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Taxonomic review of the genus *Stenotus* Jakovlev (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Miridae) from the Korean Peninsula



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ABSTRACT

A genus *Stenotus* Jakovlev (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Miridae) is reviewed taxonomically from the Korean Peninsula with a new record *Stenotus binotatus* (Fabricius 1794). Morphological information, such as descriptions of male and female genitalia, of the Korean species with photographs and illustrations, and a key to the Korean species are provided.

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Introduction

The family Miridae (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Cimicomorpha), also called plant bugs, is the largest group of Heteroptera in the world (Schuh and Slater 1995), and contains major insect pests (Wheeler 2000a) and predatory groups which can be used as biological control agents (Wheeler 2000b). The genus Stenotus Jakovlev comprises, to date, 53 extant species in the world (Schuh 2002-2013). These Stenotus species are known as insect pests in some countries, because most of them use the plant Family Poaceae like grasses and wheat as host plants (Wheeler 2001). Among them, Stenotus binotatus (Fabricius, 1794) is most famous for insect pests of alfalfa, apple and wheat (Braimah et al 1982; Swallow and Cressey 1987; Wheeler 2001), and was introduced to some regions (e.g. tropical Africa) (Kerzhner and Josifov 1999). Among them, 11 species are known in the Palaearctic Region and only one species is recorded from the Korean Peninsula (Kerzhner and Josifov 1999): Stenotus rubrovittatus (Matsumura 1913). In this paper, a new record of S. binotatus is reported from the Korean Peninsula, and the genus Stenotus is reviewed taxonomically with

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the first descriptions and illustrations of male and female genitalia and *S. rubrovittatus*. A key to the Korean species is also provided.

Materials and methods

Photographs of specimens examined were taken by a Leica M165C microscope (Germany). Measurements were taken using the software program of the same microscope. All measurements are given in millimeters (mm). To observe male and female genitalia, a genital segment of each specimen was detached, and then soaked and boiled in 10% KOH solution at 70°C at 3–5 minutes until it became transparent. After it was placed in distilled water, it was dissected to examine genitalia. Terminology follows mainly Yasunaga (1991), Braimah et al (1982), and Yasunaga and Schwartz (2007). The depository of the specimens is the Laboratory of Systematic Entomology, Chungnam National University, Daejeon, Korea. An asterisk (*) means its additional distribution and host plant.

Taxonomic accounts

Genus Stenotus Jakovlev 홍색얼룩장님노린재속

Oncognathus Fieber, 1858: 303. Junior homonym of *Oncognathus* Lacordaire, 1854, Coleoptera; syn. Reuter, 1896: 122. Type species by monotypy: *Lygaeus binotatus* Fabricius, 1794.

Stenotus Jakovlev, 1877: 288. Type species by monotypy: Stenotus sareptanus Jakovlev, 1877.

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Umslopogas Kirkaldy, 1902: 254. Syn. Poppius, 1910: 36; Reuter, 1910: 160.

Zulaimena Kirkaldy, 1902: 256. Syn. Poppius, 1910: 36; Reuter, 1910: 160

Korasiocapsus Kirkaldy, 1902: 260. Syn. Reuter, 1907: 10. *Makua* Kirkaldy, 1902: 282. Syn. Poppius, 1912: 60. *Nymannus* Distant, 1904: 195. Syn. Carvalho, 1981: 5. *Tancredus* Distant, 1904: 430. Syn. Poppius, 1911: 16. *Indoelum* Kirkaldy, 1906: 138. Syn. Distant, 1911: 240.

Diagnosis. Differs from other representatives of Mirini as follows: first segment of hind tarsi 1.5–2 times as long as second segment (Figure 1F); male genitalia membranous with sclerites (Figures 2C, 2D, 3C, and 3D).

Key to the species of Korean Stenotus

- Antennae reddish brown, first antennal segment without any setae, collar without any setae, pronotum without any spot,

Stenotus binotatus (Fabricius, 1794) 두점박이장님노린재(신칭)

(Figures 1A–C, 1F–H, and 2A–F)

Lygaeus binotatus Fabricius, 1794: 172.

Cimex paykulli Turton, 1802: 609.

Stenotus sareptanus Jakovlev, 1877: 289. Syn. Reuter, 1885: 159.

Diagnosis. Differs from other species of Stenotus by generally yellowish green body, generally yellowish green antennae (Figures 1A and 1B), densely covered with erect dark setae on the first antennal segment (Figure 1G), some dark erect setae on collar (Figure 1H), a pair of dark spots on the pronotum, longitudinal dark brown line on hemelytra, generally yellowish green legs, yellowish green vein (Figures 1A and 1B) and left paramere with large sensory lobe (Figure 2A).

Redescription. MALE: Body elongate—oval, length 6.12—6.13.

Coloration: yellow to yellowish green and dark brown. Head: generally yellow to yellowish green; compound eyes dark brown; antennae generally brown, first antennal segment yellowish brown; tylus dark brown; rostrum generally yellowish green, third rostral segment brown, fourth rostral segment dark brown. Thorax: pronotum generally yellowish green, with a pair of spots on

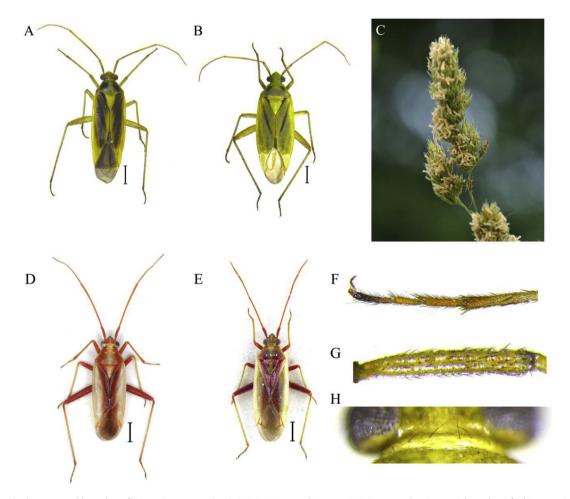


Figure 1. Diagnostic characters and host plant of Korean *Stenotus* species. A, B, F, G, H, *Stenotus binotatus*; D, E, *Stenotus rubrovittatus*; C, host plant of *S. binotatus*. A, Male; B, female; C, adults on host plant [*Dactylis glomerata* (Linnaeus, 1753) (Poaceae; Orchard grass)]; D, male; E, female; F, tarsus; G, setae of first antennal segment; H, setae on collar. <scale bar: 1 mm>

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