Two new species of Chrysocharis Foerster and a new synonymy and record of Sympiesis Foerster (Hymenoptera : Chalcidoidea ; Eulophidae) from Western Canada

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Summary

Chyrsocharis (Nesomyia) yoshimotoi sp.n. and C. (N.) elmaellae sp.n. (Etedontinae) are described from the Vancouver district, British Columbia, Canada. Symplesis conica (Prov.), S. compressicornis (Prov.), S. nigrifemora Ashm., S., nigripes Ashm., and S. massasoit Crawf. are synonymized with S. sericeicornis (Nees), and Symplesis gordius (Walker) is newly recorded from North America. All of the parasites were reared from mines of Phyllonorycter elmaella Doğanlar and Mutuura (Lepidoptera : Gracilariidae).

Introduction

Chrysocharis (Nesomyia) yoshimotoi sp.n., C. (N.) elmaellae sp.n., Symplesis sericeicornis (Nees), and S. gordius (Walker) were reared from mines of Phyllonorycter elmaella Doğanlar and Mutuura (Lepidoptera); the allotype male of C. (N.) yoshimotoi was reared from mines of Gracillaria syringella (F.) (Lepidoptera) on Syringa sp. The larvae of P .elmaella were collected from leaves of apple and crapple in the Vancouver district, British Columbia, Canada.

All the specimens were studied by the author at the Biosystematics Research Institute, Ottawa, Ont., Canada, and were also examined by Dr. C. M. Yoshimoto of that institute, and by Dr. Z. Boucek of the Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, c/o British Museum (Natural History),

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London, England. The host species were identified by Dr. A. Mutuura of the Biosystematics Research Institute, Ottawa.

All types of the new species are deposited in the Canadian National Collection (CNC), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Chrysocharis (Nesomyia)* yoshimotoi sp.n. (Figs. 1, 2, 3)

Female : Length 1.83 mm. Body black, head and thorax with bright metallic blue-green reflection; antennal scape pale yellow, pedicel and flagellum brown; legs pale yellow, except pretarsi which are light brown and most of hind coxae brown to black with metallic lustre; tegulae yellow; gaster with blue-green lustre.

Head 1.2 times wider than thorax (3.3. : 2.6); malar scape distinctly narrower than breath of scape (3 : 5) and 0.18 times as long as distance between mouth margins; frons between toruli and frontal fork moderately, and vertex and occiput finely - reticulate; occiput slightly margined only behind ocelli; ocelli in form of triangle, ratio of distance between frontal ocellus and lateral ocelli (OCL) and distance between lateral ocelli 0.7 : 0.9; scape 5.6 times as long as wide combined length of antennal flagellum and pedical as wide as head (3.4 : 3.3); scape not reaching frontal ocellus; length of antenna including scape in ratio 2.8 : 0.9 : 0.25 (3rd annellus): 0.9 : 0.9 : 0.8 : 0.6 : 0.75 (including spicule).

Thorax (fig. 1) about 1.6 times as long wide (4.2 : 2.6); mesoscutum and scutellum moderately - reticulated; scutellum slightly longer than wide (3.3 : 2.8), concave, and apical margin rounded; ratio of distance between level scutellar bristles and anterior margin of scutellum and distance between level of scutellar bristles and tip of scutellum 11 : 9; dorsellum crescentic, finely - reticulate, and 1/2 as long as mid length of propodeum, propodeum short, about 1/3 as long as length of scutellum (1.1 : 3.3), rugose, with irregular longitudinal rugae instead of median carina, callus with 2 setae (fig. 2); hind coxae finely reticulate, with 3 setae on dorsal margin; fore wing about 2 times as long as wide, apical margin rounded; under side of subcostal vein with 8 setae; speculum open near basal vein, marginal vein plus parastigma 6.75 times as long as stigmal vein; postmarginal vein shorter than twice of stigmal vein.

Petiole subconical, about twice as wide as long (1.3 : 0.7), smooth, gaster elongate, about 2.5 times longer than wide (fig. 3), surface covered with

^(*) Kamijo, 1976.

sparse hairs, last segment of gaster 1.7 times longer than distance between cerci.

Male : Lenth 1.35 mm. Similar to female except as follows : Frons and vertex black with metallic golden-green reflection; legs pale yellow, except coxae brown to black with metallic lustre; trochanters and basal half of hind femora brown; tegulae brown, basilar sclerites of wing black.

Scape 3.66 times as long as wide (11:3); antennal flagellum plus pedicel shorter than breadth of head (2.0:2.4); length of antenna including scape in ratio 2.0: 0.65: 0.1 (3rd annellus): 0.5: 0.6: 0.58: 0.62 (including spicule). Under side of subcostal vein of fore wing with 3 setae, speculum closed; marginal vein plus parastigma 7 times as long as stigmal vein; petiole subconical, 1.3 times as wide as long (0.78:0.6); gaster about 1.6 times longer than wide (2.2:1.4).

Biology : This species is a solitary parasite of the larvae of P. elmaella on apple tree and of G. syringella on Syringa sp.. It pupates inside the mine of the host. The parasitism is about 1.33 % of the host larvae.

Types : Holotype, female, Haney, B.C., 5. IX. 77, M. Doğanlar ex *P. elmaella* on *Malus* (CNC). Allotype, male, Burnaby, B. C., 15. VIII. 77, M. Doğanlar ex G. syringella (F.) on Syringa (CNC).

Diagnosis : This species resembles only C. hirsutiventris Yshm. and C. walleyi Yshm, from North America and C. laomedon (Walker) from Europe. First two species are the only species known with elongate gaster in female from North America (Yoshimoto, 1973). It differs from them by having the differently shaped median sculpture of the propodeum, forming some irregular longitudinal rugae instead of median carinae (Fig. 2), the antennal scape and the last gastral segment being narrower and shorter than that of both species, and the under side of subcostal vein with 8 setae (5 setae in C. hirsutiventris and C. walleyi). C. yoshimotoi and C. hirsutiventris differ from C. walleyi in having Y- shaped frontal fork and from C. walleyi and C. laomedon by having the malar space narrower than breadth of scape. C. yoshimotoi differs from C. hirsutiventris and C. laomedon in having body black with metallic bluegreen reflection (thorax is red-fiery to purple with metallic lustre in hirsutiventris and laomedon); ratio of distance between anterior margin of scutellum and level of scutellar bristles and distance between level of scutellar bristles and tip of scutellum 11 : 9 in female of C. yoshimotoi (the same ratio in C. laomedon 8:5), posterior 1/3 of scutellum in female of C. yoshimotoi rounded (that of C. laomedon more or less V-shaped) (figs. 1, 2, 4). Length of gaster in female of C. yoshimotoi 2.3 times longer than wide (that of C. laomedon 3 times longer than wide) (figs. 3, 5).

Chrysocharis (Necomyia) elmaellae sp.n. (Figs. 6 - 9)

Female : Length 1.87-2.00 mm. Head and thorax with bright metallic bluegreen reflection; antennae black; legs pale yellow, except coxae and basal 3/4 of femora which are black; tegulae brown; gaster black with blue-green lustre.

Head slightly narrower than thorax; malar space slightly wider than breadth of scape (4:3) and 0.33 times as long as distance between mouth margins; frons moderately, vertex finely reticulate (fig. 6), ratio of distance between frontal ocellus and lateral ocelli (OCL) and distance between lateral ocelli 7:5; scape 5 times as long as wide, combined length of antennal flagellum and pedical shorter than width of head (5:6); scape not reaching frontal ocellus; length of antenna including scape in ratio 3:1:0.2 (3 rd annellus): 0.9:0.7:0.8:0.8 (including spicula).

Thorax (Fig. 7) about 1.48 times as long as wide (8:5.5); mesoscutum and scutellum moderately reticulated; scutellum distinctly longer than wide (7:8.3), flattened to slightly concave, ratio of distance between level of scutellar bristles and anterior margin of scutellum and distance between level of scutellar bristles and tip of scutellum 2:3; dorsellum crescentic, finely reticulated; propodeum about 1/3 as long as scutellum, alutaceous except bellow Y-shaped median carina which finely reticulated, hind margin with few irregular carinulae (Fig. 8); anterior margin of mesepimeron curved; hind coxae



Fig. 1. Chrysocharis yoshimotoi sp.n., female, mesonotum and scutellum (75x).

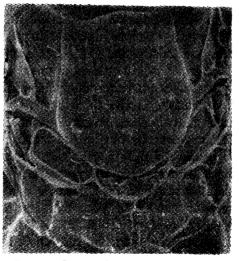


Fig. 2. Chrysocharis yoshimotoi sp n., female, scutellum and propodeum (100x).

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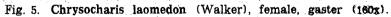


Fig. 3. Chrysocharis yoshimotoi sp.n., female, gaster (120x).



Fig. 4. Chrysocharis laomedom (Walker), female, mesonotum and scutellum (75x).





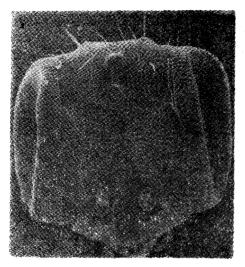


Fig. 6. Chrysocharis elmaellae sp.n., female, head (320 x).

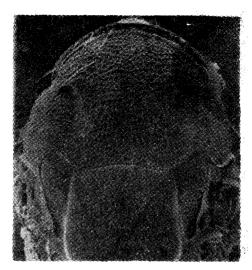


Fig. 7. Chrysocharis elmaellae sp.n., female, mesonotum and scutellum (280 x).



Fig. 8. Chrysocharis elmaellae sp.n., female, scutellum and propodeum (320 x).



Fig. 9. Chrysocharis elmaellae sp.n., female, gaster (180 x).

microreticulate, dorsal margin without seta, forewing 2 times as long as wide, apical margin rounded; underside of submarginal vein with 7-9 setae; speculum closed, marginal vein plus parastigma about 7.3 times longer than stigmal vein; postmarginal vein about 2.0-2.3 times longer than stigmal vein.

Petiole conical, smooth, posteriorly with transverse microcarina. Gaster elongate-ovate, about 2.2 times as long as wide (fig. 9), slightly longer than thorax ,and shorter than head plus thorax.

Male : Length 1.25-1.62 mm. Similar to female except as follows: scape yellow; basal 1/6 of fore femur and basal half of mid and hind femora black.

Antennal scape ellipsoidal, flattened, about 3 times as long as wide; combined length of antennal flagellum and pedicel as long as width of head; length of antenna including scape in ratio 3.2:1:0.2 (3rd annellus): 0.8:1:0.9:0.8:1 (including spicula). Scutellum with deep, wide pits inside each scutellar bristle; marginal vein plus parastigma 6.3 times longer than stigmal vein.

Gaster oblong-ovate, 1.7 times longer than wide, narrow at base, gradually widening toward apex; 0.75 times as long as thorax, and 0.6 times as long as head plus thorax.

Biology: This species is a solitary parasite of the larvae of *P. elmaella* on apple tree. It pupates inside the mine of the host. The parasitism is about 5.3 % of the host larvae.

Types : Holotype, female, New Westminster, B.C., 24.VII.1978, Doğanlar, ex *Phyllonorycter elmaella* Doğanlar and Mutuura (CNC) Allotype, male New Westminster, B.C., 20.VII.1978, Doğanlar, same host as holotype (CNC).

Paratypes : 1 female, New Westminster, B.C., 12.VII.1978, Doğanlar; 1 male, Haney, B.C., 28.VIII.1977, Doğanlar, hosts of paratypes same as holotype (CNC).

Diagnosis : This species resembles only C. cuspidigaster Yshm. from North America and C. nephereus (Walker) from Europe. C. elmaellae differs from the former by having scape entirely black (that of cuspidigaster pale to orange-yellow); distance between frontal ocellus and posterior ocelli in ratio 7:5 (that of cuspidigaster 1:2); scape not reaching frontal ocellus (reaching in cuspidigaster); anterior margin of mesepimeron curved (that of cuspidigaster straight); marginal vein plus parastigma 7.3 times longer than stigmal vein which is 5 times longer than stigmal vein in cuspidigaster); speculum closed (which is open below in cuspidigaster). C. elmaellae differs from both species in having scutellum distinctly longer than wide (that of both species as long as wide). The new species differs from C. nephereus by having propodeum aluteceous, only finely-reticulated below Y-shaped median carina (fig. 8) (which is weakly sculptured and without median carina in *nephereus*): scutellum of male with deep, wide pits inside each scutellar bristle (that of female less deep) which have not been seen so deep pits in any specimen of other species of the genus (personel communication, in letter of Z. Boucek, May 10, 1978).

Symplesis sericeicornis (Nees)

Synonyms :

- Eulophus upupaenellae Bouche, 1834, Naturgesch.d.Insecten, p. 172 (syn. Boucek, 1959)
- Eulophus sericeicornis Nees, 1834, Hym. Ichneum.affin. Monogr. 2:168 (in Boucek, 1959)
- Entedon laticornis Ratzeburg, 1848, Ichneum.d.Forstins., 2:162 (in Boucek, 1959)
- Sympiezus sericeicornis, Thomson, 1878, Hym. Scand., 5:217 (in Boucek, 1959)
- Symplezus punctipleura, Thomson, 1878, Ibidem, 5:218 (in Boucek, 1959)
- Sympiezus lithocolletidis Brunn, 1883, Rep. N.Y. (Cornell) Agric. Expt Stn., Dept., Ent. 2:150 (Nomen nudum, Miller, 1970).
- Metacolus conius Provancher, 1887, Add. Corr. Faune Ent. Canada, Hym., pp. 200-201 (Literature not seen). New synonymy.
- Coccophagus compressicornis Provancher, 1887, Ibidem, p. 206 (Literature not seen). New synonymy.
- Symplesis nigrifemora Ashmead, 1888, Bull. Kans. agric. Exx. Stn. 3:app. p. VII. (Lterature not seen). New synonymy.

Sympiesis nigripes Ashmead, 1888, Ibidem, 3:app.p. VII. New synonymy.

Segripiesis nigrifemora Webster, 1895, Can. Ent. 27:68.

- Symplesis massasoit Crawford, 1913, Proc. U.S. nath. Mus. 45:258. (Syn. with S. conica (Prov.) by Miller, 1970). New synonymy.
- Symplesis feketei Györffy, 1939, Folia ent. Hung., 4:100 (syn. Boucek, 1959).
- Symplesis compressicornis Peck, 1951, in Muesebeck et al., Agr. Monogr. (U.S. Dept. Agric.), 2:426.

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Sympiesis conicus Peck, 1951, Ibidem, 2:426.

Symplesis conica Miller, 1970, Men. Ent. Soc. Can. No. 68, p. 36. Symplesis nigripes Pottinger and LeRoux, 1971, Ibidem, No. 77, p. 81.

This European insect has been recorded under different names as a parasite of leaf-miners, Lithocolletis malimalifoliella Braun (Miller, 1970) and L. blancardella, and as a hyperparasite of Apanteles orginis Weed (Pottinger and LeRoux, 1971) in Canada and as a parasite of Lithocolletis spp. (Peck, 1951, 1963), and L. crataegella Clem. (Bekham et al., 1950) in the U.S.A. Miller (1970) stated that S. conica could be separated from European S. sericeicornis by having the antero-dorsal angles of the first three funicular segments extremely elongated or, more commonly, barely to slightly aciculate, but Boucek (1959) showed that this was within the range of variation of S. sericeicornis.

Type specimens of S. sericeicornis, S. conica, S. nigripes, S. nigrifemora, and S. compressicornis in the CNC were studied and I concluded that all the specimens were conspecific; Dr. Boucek and Dr. Yoshimoto also examined the type specimens and agreed.

Symplesis sericeicornis was the most important parasite of P. elmaella in the Vancouver district in 1977; in Haney 20 % of the host larvae were parasitized; in Burnaby from 1.2 to 1.4 % of the host larvae. It has at least three generations a year in those locations.

Sympiesis gordius (Walker)

Synonyms :

Eulophus Gordius Walker, 1839, Monogr. Chalciditum, 1: 129.

Eulophus Alaparus Walker, 1839, Ibidem, 1: 163.

Eulophus cervicornis Förster, 1841, Beitr. Monogr. Pteromal., p. 43.

Entedon padellae Ratzeburg, 1844, Ichneum. d. Forstins., 1: 166.

Eulophus laevissimus Ratzeburg, 1848, Ibidem ,2 : 157.

Eulophus stramineipes Thomson, 1878, Hym. Scand., 5: 232.

Eulophus albiscapus Erdös, 1954, Ann. Hist. nat. Mus. Natl. Hung. 5: 327.

Eulophus padellae Delucchi, 1958, Entomophaga, 3: 259.

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Dr. Boucek kindly examined two Canadian specimens and confirmed my identification. According to him, they agree well with type of *gordius* in British Museum (Nat. Hist.), London.

Specimens reared : British Columbia, CANADA : New Westminster, 1 female, 12. VII. 1978, Doğanlar; Burnaby, 1 female, 1. 1. 1978 (Laboratory rearing), Doğanlar.

Distribution : British Columbia, Canada (new nearctic records for the species); Central and Northern Europe ,Afghanistan (Boucek, 1959).

Biology : Reared from mines of P. elmaella on apple and crabapple in the Vancouver district, British Columbia. The parasitism is about 1.2 - 2.0% of the host larvae.

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Özet

Batı Kanada'dan Chrysocharis Foerster cinsine bağlı iki yeni tür ile bu bölge için Symplesis Foerster (Hym.; Chalcidoidea : Eulophidae) cinsine bağlı yeni bir kayıt ve sinonimleri.

Vancouver bölgesi (British Columbia, Kanada)'nden Chrysocharis (Nesomyia) yoshimatoi sp.n. ve C. (N) elmaellae sp.n. isimlendirilip tanımlanmıştır. Sympiesis conica (Prov.), S. compressicornis (Prov.) S. nigripes Ashm. ve S. massasoit Crawf'in, bir Palearctic tür olan S. sericeicornis (Nees)'in synonym'i olduğu saptanmış ve Sympiesis gordius (Walker) Kuzey Amerika'da ilk olarak bulunmuştur. Parazitlerin hepsi Malus spp. yapraklarından toplanan Phyllonorycter elmaella Doğanlar and Mutuura (Lepidoptera : Gracilariidae) tırtıllarından elde edilmiştir.

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