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Mitaraka Mountains (French Guiana) (photo Sylvain Hugel). In medaillon, Phalaecus carmini n. sp., ♂ dorsal, holotype.

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ABSTRACT
Five species of the Neotropical genus *Phalaecus* Stål, 1862 were known up to now: *P. lineatus* Grazia, 1983, *P. nigromaculatus* Grazia, 1983, *P. paraense* Grazia, 1983, *P. pustulatus* (De Geer, 1773), and *P. ruckesi* Grazia, 1983. *Phalaecus pustulatus* was the only species mentioned from French Guiana. We mention here the first records of *P. lineatus*, *P. nigromaculatus*, and *P. ruckesi* to French Guiana. The female of *P. lineatus* is described for the first time, and a new species, *Phalaecus carmini* n. sp., is described. An identification key of the five adult *Phalaecus* species found in French Guiana is proposed, and color pictures of the habitus are given for the first time.

KEY WORDS
Heteroptera, Pentatomoidea, Pentatomini, South America, Neotropics, Amazon rainforest, new species.

RÉSUMÉ
Le genre Phalaecus Stål, 1862 en Guyane, avec la description de *P. carmini* n. sp., et de la femelle de *P. lineatus* Grazia, 1983 au Mitaraka (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae).

MOTS CLÉS
Heteroptera, Pentatomoidea, Pentatomini, Amérique du Sud, néotropical, forêt pluviale amazonienne, espèce nouvelle.
INTRODUCTION

Phalaecus Stål, 1862 was a monotypic genus until 1983, with the only known species Phalaecus pustulatus (De Geer, 1773) redescribed more precisely by Bergroth (1910). Grazia (1983) described four new species of Phalaecus: P. lineatus Grazia, 1983; P. nigromaculatus Grazia, 1983; P. paraense Grazia, 1983 and P. ruckesi Grazia, 1983. Specimens of the genus Phalaecus are relatively rare in collections; Grazia (1983) mentioned only 20 specimens conserved in eight museums in the world. She mentioned this genus only from the Amazon region: Brazil, Guyana, Surinam and French Guiana. Phalaecus pustulatus was mentioned in these four countries, P. ruckesi and P. lineatus from Surinam, P. nigromaculatus from Brazil and Surinam, and P. paraense from Brazil. She didn’t provide identification key and presented black and white drawings of the adults of two species: P. lineatus and P. nigromaculatus, the male genitalia of the five species, and the female genitalia of three species: P. nigromaculatus, P. pustulatus and P. ruckesi, the females of P. lineatus and P. paraense remaining unknown. The biology of this genus is unknown including its host plants and its nymphs.

A total of 117 Phalaecus specimens were recently collected using different kind of traps in French Guiana. We found among those specimens some species never collected in French Guiana before as well as the presence of a new species and the female of P. lineatus discovered initially at Mitaraka during the 2015 expedition led by MNHN. The new species and the female of P. lineatus are described here, and a key is given to identify all the Phalaecus species from French Guiana using new characters shown on color pictures of their habitus, never published before (Fig. 1).

In order to compare genitalia of the new species with the other species of the genus, the dorsal views of the dissected male pygophores of five of the six species were photographed and shown side by side with the redrawn corresponding drawings from Grazia (1983). Also, to compare the female of P. lineatus to the females of the other species, the ventral views of female genital plates of P. lineatus, P. nigromaculatus and P. pustulatus, were photographed and drawn (Fig. 2).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Traditional UV-MV light traps, set up for more than 60 nights between 1995 and 2004, followed by the installation of automatic 20W LED trapping systems (Polyvie®, GemLight®) and glass interception traps in French Guiana, sorted and recorded all year since 2009 by the SEAG from Mana (An-goulême), Maripasoula (Mont Irougé), Matoury, Régina (Nouragues, Crique Orfion), Roura (Montagne des Chevaux), St-Laurent-du-Maroni, Saül (point de vue), allowed us to access new specimens of Phalaecus. Other specimens of the P. pustulatus and P. lineatus were collected during the “Our Planet Reviewed” Guyane-2015 expedition in the Mitaraka range, in the core area of the French Guiana Amazonian Park, organized by the MNHN and Pro-Natura international (Tourroult et al. 2018).

The localities of the 117 specimens of the genus Phalaecus are listed and associated to the name of the municipality they belong to. They were collected only in French Guiana and are mainly conserved in author’s collection (coll. RL), and also in the MNHN (MNHN) and Hydreco (coll. Hydreco, Sinnamary, French Guiana, France) collections.

Measurements were performed on photos digitalized with a precision scale, by expanding, measuring and comparing them on a computer screen.

ABBREVIATIONS

ERDF European Regional Development Fund;
IRD Institut de Recherche pour le Développement;
LED Light Emitting Diode;
NDSU North Dakota State University, Fargo;
SEAG Société entomologique Antilles-Guyane;
UFRGS Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre;
UFPP Universidade Federal do Para, Belém;
UV-MV Ultraviolet produced by at least one 125W mercury-vapor lamp.

Institutional collection


Private collection

coll. RL collection Roland Lupoli, Fontenay-sous-bois;
coll. Hydreco Hydreco, Sinnamary, French Guiana.

SYSTEMATICS

Order HEMIPTERA Linnæus, 1758
Family PENTATOMIDAE Leach, 1815
Genus Phalaecus Stål, 1862

Phalaecus pustulatus (De Geer, 1773)
(Figs 1A; 2A-D)

Phalaecus pustulatus – Stål 1872: 47.

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**FIG. 1.** — Habitus of *Phalaecus* spp. in French Guiana: 

A, *P. pustulatus* (De Geer, 1773), ♀ dorsal, Régina, Nouragues; 


D, *P. nigromaculatus* Grazia, 1983, ♀ dorsal, Roura, Montagne de Kaw; 

E, *Phalaecus carmini* n. sp., ♂ dorsal, Holotype, Sinnamary, route du barrage de Petit Saut; 

F, idem, ventral. Scale bar: 5 mm.
Phalaecus rucewi Grazia, 1983
(Figs 1B; 2E-G)

**Phalaecus rucewi** Grazia, 1983: 183.


**Distribution.** — Colombia: Nuqui (Choco), Leticia, Tarapaca, Puerto Nariño (Amazonas), Brazil: Parecis (Mato Grosso). Guiana: Rupununi, Moraball Creek. Surinam: Kraka & Brownsberg (Brokopondo), Nickerie (Sipaliwini). French Guiana: Matoury, Sinnamary, Ouanary, Roura, Régina, Mana, St-Laurent du Maroni, Saül, Maripasoula (present paper).

**Remark.** Although our male specimens fit on descriptions of this species made by Bergroth (1910) and Grazia (1983), these specimens (Fig. 2B) do not agree completely with the pygophore illustration of Grazia (Grazia 1983: 178, fig. 1 and Fig. 2A). Shapes of ventral and dorsal rims of the pygophore look similar but parameters from our specimens are much smaller, never go beyond the ventral rim and their tridimensional form is not clearly represented in the illustration. Bergroth (1910) and Grazia (1983) mentioned this species was previously collected from French Guiana, but no locality was reported. This species is the most common *Phalaecus* species, and it is actually well distributed among nine municipalities all over French Guiana. More than a third of the specimens were collected with UV-MV light traps, and about two third were attracted by LED automatic light traps. Since the previous distribution reported by Grazia (1983), this species was also mentioned from Colombia by Torres Gutiérrez (2005).

**Phalaecus lineatus** Grazia, 1983
(Figs 1C; 2H-J)

**Phalaecus lineatus** Grazia, 1983: 186.


**Distribution.** — Suriname: Pepejoe. French Guiana: Maripasoula and Saül (present paper).

**Diagnosis.** — According to the original description of the male holotype from Surinam by Grazia (1983). Dorsal surface globally pale yellow-ocher as well as legs (Fig. 1C). Pronotum with ten longitudinal lines formed by brownish shallow punctures. Base of scutellum with four longitudinal punctured lines in the continuation of the four central prontal longitudinal lines, only the two external lines reaching the apex. Corium with irregular punctured network of lines, formed by brownish shallow punctures, leaving large irregular pale yellow-ocher impunctate spots. Connexivum impunctate and almost concolorous, weakly marked alternatively with pale rufous spots. Antennomeres I to IV concolorous, apical half of antennomere V slightly darker.

Genital plates impunctate pale yellow-ocher (Fig. 2J) as well as ventral surface. Gonocoxites 8 oval with a ratio length/width larger than 1.5, reaching the posterior margin of gonocoxites 9. Gonocoxites 9 and laterotergites 9 are on the same plane. Apex of laterotergites 8 conical and very similar to the female of *P. pusillatus* (Fig. 2D) but slightly more inclined outwardly. Laterotergites 9 narrow, basally covered by gonocoxites 8, so their lateral margins are not protruding over the lateral sides of gonocoxites 8. Proctiger cylindrical.

**Description of female**

**Measurements (mm)**

Total length: 15.7-17.2; pronotum width (at humeral angles): 9.0-9.6; abdomen width: 10.0-10.9; head length: 1.6-1.9; head width across the eyes: 2.3-2.5; pronotum length: 3.5-3.6; Antennomeres I: 1.2-1.5, II: 1.6-1.7, III: 2.2-2.6, IV: 3.1-3.3, V: 2.7-2.8.
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**REMARK**
Described previously only from the male holotype collected in 1952, this species is mentioned here for the first time in French Guiana with 60 specimens collected in 2015 and 2017 from two localities (57 from Mitaraka, three from Saül), including more than twice more males than females (sex ratio close to 2:1). The males may be more attracted by lights than females. Conversely, *P. pustulatus* sex ratio is close to 1:1. The female of *P. lineatus* is described here and this species is photographed for the first time.

**FIG. 2.** — Male and female genitalia in *Phalaecus* spp.: **A**, *P. pustulatus* (De Geer, 1773) ♀, pygophore, dorsal; **B**, idem from Régina, Piste Belizoon; **C**, idem ♀ genital plates, ventral; **D**, idem from Régina, Nouragues; **E**, *P. ruckesi* Grazia, 1983 ♀ pygophore, dorsal; **F**, idem from Roura, Montagne des Chevaux; **G**, idem ♀ genital plates, ventral; **H**, *P. lineatus* Grazia, 1983 ♀ pygophore, dorsal; **I**, idem from Maripasoula, Massif du Mitaraka; **J**, idem ♀ genital plates, ventral, from Maripasoula, Massif du Mitaraka; **K**, *P. nigromaculatus* Grazia, 1983 ♀ pygophore, dorsal; **L**, idem, from Roura, Montagne des Chevaux; **M**, idem ♀ genital plates, ventral; **N**, idem, from Roura, Montagne de Kaw; **O**, *P. paraense* Grazia, 1983 ♀ pygophore, dorsal; **P**, *P. carmini* n. sp. ♀ pygophore, dorsal, from Sinnamary, Route du barrage de Petit Saut; **Q**, idem, detail of the right paramere. Abbreviations: ♀ genitalia: Gc8, Gonocoxites 8; Gc9, Gonocoxites 9; La8, Laterotergites 8; La9, Laterotergites 9; X, abdominal segment X or Proctiger. ♀ genitalia: Dr, dorsal rim; Vr, ventral rim; Pla, posterolateral angle; Pa, paramere; Pr, abdominal segment X or Proctiger. Scale bars: A-P, 1 mm; Q, 0.5 mm. A, C, E, G, H, K, M, O are original drawings adapted from Grazia (1983).
**Phalaecus nigromaculatus** Grazia, 1983
(Figs 1D; 2K-N)


**Material examined.** — French Guiana, 2 specimens: 1 ♂, 1 ♀. Roura, Montagne de Kaw, PK 37.5, hand catching, 12.VI.2003, Alexandre Bout leg., 1 ♀, coll. RL. — Montagne des Chevaux RN2 PK 22, Glass interception trap, 19.II.2012, 1 ♂, coll. RL.


**Remark**

This species does not seem to be attracted by lights. The female specimen was collected by sight and the male specimen with a glass interception trap. Also Grazia (1983) did not mention the use of light traps to collect the three specimens observed, 1 ♂ & 1 ♀ from Brazil and 1 ♀ from Surinam. This species is photographed for the first time. The dorsal color of the female collected is globally red although the color of the male is mostly dark orange.

**Phalaecus carmini** n. sp.
(Figs 1E, F; 2P, Q)

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**Type material.** — Holotype. ♂, French Guiana. Guyane [Sinnamary], Route du barrage de Petit Saut PK 21, PL [piège lumineux = UV-MV light trap], 29.IV.2002, Lupoli leg., MNHN.

**Paratype.** ♀ same data as Holotype, coll. RL.

♀, unknown.

**Distribution.** — French Guiana: Sinnamary.

**Etymology.** — Name based in the carmine red colored body, and the rufous femora, tibiae and tarsus.

**Diagnosis.** — Phalaecus carmini n. sp. can be distinguished from the other species of the genus by the dorsal carmine red background (Fig. 1E). Phalaecus lineatus has a dorsal pale yellow ocher color and antennae without contrasting black spots (Fig. 1C). Phalaecus nigromaculatus has a general red or orange dorsal color and contrasting dark areas, and has entirely black antennomeres I and II (Fig. 1D). Phalaecus postulatus is larger, has a more elongated body shape and antennomeres I not dark (Fig. 1A). Phalaecus ruckesi is more similar to Phalaecus n. sp., but the background color is brown and light spots occupy a larger area on corium in P. ruckesi (Fig. 1B). Also the longitudinal stripe on the head is proportionally broader in P. carmini n. sp. (Fig. 1E) than in the other species. The shape of the ventral rim of the pygophore and shape of the parameres (Fig. 2Q) easily separate P. carmini n. sp. from the other species. Phalaecus carmini n. sp. is the only species in which ventral rim is not bifid and whose parameres are quite large, occupying a large part of the genital cup on each side, and not boot or hook shaped but a very specific shape as shown in Fig. 2Q.

**Description of male
Measurements (mm)

Total length: 12.5-12.8; pronotum width (at humeral angles): 7.6-7.8; abdomen width: 7.6-7.8; head length: 1.6-1.7; head width across the eyes: 2.2-2.3; pronotum length: 2.7-2.8; Antennomeres: I: 1.0-1.1, II: 1.5-1.6, III: 2.2-2.3, IV (missing in paratype): 2.80, V (missing in paratype): 2.80.

**Coloration**

Dorsal surface carmine red with light orange spots (Fig. 1E). Carmine red surface associated with concolorous deep and dense punctures uniformly distributed on pronotum, scutellum and corium; light orange spots impunctate. Ventral surface yellow and impunctate, except few concolorous punctures on prosternum (Fig. 1F). Small black macules around each abdominal spiracles and at the base of each thoracic coxae. Antennomeres I carmine red, II yellow but basally and apically black, III and IV yellow with apical two third black, V yellow with apical half black. Legs yellow with distal part of femora, proximal and distal apices of tibiae and tarsi reddish.

**Head**

 Clypeus shorter than the mandibular plates. Central longitudinal carmine red line surrounded by two light orange spots. This line thicker than in all other species. Ocelli bright red.

**Thorax**

Anterolateral margins of the pronotum straight. Pronotum carmine red with sixteen large light orange impunctate spots aligned in three transversal rows (4-6-6).

**Abdomen**

Scutellum carmine red with two large light orange impunctate spots on each basal angle, one large at the apex, and few other smaller and irregular spots in between. Each corium carmine red with three large yellow impunctate macules (and about ten other smaller ones), one in the middle, one at the apex and one at the anterolateral margin of the exocorium. The area covered by all light orange impunctate spots smaller than half of the corium surface. Connexivum impunctate alternately carmine red and light orange (Fig. 1E).

**Male genitalia**

Pygophore, parameres and proctiger light orange and impunctate. In dorsal view, ventral rim almost straight, from the posterolateral angles of pygophore to the central U-shaped excavation (Fig. 2P). This large U-shaped orthogonal excavation as wide as the quarter of the width of the pygophore. Dorsal rim slightly sinuated, leaving base of parameres exposed. Proctiger trapezoidal with short setae (Fig. 2P). Parameres quite big, not boot or hook-shaped and occupying a large part of the genital cup on each side; parameres flat and triangular with an outer laterally directed triangular lobe and an inner large and laterally curved lobe (Fig. 2Q).

**Remark**

Grazia et al. (2015) published a dorsal picture of a *Phalaecus* sp. female specimen from Peru (Yuyapichis, 21.IX.2004). Its dorsal surface is carmine red with light orange spots like...
Five of them dorsally photographed. Pygophores are distinguished from the other species, except from plates of the female of the species described and distinguished from the other species, except from the genital plates of the female of which occur in French Guiana. Four of them: P. lineatus, P. nigromaculatus, and P. ruckesi, are reported from French Guiana for the first time. The new species is distinguished by its antennomeres II, which are entirely black glossy with only a distal black ring on second segment, and in P. carmini n. sp. also a distal dark ring on first segment. Antennomeres III-V with black areas smaller than above.

DISCUSSION

The new species P. carmini n. sp. is described from French Guiana and was not found elsewhere, bringing to six the number of species belonging to the genus Phalaecus, five of which occur in French Guiana. Four of them: P. carmini n. sp., P. linearus, P. nigromaculatus, and P. ruckesi, are reported from French Guiana for the first time. The genital plates of the female of P. linearus are different and can be distinguished from the other species, except from P. carmini n. sp. and P. paraenae, since their females are still unknown. The male pygophores of all the species are now described and five of them dorsally photographed. Pygophores are different enough between species to distinguish them: in dorsal view, the ventral rim and parameres shapes are actually good characters (see Fig. 2). New characters, never mentioned before, are moreover used in the key in order to identify more easily the adults of the Phalaecus species by comparing their dorsal habitus.

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