

Scientific Note

**Recent records of *Tongorma* Kirkaldy
(Heteroptera: Coreidae: Coreinae: Phyllomorphini) from Botswana and Zambia**

Hallazgos recientes de *Tongorma* Kirkaldy
(Heteroptera: Coreidae: Coreinae: Phyllomorphini) de Botsuana y Zambia

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Abstract. Two recent records of *Tongorma* from Botswana and Zambia are reported. Additional information on the distribution of *Tongorma latreillii* and *Tongorma tetrapterum* is given.

Key words: Africa, distribution, Hemiptera.

Resumen. Se presentan dos hallazgos recientes de *Tongorma* de Botsuana y Zambia. Se da información adicional acerca de la distribución de *Tongorma latreillii* y *Tongorma tetrapterum*.

Palabras clave: África, distribución, Hemiptera.

The genus *Tongorma* Kirkaldy, 1900 within the tribe Phyllomorphini of the Coreidae includes seven species (CoreoideaSF Team 2018) which are distributed in Africa (including Madagascar), respectively Asia.

So far, *Tongorma latreillii* (Guérin-Méneville, 1839) has been reported from Botswana, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Yemen and Zambia (Guérin-Méneville 1839; Stål 1858; Blöte 1935; Dolling 2006; Kment and Rédei 2013; Voigt 2014; van der Heyden 2015; Krüger and Deckert 2016). Most of these reports refer to just a few records from the 19th century and the early 20th century. Therefore, a recent record from Botswana should be published here to confirm the presence of *T. latreillii* in this country.

Tony Benn photographed a specimen of *T. latreillii* found near Serowe, Central District, located in the central-eastern part of Botswana on 12-XII-2012 (Fig. 1). The photograph was first published in the online database iNaturalist (Benn 2018). Tony Benn wrote: "My Serowe home near where the bug was collected is right on the edge of the residential area of very rocky hillside with a gentle gradient which is heavily overgrazed." (personal comment).

Furthermore, on 26-VI-2018 Stephen Wain observed and photographed a specimen belonging to the genus *Tongorma* in the South Luangwa National Park, Muchinga Province, situated in the north-eastern part of Zambia (Fig. 2). The photograph was first published in the online database Project Noah (Wain 2018). This specimen might belong to *T. latreillii* or to the related species *Tongorma tetrapterum* (Gerstaecker, 1873), so far reported from Kenya and Tanzania (Voigt 2014). Unfortunately, it is not possible to determine it unequivocally.

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Figures 1-2. 1. Specimen of *Tongorma latreillii* (Guérin-Méneville, 1839), near Serowe, Central District, Botswana, 12-XII-2012. (Photograph: Tony Benn). Scale: 2 mm. 2. Specimen belonging to *Tongorma* Kirkaldy, 1900, South Luangwa National Park, Muchinga Province, Zambia, 26-VI-2018. (Photograph: Stephen Wain).

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