

Upswing of collections of horse flies (Diptera, Tabanidae) held at the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi

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Abstract: History of zoogeographical views and actual distribution of 23 determined species of Tabanidae from three subfamilies, five tribes and 8 genera (*Philoliche* Wiedemann, 1828 – 4 species; *Chrysops* Meigen, 1803 – 3; *Thaumastocera* Grünberg, 1906 – 1; *Ancala* Enderlein, 1922 – 1; *Atylotus* Osten-Sacken, 1876 – 1; *Tabanus* Linnaeus, 1758 – 8; *Haematopota* Meigen, 1803 – 4; *Hippocentrum* Austen, 1908 – 1) mainly from Kenya are summarized, using the names of recent African countries. *Tabanus sericiventr* Loew, 1858 is new for Kenya. Lower taxonomical units as *Tabanus insignis* f. *neavei* Austen, 1912 and *T. marmorosus* ssp. *conigcola* Bequaert, 1930 are discussed. A complete new references to all identified taxa are given.

Key words: Taxonomy, faunistics, actual distribution, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lake Tanganyika, Mali, Uganda, Afrotropical Region.

Introduction

A checklist of species of horse flies of Kenya is our aim for the future. The study of 37 loaned specimens of Tabanidae from cca 1400 held at the National Museums of Kenya is a first step. All literary data on African Tabanidae namely after historical works of Oldroyd (monographs of African horse flies with keys - 1952, 1954, 1957), Moucha (catalogue of world species - 1976) and Chainey & Oldroyd (catalogue of African species - 1980) were analyzed. The mentioned authors accounted often distribution as areas or stripes of topographical occurrence of species without saying concrete actual names of African governments. Many new references are added up to date to resolve this problem.

Material and methods

The material of 37 studied specimens (32 ♀♀, 5 ♂♂), as a part of the horse flies collection, is deposited in the National Museums of Kenya, Department of Zoology, Diptera section. Dry and pinned flies were examined with a Carl Zeiss Jena stereomicroscope and determined by the first author in Prague (Czech Republic). The collection of Tabanidae deposited in Nairobi will be reviewed in future and now contains about 1400 specimens, incl. a lot of undetermined ones (see Tab. 1). The nomenclature of Tabanidae was mainly used sensu Moucha (1976), and partially sensu Chainey & Oldroyd (1980).

Results

FAMILY TABANIDAE

Subfamily Pangoniinae, Tribe Philolichini

Genus *Philoliche*, Subgenus *Dorcaloemus*

Philoliche (Dorcaloemus) compacta (Austen, 1908a): Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., 1(8): 212. (as *Pangonia*)

Material examined: Kenya, Lunga Lunga, 20.v.1981, W.R. Ingram leg., 1 ♂.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Kenya, Tanganyika, former Belgian Congo, Nyasaland and Rhodesia (adapted). Moucha (1976): Eastern and Southern Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia, former Rhodesia (adapted).

Distribution. DRC, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Philoliche (Dorcaloemus) rueppellii (Jaennicke, 1867): Abh. Senkenb. naturf. Ges., 6: 329. (as *Pangonia*)

Material examined: Manda Island (Lamu Archipelago of Kenya), Mangrove Swamp Habitat, vii.-viii.1982, Brathay Expedition leg., 1♂.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, former Abyssinia (adapted). Moucha (1976): Eastern Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda.

Distribution. Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda.

Subgenus *Ommatiosteres*

Philoliche (Ommatiosteres) elongata (Ricardo, 1912): Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., 1(8): 54. (as *Pangonia*)

Material examined: Kenya, Tsavo West National Park (Maktau), 10.vi.1981, R.H. Markham leg., 2 ♀♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Kenya, Tanganyika, former Northern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo (adapted). Moucha (1976): Eastern and Southern Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Angola, Kenya, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia. Chainey (1983): Afrotropical Region, key. Dias (1994): Angola.

Distribution. Angola, DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia.

Subgenus *Philoliche*

Philoliche (Philoliche) magretti (Bezzi, 1901): Bull. Soc. ent. Ital., 33: 7. (as *Pangonia*)

Material examined: Kenya, Baringo, 26.viii.1981, R.H. Markham leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Eritrea, Kenya, Northern Nigeria, Sudan, Somalilands (adapted). Moucha (1976): Eastern Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Ethiopia (Eritrea), Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania. Dirie *et al.* (1989): Somalia. Amoudi & Leclercq (1988, 1992), Leclercq (2000), Al-Dhafer *et al.* (2009): Saudi Arabia. Mahmoud & Osman (1979): Sudan.

Distribution. Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania.

SUBFAMILY CHRYSOPSINAE

Tribe *Chrysopsini*, Genus *Chrysops*

Chrysops funebris Austen, 1907: Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., 20(7): 507.

Material examined: Kenya, Stoneham, E. Sur. Ests. Trans Nzoia. Brit. E. Africa, 26.iii.1926, ? leg. (illegible), 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Kenya, Sudan, former Belgian Congo, Cameroun Français, British Cameroons and Spanish Guinea (adapted). Moucha (1976): E. Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Congo basin from Cameroun and Equatorial Guinea to Sudan, Angola, Kenya, Mozambique and Uganda (adapted). Dias (1994): Angola.

Distribution. Angola, Cameroon, Congo Republic, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Sudan, Uganda.

Chrysops longicornis Macquart, 1838: Dipt. exot., 1: 156.

Material examined: Mali, Reg. Sikasso, 2 km E of Bougouni, 30.xii.1978, A. Cisse leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Ethiopian Region, Cape Province – Natal, South Africa, Zanzibar, Pemba Island (Zanzibar Archipelago), former British Cameroons (adapted). Leclercq (1961): former Congo (adapted). Leclercq (1965): Liberia. Moucha (1976): Ethiop. Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Senegal; widespread Afrotrop. Reg. (incl. Pemba and Zanzibar), Sierra Leone. Goodwin (1982, 1985): Mali. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Dias (1987, 1994): Angola. Inaoka *et al.* (1988b), Hayakawa *et al.* (1989), Itina *et al.* (2013): Nigeria. Chainey & Cheke (1994): Togo. Taylor & Chainey (1994), Acapovi *et al.* (2001): Ivory Coast. Dias (1996): Central Africa Republic (CAR). Sasaki & Nishida (1999), Sasaki (2005): Tanzania. Schacht (2000): Gambia. Dia *et al.* (2004), Koné *et al.* (2011): Burkina Faso. Esterhuizen (2006): Natal Province, South Africa.

Distribution. Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Congo Republic, DRC, Gambia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Natal Province – South Africa, Nigeria, Pemba Island, Senegal, Sierra Leone Republic, Tanzania, Togo.

***Chrysops obliquefasciatus* Macquart, 1838:** Dipt. exot., 1: 157.

Material examined: Ethiopia, Holetla, 10.iv.1987, B.L. Parker leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1957): Cape Province – Natal, South Africa, Eritrea, former Abyssinia and Somaliland (adapted). Moucha (1976): S. Africa, former Congo (adapted). Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): South Africa; Angola, Mozambique, Zaire, Zambia, former Rhodesia (adapted), Dias (1994): Angola.

Distribution. Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa, Somalia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Tribe **Rhinomyzini**, Genus ***Thaumastocera***

***Thaumastocera akwa* Grünberg, 1906:** Zool. Anz., 30: 356.

Material examined: Congo Belge (= now DRC), Equateur, Ikola, iii.1959, R.H. Carcasson leg., 1♂.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Guinean and Congo forest belts, from Sierra Leone to eastern Uganda. Leclercq (1965): Liberia. Moucha (1976): Sierra Leone to E. Uganda. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Cameroon, from Guinea and Sierra Leone to Uganda and Zaire (adapted). Dias (1994): Angola. Dias (1996): CAR.

Distribution. Angola, Cameroon, CAR, DRC, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zaire.

SUBFAMILY TABANINAE

Tribe **Tabanini**, Genus ***Ancala***

***Ancala africana* (Gray, 1832):** in Griffith Cuvier's Animal Kingdom, 15: 696. (as *Tabanus*)

Material examined: Kenya, Δ 8, L. Badingo Kiserian Camp (illegible), Malaise trap, ii.1989, Operation Raleigh leg., 1♀; Kenya, Stoneham, Mambavi leg., 3.v.1927, 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): from Natal to Sudan and Ethiopia, and westwards into Angola; S.W. Africa, former Belgian Congo and N. Nigeria (adapted). Moucha (1976): Natal to S. Sudan. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Mozambique, Uganda, Northern Nigeria to Sudan and Ethiopia, eastern Africa, NE Africa, southern Africa (incl. Angola and Namibia), Zaire (adapted). Dirie *et al.* (1989): Somalia. Irish (1991): Namibia. Dias (1987): Mozambique. Dias (1990): Republic of South Africa. Dias (1994): Angola. Dias (1996): CAR. Mihok (2002): Kenya. Sasaki (2005): Tanzania. Esterhuizen (2006): Natal Province, South Africa.

Distribution. Angola, CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Zaire, Uganda.

Genus ***Atylotus***

***Atylotus agrestis* (Wiedemann, 1828):** Aussereur. zweifl. Ins., 1: 557. (as *Tabanus*)

Material examined: Kenya, Simamal, 19.vi.1993, A.F. Mahad leg., 1♀; Kenya, Δ A3, L. Baringo Kiserian Shamba, Malaise trap (illegible), ix.1988, Operation Raleigh leg., 1♀; Kenya, Koobi Fora, 9.ii.2015, J. Oboňa leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): From Senegal to Natal, and westwards to Angola. Guinea, Tanganyika, former Northern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, Gold Coast and Dahomey. Egypt, Arabia, Palaearctic and Oriental Regions. Mauritius and Réunion (adapted). Steyskal & El-Bialy (1967): Egypt. Moucha (1976): Ethiopian Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): widespread Afrotrop. Reg. outside of Congo basin and West African forest areas, Egypt, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritius, Réunion, South Yemen, Oriental Reg., South Africa (adapted). Dusbábek *et al.* (1980): Uganda. Karim (1980): Sudan. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Goodwin (1982, 1985): Mali. Dias (1985): Guinea Bissau. Leclercq & Maldès (1987): Morocco. Dirie *et al.* (1989): Somalia. Hayakawa *et al.* (1989): Nigeria. Amoudi (1989), Amoudi & Leclercq (1988, 1992), Hussein *et al.* (1991), Leclercq (2000), Al Dhafer *et al.* (2009): Saudi Arabia. Dias (1990): Namibia. Phelps & Holloway (1990, 1992): Zimbabwe. Dias (1994): Angola. Dias (1996): CAR. Acapovi *et al.* (2001): Ivory Coast. Mihok (2002): Kenya. Schacht (2002): Gambia. Abdesalam *et al.* (2003): Chad. Amsler *et al.* (1994), Desquesnes *et al.* (2004), Desquesnes & Dia (2003a,b, 2004), Dia *et al.* (2004), Koné *et al.* (2011): Burkina Faso. Esterhuizen (2006):

Natal Province, South Africa. Abu El-Hassan *et al.* (2010): Egypt. Müller *et al.* (2012): Sinai Peninsula Egypt. Baldacchino *et al.* (2014): Africa. Mahmoud & Osman (1979): Sudan.

Distribution. Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, CAR, Chad, Congo Republic, DRC, Egypt incl. Sinai Peninsula, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Republic of South Africa, Réunion, Somalia, South Yemen, Sudan, Tanganyika, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Palaearctic and Oriental Regions.

Genus *Tabanus*

***Tabanus biguttatus* Wiedemann, 1830:** Aussereur. zweif. Ins., 2: 623.

Material examined: Kenya, Loiyangalani, vi.1973, M.P. Clifton leg., 1♀; ? (illegible), Mbita, viii.1993, Hatem Mohamed leg., 1♀; ? (illegible), Stoneham, Brit. E. Africa, E. Surr. Ests. Trans Nzoia, 31.v.1934, ? leg. (illegible), 1♂; Kenya, Lake Bogoria, 27.vi.1986, D.B. Ekkens leg., UEA 2010, 1♂.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Jordan Valley, the Cape of Good Hope and the former Southern Congo probably and Southern Arabia (adapted). Leclercq (1961): former Congo (adapted). Steyskal & El-Bialy (1967), Abu El-Hassan *et al.* (2010): Egypt, but later was Egypt completely annuled by Abu El-Hassan *et al.* (2013). Moucha (1976): Ethiopian Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): South Africa and throughout Afrotrop. Afr. excluding Congo basin, South Yemen (adapted). Karim (1980), Mahmoud & Osman (1979): Sudan. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Dias (1985, 1987): Guinea Bissau. Goodwin (1982, 1985), Djiteye *et al.* (1998): Mali. Leclercq (1982, 2000), Amoudi (1989), Amoudi & Leclercq (1988, 1992), Al-Dhafer *et al.* (2009): Saudi Arabia. Leclercq (1965), Inaoka *et al.* (1988a), Hayakawa *et al.* (1989), Ahmed *et al.* (2005), Itina *et al.* (2013): Nigeria. Turnbull *et al.* (1992): Ethiopia. Vala & Leclercq (1993): Benin. Chainey & Cheke (1994): Togo. Dias (1994): Angola. Dias (1996): CAR. Schacht (2000): Gambia. Acapovi *et al.* (2001): Ivory Coast. Abdesalam *et al.* (2003): Chad. Dia *et al.* (2004), Koné *et al.* (2011): Burkina Faso. Sasaki (2005): Tanzania.

Distribution. Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, CAR, Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, slopes of Jordan Valley, Mali, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Yemen, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo.

***Tabanus insignis* Loew, 1858:** Öfv. Kongl. Vet.-Akad. Forh., 14: 341.

f. *neavei* Austen, 1912: Bull. ent. Res., 3: 330.

Material examined: Kenya, North Nandi Forest between Kapsemoit and Kamweiga, xi.1978, North Nandi Expedition leg., 1♀; Kenya, North Nandi Forest, NHK-Wien Expedition, xi.-xii.1979, G.R.C. van Someren leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Uganda. Moucha (1976): Uganda. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda.

Distribution. Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda.

Comments on lower taxonomical units of this species see in the chapter Discussion at the end of this study.

***Tabanus marmorosus* Surcouf, 1909:** Bull. Mus. Nat. Hist. Paris, 15: 356.

ssp. *congoicola* Bequaert, 1930: Harvard Afr. Exped. Liberia, 36: 926.

Material examined: Uganda, 5000 ft., Budongo Forest, v.1963, J.G. Williems leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Gabon, Uganda, former Belgian Congo (adapted). Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Angola, Gabon, Uganda, Zaire, former Congo (adapted). Dias (1994): Angola. Dias (1996): CAR. Mavoungou *et al.* (2012): Gabon.

Distribution. Angola, CAR, Congo Republic, DRC, Gabon, Uganda, Zaire.

Comments on lower taxonomical units of this species see in the chapter Discussion at the end of this study.

***Tabanus par* Walker, 1854:** List Dipt. Brit. Mus. 5, Suppl. 1: 235.

Material examined: Mali, Region Koulikoro, Forêt Tienfala, 14.xi.1978, J.T. Goodwin leg., 2♀♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): from the Gambia to Natal, Uganda, former Belgian Congo (adapted). Leclercq (1961): former Congo (adapted). Leclercq (1965): Angola. Moucha (1976): Gambia to Natal. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): South Africa; throughout Afrotrop. Africa but mainly outside Congo basin. Dusbábek *et al.* (1980): Uganda. Goodwin (1982, 1985), Djiteye *et al.* (1998): Mali. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Amsler *et al.* (1994), Dia *et al.* (2004): Burkina Faso. Dias (1985): Guinea Bissau. Dias (1994): Angola.

Dias (1996): CAR. Acapovi *et al.* (2001): Ivory Coast. Mihok (2002): Kenya. Ahmed *et al.* (2005): Nigeria. Esterhuizen (2006): Natal Province, South Africa. Mavoungou *et al.* (2012), Bitome Essono *et al.* (2015): Gabon.

Distribution. Angola, Burkina Faso, CAR, Congo Republic, DRC, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Natal Province - South Africa, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda.

***Tabanus sericiventris* Loew, 1858:** Öfv. Kongl. Vet.-Akad. Forh., 14: 339.

Material examined: Kenya, Watamu, 28.i.2015, J. Oboňa leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): former Cape Colony, Bechuanaland, Transvaal and Orange Free State (adapted). Moucha (1976): S. Africa. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): South Africa.

Distribution. Botswana, Republic of South Africa. **New for Kenya.**

***Tabanus sufis* Jaennicke, 1867:** Abh. Senck. Naturf. Ges., 6: 332.

Material examined: Mali, Foret de Tienfala, Reg. Koulikoro, 6.ii.1979, A. Ba leg. (illegible), 1♀; F. Cl. Tienfala, Region Koulikoro (illegible), 27.ix.1978, D.R. Ashton leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Bodenheimer (1937): former Palestine (adapted). Oldroyd (1954): Chad, Egypt, Gambia, Israel, Iraq, slopes of Jordan Valley, Kenya, Mauritania, Sudan, lake Tanganyika, Uganda, former Belgian Congo, Nubia, Northern Nigeria and Abyssinia (adapted). Moucha (1976): Ethiop. Region, Israel, Iraq. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): from Mauritania through northern Nigeria and Chad to Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Egypt, Middle East, mid-Saharan oases and Tanzania (adapted). Ježek (1980): Iran. Karim (1980): Sudan. Goodwin (1982, 1985): Mali. Leclercq (1986), Amoudi & Leclercq (1988, 1992, 1996), Al-Dhafer *et al.* (2009): Saudi Arabia. Leclercq (2000): Oman, Saudi Arabia. Abdesalam *et al.* (2003): Chad. Desquesnes & Dia (2003a), Dia *et al.* (2004), Koné *et al.* (2011): Burkina Faso. Al-Talafha *et al.* (2004, 2005a,b): Jordan). Steyskal & El-Bialy (1967), Abu El-Hassan *et al.* (2010, 2013): Egypt. Müller *et al.* (2012): Sinai Peninsula Egypt. Ježek *et al.* (2017): so far unpublished new data.

Distribution. Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo Republic, DRC, Egypt (incl. Sinai Peninsula), Ethiopia, Gambia, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, lake Tanganyika, Tanzania, Uganda.

***Tabanus taeniola* Palisot de Beauvois, 1807:** Ins. rec. Afr. Amer., 1: 56.

Material examined: Kenya, Δ 13, L. Batingo Kiserian Shamba, Malaise trap (illegible), ix.1988, Operation Raleigh leg., 1♀; Kenya, Δ 9, L. Baringo Kiserian - camp, Malaise trap (illegible), iii.1989, Operation Raleigh leg., 1♀; Kenya, Δ 5, L. Baringo Kiserian camp, Malaise trap (illegible), xi.1988, Operation Raleigh leg., 1♀; Kenya, Marsabit, 30.iii.1983, A.L. Omaraodyene leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Unusual distribution - map 26, p. 282; Senegal, Angola, Eritrea, Somalilands, Cape Colony, Rhodesias, former Abyssinia, Belgian Congo and French Equatorial Africa (excessively adapted). Steyskal & El-Bialy (1967), Morsy & Habib (2001), Mohamed *et al.* (2002), Abu El-Hasan *et al.* (2010, 2013): Egypt. Moucha (1976): Ethiopian Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Nigeria; almost entire Afrotropical Region (incl. Aldabra and Madagascar) but mainly riverine in Congo basin. Dusbábek *et al.* (1980): Uganda. Karim (1980), Mahmoud & Osman (1979): Sudan. Wiesenhütter (1980), Sasaki & Nishida (1999), Sasaki (2005): Tanzania. Goodwin (1982, 1985), Djiteye *et al.* (1998): Mali. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Dias (1987): Guinea, Guinea Bissau. Inaoka *et al.* (1988a), Ahmed *et al.* (2005): Nigeria. Amoudi & Leclercq (1988, 1992, 1996), Amoudi (1989), Leclercq (2000), Al-Dhafer *et al.* (2009): Saudi Arabia. Dirie *et al.* (1989): Somalia. Turnbull *et al.* (1992): Ethiopia. Amsler *et al.* (1994), Solano & Amsler-Delafosse (1995), Desquesnes & Dia (2003a), Dia *et al.* (2004), Koné *et al.* (2011): Burkina Faso. Chainey & Cheke (1994): Togo. Dias (1994): Angola. Taylor & Chainey (1994), Acapovi *et al.* (2001): Ivory Coast. Dias (1996): CAR. Al-Houty (1997): Kuwait. Mihok (2002): Kenya. Schacht (2002): Gambia. Abdesalam *et al.* (2003): Chad. Esterhuizen (2006): Natal Province - South Africa. Müller *et al.* (2011): Jordan. Müller *et al.* (2012): Sinai Peninsula Egypt and Israel. Abu El-Hassan *et al.* (2013): Mozambique. Baldacchino *et al.* (2014): Africa and Middle East. Bitome Essono *et al.* (2015): Gabon.

Distribution. Africa and Middle East; Aldabra Island, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Congo Republic, DRC, Egypt (incl. Sinai Peninsula), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Israel, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Rhodesia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda.

***Tabanus unilineatus* Loew, 1852:** Berl. Verl. Preuss. Akad. Wiss. Berlin, p. 658.

Material examined: Kenya, Cars, Mtwapa, 3.vi.1987, B.L. Parker leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1954): Portuguese E. Africa, lake Tanganyika, Kenya, former Nyasaland, N. and S. Rhodesia (adapted). Moucha (1976): E. Africa, former Rhodesia (adapted). Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and former Rhodesia (adapted). Phelps & Holloway (1990, 1992): Zimbabwe.

Distribution. Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Tribe **Haematopotini**, Genus ***Haematopota***

***Haematopota bullatifrons* Austen, 1908:** Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., 1(8): 407.

Material examined: Mali, Region Sikasso, Ranch de Madina, 23.-24.vi.1978, J.T. Goodwin leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1952): former N. and S. Nigeria, Gold Coast and N. Territories (adapted); Moucha (1976): Ghana, Nigeria. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Nigeria, Benin, Ghana, Mali and former Upper Volta (adapted). Goodwin (1982): Mali. Raymond *et al.* (1984): Senegal. Chainey & Cheke (1994): Togo.

Distribution. Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo.

***Haematopota patellicornis* (Enderlein, 1925):** Mitt. zool. Mus. Berlin, 11: 399. (as *Tylopelma*)

Material examined: Kenya, Garaton, UEA, 19.v.1986, J.Wattisa leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1952): Kenya, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, former Abyssinia, Belgian Congo, N. Nigeria and Ruanda-Urundi (adapted). Leclercq (1961): former Congo (adapted). Moucha (1976): Ethiop. Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Burundi, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zaire. Turnbull *et al.* (1992): Ethiopia. Chainey & Cheke (1994): Togo. Dias (1996): CAR.

Distribution. CAR, Congo Republic, Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zaire.

***Haematopota ugandae* Ricardo, 1906:** Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., 7(18): 105.

Material examined: Kenya, Molo Side, Mau Forest, Malaise trap, vi.1991, Bagine and Mugambi leg., 1♀; Kenya, North Nandi Forest, xi.-xii.1979, G.R.C. van Someren leg., NMK-Wien Expedition, 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1952): Kenya, S. Sudan, Uganda, former Belgian Congo (Ruanda, Ruhengeri). Moucha (1976): Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, former Congo (adapted). Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Zaire.

Distribution. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Zaire.

***Haematopota vittata* Loew, 1858:** Öfv. Kongl. Vet.-Akad. Forh., 14: 336.

Material examined: Lake Tanganyika, Old Shinyanga, 22.i.1954, E. Burt. Blocka leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1952): Angola, Kenya, Natal, lake Tanganyika, former Nyasaland, the Rhodesias, Belgian Congo (adapted). Moucha (1976): Ethiop. Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and former Rhodesia (adapted).

Distribution. Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo Republic, DRC, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Genus ***Hippocentrum***

***Hippocentrum versicolor* Austen, 1908:** Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., 8(2): 354.

Material examined: Mali, Region Sikasso, Ranch de Madina, 6.viii.1978, J.T. Goodwin leg., 1♀.

History of zoogeographical views. Oldroyd (1952): Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, former Cameroons, Gold Coast, North-eastern Belgian Congo (adapted). Moucha (1976): Ethiop. Region. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, Zaire and former Upper Volta (adapted). Goodwin (1982): Mali. Dias (1996): CAR.

Itina *et al.* (2013): Nigeria.

Distribution. Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, Zaire.

Discussion

Moucha (1976) registered three valid forms of *Tabanus insignis* from Sierra Leone to Cape: f. *neavei* (see above) from Uganda, f. *velutinus* Surcouf, 1906 (Bull. Mus. Nat. Hist. Paris, 12: 524) from Abyssinia = Ethiopia and f. *occidentalis* Oldroyd, 1954 (Horse-flies of Ethiop. Reg., 2: 203) from Sierra Leone. *T. sharpei* Austen, 1908 (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., 8(1): 226) is recognized in the catalogue as a synonym to *insignis*. Chainey & Oldroyd (1980) accounted *T. insignis* from South Africa with widespread occurrence, however, mainly outside Congo basin. Unrecognized Austen's *T. sharpei* is mentioned here from Malawi; f. *neavei* (originally described as a species) from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda; f. *occidentalis* from Sierra Leone; f. *velutinus* (published originally as bona species) from Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania. Differential diagnoses of all mentioned forms published by Oldroyd (1954) are uncertain: characters vary, the tendency to enlargement and fusion of the sublateral and lateral spots of the second abdominal segment, coloration of femora and third antennal segment, a corresponding lightening of pigment in most part of the body including the antennae. Ultimately, molecular evidence may be necessary to accurately resolve the validity of all forms or good species. Only several papers concerning this problem as well as distribution were published recently: Turnbull *et al.* (1992): Ethiopia (as *insignis* s. str.). Mihok (2002): Kenya (as *insignis* s. str.). Dias (1994): Angola (as *insignis* f. *occidentalis*). Sasaki (2005): Tanzania (as *insignis* s. str.). Esterhuizen (2006): Natal Province, South Africa (as *insignis* s. str.).

Some discrepancies are known as well in the case of *T. marmorosus*. Oldroyd (1954) recognized two subspecies (*marmorosus* s. str. and *m. conigcola*). It was followed by Chainey & Oldroyd (1980): ssp. *conigcola* (originally described by Bequaert only as a variety) is distributed through Angola, Gabon, Uganda, Zaire and former Congo (adapted) and ssp. *marmorosus* s. str. penetrates to CAR, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, former Cameroun, Congo and Equatorial Guinea (adapted). *T. marmoratus* Austen, 1909 was recognized as incorrect subsequent spelling of *marmorosus*. Moucha (1976) published erroneously distribution of *T. marmorosus* s. str. with occurrence in Gabon, Uganda and former Congo and *T. m. conigcola* in former Congo. There is only one new paper where distribution of *T. marmorosus* s. str. is noted: Taylor & Chainey (1994): Ivory Coast. Two subspecies on the same locality or area (Moucha 1976, Chainey & Oldroyd 1980) must not be supported recently and the problem of two probably valid species would be resolved in future.

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Tab 1: Partial collection of Tabanidae held at the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi *

Subfamily	Genus	Species	Number of specimens
Pangoniinae	<i>Philoliche</i>	<i>Philoliche beckeri</i> Bezzi, 1901	10
		<i>Philoliche bricchettii</i> Bezzi, 1892	1
		<i>Philoliche compacta</i> (Austen, 1908)	3
		<i>Philoliche distincta</i> (Ricardo, 1908)	9
		<i>Philoliche elongata</i> (Ricardo, 1908)	13
		<i>Philoliche malindensis</i> Oldroyd, 1957	5
		<i>Philoliche rueppellii</i> (Jaennicke, 1867)	16
		<i>Philoliche sagittaria</i> (Surcouf, 1911)	22
		<i>Philoliche zonata</i> (Walker, 1871)	7
Chrysopsinae	<i>Aegophagamyia</i>	<i>Aegophagamyia alluaudi</i> (Giglio-Tos, 1895)	4
	<i>Chrysops</i>	<i>Chrysops bicolor</i> Cordier, 1907	4
		<i>Chrysops brucei</i> Austen, 1907	2
		<i>Chrysops ciliaris</i> Loew, 1858	8
		<i>Chrysops distinctipennis</i> Austen, 1906	32
		<i>Chrysops funebris</i> Austen, 1907	11
		<i>Chrysops fuscipennis</i> Ricardo, 1902	1
		<i>Chrysops longicornis</i> Macquart, 1838	9
		<i>Chrysops magnificus</i> Austen, 1911	1
		<i>Tabanocella</i>	
		<i>Tabanocella perpulcra</i> (Austen, 1910)	6
		<i>Thaumastocera</i>	
		<i>Thaumastocera boueti</i> Séguy, 1946	3
		<i>Sphecodemyia</i>	
		<i>Sphecodemyia infuscata</i> Oldroyd, 1957	1
Tabaninae	<i>Ancala</i>	<i>Ancala africana</i> (Gray in Griffith & Pidgeon, 1832)	31
		<i>Ancala fasciata</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	5
	<i>Atylotus</i>	<i>Atylotus agrestis</i> (Wiedemann, 1828)	31
	<i>Euancala</i>	<i>Euancala maculatissima</i> (Macquart, 1838)	4
	<i>Haematopota</i>	indet.	17
		<i>Haematopota abyssinica</i> Surcouf, 1908	17
	<i>Haematopota</i>	<i>Haematopota alluaudi</i> Surcouf, 1908	8
		<i>Haematopota brunescens</i> Ricardo, 1906	4
		<i>Haematopota denshamii</i> Austen, 1908	3
		<i>Haematopota distincta</i> Ricardo, 1906	107
		<i>Haematopota furva</i> Austen, 1912	8
		<i>Haematopota hirta</i> Ricardo, 1906	40
		<i>Haematopota inornata</i> Austen, 1908	3
		<i>Haematopota maculosifacies</i> Austen, 1914	49
		<i>Haematopota mordens</i> Edwards, 1916	4
		<i>Haematopota peusi</i> Oldroyd, 1952	16
		<i>Haematopota tumidicornis</i> Austen, 1912	4
		<i>Haematopota unicolor</i> Ricardo, 1906	13
		<i>Haematopota vittata</i> Loew, 1858	14
		<i>Haematopota vulnerans</i> (Surcouf, 1909)	7
	<i>Tabanus</i>	indet.	187
		<i>Tabanus atrimanus</i> Loew, 1858	2
		<i>Tabanus besti</i> Surcouf, 1907	2
		<i>Tabanus biguttatus</i> Wiedemann, 1830	100
		<i>Tabanus fraternus</i> Macquart, 1846	21
		<i>Tabanus gratus</i> Loew, 1858	9
		<i>Tabanus guineensis</i> Wiedemann, 1824	19
		<i>Tabanus insignis</i> Loew, 1858	11
		<i>Tabanus leucostomus</i> Loew, 1858	2
		<i>Tabanus marmorosus</i> Surcouf, 1909	2
		<i>Tabanus morsitans</i> Ricardo, 1908	12
		<i>Tabanus par</i> Walker, 1854	13
		<i>Tabanus rufipes</i> Palisot de Beauvois, 1806	19
		<i>Tabanus taeniola</i> Palisot de Beauvois, 1806	127
		<i>Tabanus thoracinus</i> Palisot de Beauvois, 1806	7
		<i>Tabanus variabilis</i> Loew, 1858	4
indet.			253

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