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ABSTRACT—Alniphagus africanus Schell, 1963, and Hylesinus africanus Schell, 1965, were both transferred to Hylesinopsis and thereby become junior homonyms of H. africanaus (Eggers, 1933). The new name H. acaciocolens is proposed as a replacement for Schell’s 1963 name and H. secutus as a new name for Schell’s 1965 name. Six species from Mexico are described as new to science, including: Hylurus atkinsoni, H. crotonis, Monarthrum xalapensis, Pseudochraemesus jaliscoensis, Pseudopityophthus durangensis, and P. xalapae.

On the following pages two junior homonyms are renamed in the African genus Hylesinopsis, and six species new to science are described from Mexico. The new species represent the genera Hylocus (2), Monarthrum (1), Pseudochraemesus (1), and Pseudopityophthus (2). This is the first record of the genus Pseudochraemesus north of Bolivia and Brazil.

Hylesinopsis acaciocolens, n. n.

The species named by Schell (1963:259) as Alniphagus africanus is here transferred to the genus Hylesinopsis. This transfer makes it a junior homonym of H. africanaus (Eggers 1933:19) that was originally named in Pseudophloeotribus, transferred to Metahylocinus by Schell (1957:9), then to Hylesinopsis (Wood 1986:39). The new name acaciocolens is proposed as a replacement for africanus Schell 1963.

The genus Alniphagus occurs only on the northern Pacific Coast from Japan to California and is quite unrelated to the African fauna.

Hylesinopsis secutus, n. n.
Hylesinus africanus Schell, 1965, Novos Taxa Ent. 38:4 (Holotype, female; Uganda, Mpanga, British Museum [Natural History]).

The species named as Hylesinus africanus Schell (1965:4) is here transferred to Hylesinopsis. This makes it a junior homonym of H. africanaus (Eggers 1933:19) that was originally named in Pseudophloeotribus before it was transferred to Hylesinopsis (Wood 1986:39). The new name secutus is proposed as a replacement for africanus Schell 1965.

The genus Hylesinopsis is not known to occur in Africa south of the Sahara Desert.

Hylocus atkinsoni, n. sp.

This species is distinguished from the closely allied prolatus Wood by the much smaller size, and by the more conservative sculpture of frons and elytral declivity of both sexes as described below.

MALE.—Length 1.7 mm (paratypes 1.8–2.1 mm), 2.8 times as long as wide; color very dark brown.

Frons similar to prolatus, modestly, transversely impressed below level of antennal insertion, moderately elevated above into an indefinite, transverse, subcarinate elevation; surface rather coarsely reticulate-granulate, with rather coarse, moderately close tubercles above; vestiture sparse, inconspicuous; antenna about as in prolatus.

Pronotum outline as in prolatus; deeply reticulate on posterior half, a few small crenulations on median area to base. Vestiture evident only at margins.

Elytra less slender and apex more obtusely pointed than in prolatus; strial punctures slightly smaller, not as deep, interstriae smooth and impunctate except near declivity. Declivity not as abrupt or as steep as prolatus; sculpture resembling prolatus except tubercles on 1 and 3 continued to level of junction of 5 and 7, 4, 5, 6, and 7 with tubercles continuing to their apices; 9 elevated but less abrupt than in prolatus; apex strongly mucronate.
Vestiture restricted to interstriae at base of declivity, equal in abundance to *prolatus*, but much stouter, about half as long.

**Female.**—Similar to male except frons with impression and elevation largely obsolete, sculpture much finer, tubercles mostly obsolete, upper frons with a very few setae in median area (resembling *prolatus* but much less abundant); sculpture of pronotum and elytra much finer, declivity more evenly convex, tubercles much smaller, less conspicuous; declivital setae more slender.

**Type locality.**—El Casillo, Veracruz, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype, female allotype, and two broken paratypes were taken at the type locality on 18-VII-1983, No. 9, *Inga* sp., by Felipe A. Noguera. One paratype bears the same locality and date, No. 3-917, *Acacia pennatula*, Atkinson and Equi-hua. Four paratypes are from Banderilla, Veracruz, Mexico, 24 Nov. 1983, No. 96, *Leucaena pulverulenta*, Felipe A. Noguera.

The holotype, allotype, and paratypes are in my collection.

*Hylocerus crotonis*, sp. n.

This species is distinguished from the allied *incomptus* Wood and *nodulus* Wood by the smaller size, much stouter male declivital setae, and by other characters described below.

**Male.**—Length 1.8 mm (male paratype 1.8 mm), 2.6 times as long as wide; color black.

Frons resembling *incomptus* except transverse carina longer, more definite, length more than two-thirds distance between eyes; surface finely rugose reticulate, granules and punctures not clearly evident; vestiture short, sparse, inconspicuous.

Pronotum similar to *incomptus* except anterior margin armed by a row of six rather coarse serrations; posterior half more strongly rugose reticulate, tubercles closer, more sharply defined; setae coarser.

Elytra about as in *incomptus* except strial and interstrial punctures more clearly impressed, those of interstriae almost as large as those of striae, becoming somewhat tuberculate near declivity; declivital sculpture similar except transverse impression on lower half not as strong, all tubercles smaller; vestiture largely confined to declivital interstriae, longest equal in length to distance between rows, each very stout, about 8 times as long as wide, shorter on lower declivity toward surface.

**Type locality.**—Estacion de Biologia, Chamela, Jalisco, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype and one male paratype were taken at the type locality 10-X-1982, 100 m, S-817, from *Croton pseudoniveus*, by T. H. Atkinson and A. Equi-hua.

The holotype and paratype are in my collection.

*Monarthrum xalapensis*, n. sp.

This species superficially resembles the *scutellare* portion of this genus, but its true affinities lie with species allied to *dimidiatum* Ferrari. From *dimidiatum* it is distinguished by the conspicuously different elytra in both sexes, and by other minor details described below.

**Male.**—Length 2.0 mm (paratypes 1.9–2.0 mm), 3.2 times as long as wide; color reddish brown.

Frons broadly, evenly convex; surface finely reticulate, upper and lateral areas with shallow, rather small punctures except obsolete on median half of lower half, this area appearing spongy but without any indication of microsetae. Antennal club subcircular, with two moderately procurred sutures marked by setae; funicle 2–segmented.

Pronotum about as in *dimidiatum*.

Elytral outline resembling *dimidiatum* except not tapered toward apex, disc more strongly reticulate, declivity more broadly, deeply excavated, sutural emargination equal. Lateral margin of declivity from base to emargination strongly, acutely elevated (considerably more so than in *dimidiatum*); margin armed on upper fourth by a coarse, pointed denticle in position of striae 3, a second obtuse denticle of almost equal size directed somewhat mesad on lower third; no other irregularities on margin; floor of excavated area shining, weakly reticulate, with small, confused, moderately abundant punctures. Glabrous except for sparse setae on sides near declivity. Protibiae armed more coarsely than in *dimidiatum* on same pattern.

**Female.**—Similar to male except frons punctured throughout, epistoma armed on margin by a small tuberele; declivity resembling female *dimidiatum* except lower area less broadly impressed, upper denticle
similar, lower denticle obtuse, submammi-
form, displaced mesad (as close as upper pair).

**Type locality.**—Jalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype, fe-
male allotype, and six paratypes were taken at
the type locality on 8-IX-1983, No. 53, by
Filipe A. Noguera.

The holotype, allotype, and paratypes are
in my collection.

_Pseudocharaxesus jaliscoensis_, n. sp.

This is the first record of _Pseudocharaxesus_
north of Bolivia and Brazil. This species is
allied to _opacus_ Schedl, but is distinguished
by the smaller size, by the less distinctly tu-
berculate anterolateral areas of the pronotum,
and by the very different male frons.

**Male.**—Length 1.4 mm (paratypes 1.4–
1.5 mm), 1.4 times as long as wide; color
black, some setae pale.

Frons with antennal insertion near middle
of longitudinal axis, their bases separated by
half distance between eyes about as in _opacus_
median area less strongly sulcate than in _opacus_
slightly narrower, not as smooth, fine
tubercles clearly evident particularly laterally
and above, scrobelike impressions not as deep
or as extensive; transverse epistomal eleva-
tion not as high or as distinct as in _opacus_.
Antenna about as in _opacus_.

Pronotum similar to _opacus_, punctures
smaller, much less distinct, tubercles on ante-
rior half and lateral areas distinctly larger,
more numerous.

Elytra similar to _opacus_, striae apparently
less strongly impressed and less strongly
punctured, and crenulations on elytral bases
appear narrower.

**Female.**—Similar to male except frons
broadly convex, antennal bases separated by
same distance as eyes, fine tubercles present
as in male.

**Type locality.**—Carretera Barra Navi-
dad–Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype, fe-
male allotype, and eight paratypes were taken
at the type locality on 21-X-1985, No. 360,
from _Cynometra oaxacana_, by T. H. Atkin-
son.

The holotype, allotype, and paratypes are
in my collection.

_Pseudopityophthorus durangoensis_, n. sp.

This species is distinguished from _tenuis_
Wood by the larger size, by the longer setae
on the ventrolateral areas of the declivity, and
by details of frontal sculpture and ornamenta-
tion in both sexes.

**Male.**—Length 1.5 mm (paratypes
1.4–1.7 mm), 3.0 times as long as wide; ma-
ture color dark brown.

Frons more broadly, more strongly im-
pressed than in _tenuis_, setae slightly longer.

Pronotum appearing more elongate than in
_tenuis_ and with punctures on posterior half
more numerous and larger.

Elytra as in _tenuis_ except strial punctures
more definite, both strial and interstrial setae
distinctly longer, strial punctures on declivity
minute, but more clearly identifiable.

**Female.**—Similar to male except frons re-
sembling female _tenuis_ but less strongly im-
pressed below, more strongly above, upper
half coarsely irregular, almost aciculate, lower
half with a rather strong median carina ex-
tending almost to epistomal margin, setae
longer, much more conspicuous.

**Type locality.**—Ninety-six km (60 miles)
west of Durango, Durango, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype, fe-
male allotype, and 32 paratypes were taken
5-VI-1965, 2,300 m (7,000 ft), No. 30, from
_Quercus_, by me. Three paratypes are labeled
3 miles W El Salto, Durango, Mexico, 7-VI-
1965, 7,500 ft, No. 41, _Quercus_, taken by me.
One paratype is from 10 miles W El Salto,
Durango, Mexico, July 1964, J. B. Thomas.

The holotype, allotype, and paratypes are
in my collection.

_Pseudopityophthorus xalapae_, n. sp.

This species is distinguished from _durango-
ensis_ by the differences in male and female
frons as described below, by the more abun-
dant, persistent setae on declivital interstriae
1 and 3, by the feeble granules on interstriae 2
near its apex, and by the larger average size.
These populations are obviously closely allied
and future collecting could discover intergra-
dation between them.

**Male.**—Length 1.7 mm (paratypes 1.7–1.8
mm), 2.7 times as long as wide; color very dark
brown.

Frons resembling *durangoensis* except much more broadly flattened, almost smooth, finely, rather closely punctured; setae on lateral margin much more abundant, longer, dorsal setae more broadly distributed.

Pronotum and elytral disc about as in *durangoensis*. Declivity with setae on interstriae 1 and 3 more regularly, closely placed, interstriae 3 with lower punctures feebly granulate; setae on striae 1 and 2 minute but present (obsolete in *durangoensis*).

**FEMALE.**—Similar to male except frons differing from female *durangoensis* by less strongly impressed, smoother dorsal area with a few rather coarse punctures, median carina stronger, separated from epistomal margin by half length of carina.

**Type locality.**—Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

**Type material.**—The male holotype, female allotype, and four paratypes were taken at the type locality on 10-VII-1983, No. 30, by Filipe A. Noguera.

The holotype, allotype, and paratypes are in my collection.