a single occasional pore on abdominal segment V, mostly not reaching margins 8
- 8 Multilocular disc pores totalling 34–53, those present on abdominal segment VII in single to double crowded row *R. interpetrensis* (Williams)
- Multilocular disc pores totalling 21–24, those present on abdominal segment VII in single row, widely spaced *R. phangngae* Williams
- 9 Multilocular disc pores absent entirely 10
- Multilocular disc pores present, at least on venter 13
- 10 Oral collar tubular ducts absent from dorsum and venter; discoidal pores present, each about same size as trilocular pore *R. gombakensis* (Williams)
- Oral collar tubular ducts present, at least on venter 11
- 11 Bitubular pores each scarcely as wide as a trilocular pore, tubes pointed *R. corniger* (Williams)
- Bitubular pores each noticeably larger than a trilocular pore, tubes truncate 12
- 12 Circuli elongate-conical; most tubes of each bitubular pore lying below surface of derm *R. sabahicus* (Williams)
- Circuli elongate-cylindrical; most tubes of each bitubular pore lying above surface of derm *R. loicmatilei* Williams
- 13 Multilocular disc pores present on dorsum numerous, present in transverse rows at least across abdominal segments *R. bedosae* (Williams)
- Multilocular disc pores absent from dorsum, or restricted to about 3 pores across abdominal segment III 14

- 14 Body rotund; setae abundant, densely covering dorsum and venter; eyes absent *R. sepilokensis* (Williams)
- Body elongate or elongate-oval; setae although numerous, not densely covering dorsum and venter; eyes present 15
- 15 Circulus almost flat; oral collar tubular ducts apparently absent *R. cynodontis* (Green)
- Circulus truncate-conical; oral collar tubular ducts present 16
- 16 Multilocular disc pores few, numbering about 6 around vulva only; oral collar tubular ducts few, present on abdomen only *R. ficarius* (Williams)
- Multilocular disc pores numerous, at least 16–30 present in transverse rows a far forward as abdominal segment VI; oral collar tubular ducts sparsely present on abdomen, thorax and sometimes on head 17
- 17 Circulus elongate, longer than width at base; multilocular disc pores absent from dorsum *R. callis* (Williams)
- Circulus as long as wide at base; multilocular disc pores present on dorsum of abdominal segment VII *R. planeticus* (Williams)

***Ripersiella danyii* Kaydan et Konczné Benedicty, sp. n.**
(Fig. 2)

Material examined. Holotype, 1 ♀, Thailand, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, 3 km SE from the Camp, Berlese sample taken from debris under a lying tree trunk, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12158; HNHM: As692); Paratypes. 1 ♀, same data as holotype; 1 ♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, 3 km SE from the Camp, Berlese funnel sample from dry, decaying stump, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12156; HNHM: As685); 1 ♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, 3 km SE from the Camp, Berlese funnel sample from dry, decaying stump, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L., Berlese funnel sample from the drier litter and root system of shrubs, in deeper layer, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12157; HNHM: As690); 1 ♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, 3 km SE from Camp, Berlese funnel sample from dry, decaying stump, 06.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L., Berlese funnel sample from wet litter and soil neat to water basin, with much decaying debris, 09.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12159; HNHM: As709); 1 ♀, Kaeng Krachan (Phetchaburi), Kaeng Krachan National Park, Reservoir, Berlese funnel sample from deeper soil layer (40 cm) with many roots, 09.ii.1994, Leg. Mahunka, S. and Papp, L. (PPI: 12160; HNHM: As712).

Description. Adult female. – Body elongate oval, 0.72–1.05 mm long, 0.25–0.46 mm wide. Eyes absent. Antenna 5 segmented, 130–150 µm long; apical segment 60–70 µm long,

30–35 μm wide, with apical setae 30–35 μm long plus three fleshy setae, each 20–35 μm long. Clypeo-labral shield 70–75 μm long, 60–70 μm wide. Labium 75–85 μm long, 35–50 μm wide. Anterior spiracles each 20–25 μm long, 7.5–10.0 μm wide across atrium; posterior spiracles each 22.5–25.0 μm long, 10.0–12.5 μm wide across atrium. Legs well developed; data for posterior legs: coxa 55–70 μm long, trochanter + femur 95–110 μm long, tibia + tarsus 105–120 μm long, claw 22.5–30.0 μm long. Ratio of lengths of tibia + tarsus to trochanter + femur 1.26–1.00:1; ratio of lengths of tibia to tarsus 1.36–1.16:1; ratio of length of hind trochanter + femur to greatest width of femur 3.14–2.11:1. Tarsal digitules each 10 μm long, hair-like. Claw digitules spine-like each 4–5 μm long. Both anterior and posterior ostioles present, anterior ostiole with 3–5 trilocular pores and 3–5 setae; posterior ostioles each with 8 or 9 trilocular pores and 6 or 7 setae. Anal ring 37.5–50.0 μm wide, with 6 setae, each seta 45–55 μm long, without pores.

Dorsum. Body setae hair-like of various sizes, each 7.5–50 μm long. Multilocular pores on abdominal segments V–VIII+IX only as follows V 1–5, VI 4–6, VII 3–5, VIII + IX 2–4. Bitubular pores each 7.0–7.5 μm in diameter, on head + thorax 5 or 6, on abdominal segments as follows I 2, II 2 or 3, III absent, IV 3 or 4, V 3, VI 3 or 4, VII 2, VIII + IX absent. Oral collar tubular ducts absent. Trilocular pores each 2.5 μm in diameter.

Venter. Setae slender, hair-like, each 7.5–50.0 μm long, longest setae medially on head. Apical setae of anal lobe each 70–80 μm long. Multilocular disc pores each 7–9 μm in diameter, on abdominal segments IV–VIII+IX numbering as follows; IV 2–5, V 4–7, VI 10–16, VII 9–12 and VIII+IX 10–13. Bitubular pores each 5–6 μm in diameter, present on abdominal segments only numbering as follows: IV 5 or 6, V 5 or 6, VI 5 or 6, VII 5, VIII + IX 5. Oral collar tubular ducts absent. Trilocular pores each 2.5 μm in diameter scattered on surface.

Comments. *Ripersiella danyii* sp. n. can be readily distinguished; (i) in having multilocular pores on the dorsum and venter; (ii) in having two sizes of bitubular pores on the dorsum and venter (iii) in having a bulbous structure at the base of the internal genital organ and (iv) in lacking oral collar tubular ducts on both the venter and dorsum. *Ripersiella danyii* sp. n. is most similar to *R. cryphius* in having (i) antenna each with 5 segments and (ii) multilocular disc pores present on the dorsum but differs from it in having only a single circulus (*R. cryphius* has two circuli) and (ii) by having two sizes of bitubular pores, dorsal and ventral pores of different sizes (both dorsal and ventral bitubular pores of same size).

Etymology. This species is named after Dr. László Dányi who has studied springtails in several regions of the world and has collected specimens for this study.

Host plants. Unknown.

Distribution. Thailand.

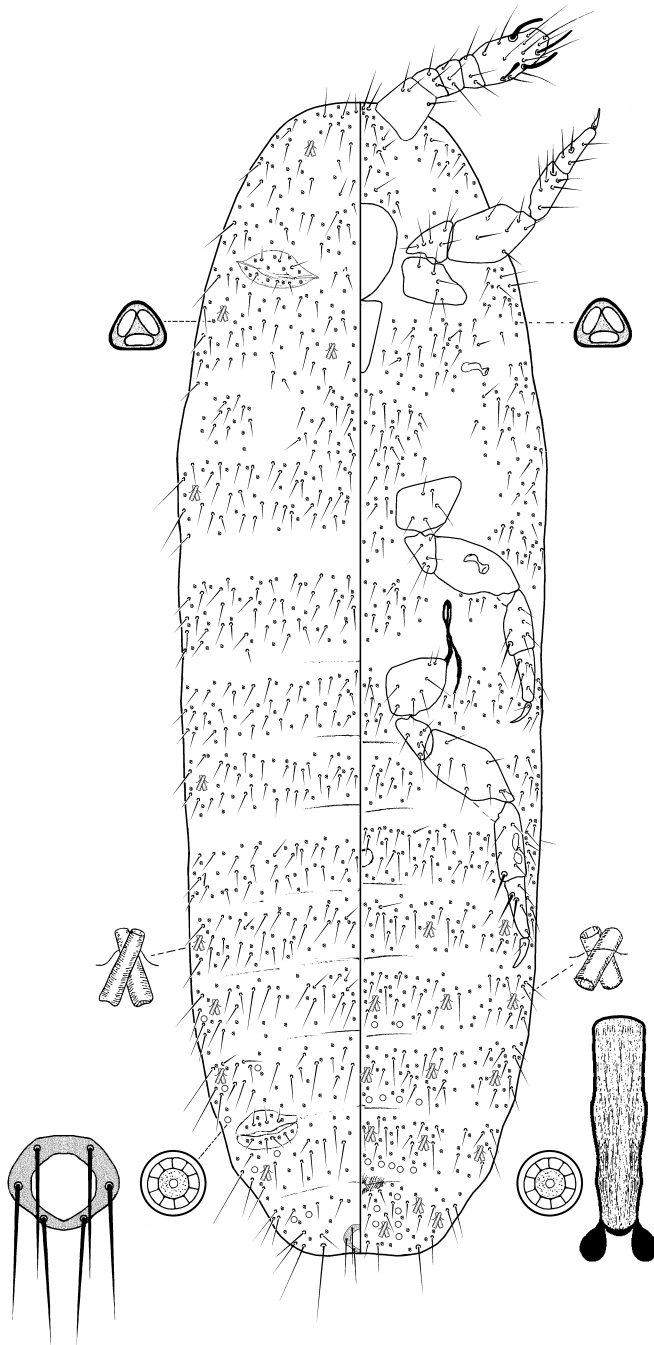


Fig. 2. *Ripersiella danyii* Kaydan et Konczné Benedicty sp. n. adult female, holotype

Ripersiella callis (Williams)

Material examined. Taiwan: 5 ♀♀, Ilan County, Datong, township, Tatung, flood plain of Lanyang River, above Taiyada Bridge, flood plain with reeds, decaying reed litter, 144 m a.s.l., N: 24°40.222', E: 121° 36.247', 18.x.2009, Leg. L. Dányi & E. Lazányi (PPI: 12155; HNHM: As903).

Host plants. Unknown (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016).

Distribution. Thailand (GARCÍA MORALES *et al.* 2016); **Taiwan**.

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