WEST INDIAN COCCINELLIDAE II (COLEOPTERA): SOME SCALE PREDATORS WITH KEYS TO GENERA AND SPECIES

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ABSTRACT

Several West Indian species of Coccinellidae, mostly scale predators, are described or discussed with host data recorded. Five tribes are represented in this material and dealt with as follows. Microweisini; key to species of *Coccidophilus, Coccidophilus cariba,* n. sp., described. Scymnillini; key to genera, *Viridigloba imitator,* new genus and species described, key to species of *Zagloba, Scymnus (Nephus) aeneipennis* Sicard transferred to *Zagloba.* Scymnini; key to genera, key to species of *Nephaspis, Nephaspis nigra,* n. sp., described. Cryptognathini; *Delphastopsis amazonica* Casey transferred to *Calloeneis, Calloeneis bennetti,* n. sp., described. Ortaliini; new color form of *Zenoria emarginata* Gordon placed in key.

Among specimens recently received from F. D. Bennett of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Curepe, Trinidad, were some undescribed or rarely collected predators belonging to the beetle family Coccinellidae. The purposes of this paper are to describe the new species, provide keys for identification of genera and species, and record host data. The 5 tribes involved are Microweisini, Scymnillini, Scymnini, Cryptognathini, and Ortaliini.

Types and other specimens are in the collections of the British Museum (Natural History), F. D. Bennett, and the U. S. National Museum (USNM). In this paper I provide descriptions and names for those species representing tribes or genera in which I have previously done some research. Keys to genera and species are provided in cases where classification has reached a stage where the keys have some significance. References to reviews or revisions of genera, tribes or subfamilies are included and are listed in the discussion of the appropriate taxon.

TRIBE MICROWEISINI

This tribe is a member of the subfamily Sukunahikoninae, recently revised for the Western Hemisphere (Gordon 1977). The only known West Indian member of the genus *Coccidophilus* is described, and a key to all described species is presented.

Key to species of Coccidophilus

1.	Punctures on elytron coarse, dense, 2 or 3 times as large as pronotal punctures; Baja California C. peninsularis (Gordon)
1′.	Punctures on elytron fine, sparse, not obviously larger than pronotal punctures; not known from Baja California 2
2(1').	Head and pronotum distinctly paler in color than elytron; West Indies
2'.	Head and pronotum not paler than elytron; not known from the West Indies
3(2').	Anterolateral line on pronotum not joining lateral margin, visible to posterior margin; western United States
3′.	Anterolateral line on pronotum joining lateral margin, not visible to posterior margin
4(3').	Anterior portion of head short, less than length of eye from

- 4(5). Anterior portion of head biord, have an encoded antennal insertion to apex; North America... C. marginatus (LeConte)
 4'. Anterior portion of head long, more than length of eye from
 - antennal insertion to apex; South America C. citricola Brèthes

Coccidophilus cariba Gordon, new species

Holotype.-Male, length 1.0 mm, greatest width 0.68 mm. Form oval, convex, widest at middle of elytra. Color brownish piceous except pronotum, head, lateral border of elytron and mouth parts paler reddish brown. Head shiny, feebly alutaceous, finely punctured, punctures separated by less than to twice a diameter. Pronotum smooth, shiny, finely punctured, punctures separated by less than to 3 times a diameter; anterolateral line widely separated from anterolateral angle; lateral margin slightly flared. Elytron smooth, shiny, punctures slightly coarser than on pronotum, separated by less than to twice a diameter. Ventral surface smooth, polished, with some sparse pubescence becoming denser on last 2 abdominal sterna. Postcoxal line divided, outer portion very short, strongly curved, inner line long, complete, extending nearly to hind margin of first sternum, then outward to lateral margin. Genitalia as in figs. 1-3.

Allotype.-Female, similar to male in all respects except sexual characters. Genitalia with spermathecal capsule as in fig. 4.

Variation.-Length ranges from 0.85 to 1.10 mm, width from 0.60 to 0.71 mm. Many specimens have the pale reddish-brown elytral border much more apparent than described for the holotype. In these specimens the pronotum, head and ventral surface are also paler in color than in the holotype.

Type-material.-Holotype, West Indies, Antigua, March, 1976, with scales on coconut (USNM 75461). Allotype and 8 paratypes, same data as holotype (USNM). Five paratypes, Antigua, IX-1961, F. D. Bennett, predaceous on *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona*; 1 paratype, Antigua, III-1962, F. D. Bennett, on cotton; 4 paratypes, Antigua, III-1962, F. D. Bennett, on scale on *Cocos*; 4 paratypes, Antigua, 24-XI-1972, F. D. Bennett, assoc. with scales and whitefly on coconut; 1 paratype, Curacao, V-1964, F. D. Bennett, with *Aspidiotus destructor* on Cocos; 1 paratype, Curacao, V-1964, F. D. Bennett, on coffee; 12 paratypes, Montserrat, 18-3, 25-3, Hubbard; 1 paratype, Montserrat, Sept. 20, 1934, R. G. Fennah; on scale; 3 paratypes, Montserrat, 20-IX-39, R. G. Fennah, on white scale; 3 paratypes, Montserrat, II-1964, F. D. Bennett; 4 paratype, St. Kitts, 7-7-04, H. A. Ballou; 2 paratypes, St. Kitts, 28-IX-1909, H. A. Ballou, on purple stem cotton infested with *Chionaspis minor* and *Lecanium oleae*; 11 paratypes, St. Kitts, IX-10-43, R. G. Fennha, feeding on *Aspidiotus*; 4 paratypes, St. Kitts, VI-1966, on *A. destructor* on Cocos; 1 paratype, St. Kitts, XI-1972

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Figs. 1-4. Coccidophilus cariba, genitalia. Fig. 1, male phallobase, lateral view; figs. 2 and 3, male sipho, entire and apex enlarged; fig. 4, female spermathecal capsule. F. D. Bennett, predaceous on Aspidiotus destructor on breadfruit; 5 paratypes, Nevis, V-1972, F. D. Bennett, predaceous on Aspidiotus destructor on coconut. (USNM) (BMNH) (F. D. Bennett).

There are 4 previously described species of *Coccidophilus*, and *cariba* usually may be readily separated from these by the characters used in the key. In addition, most specimens of *C. cariba* have a distinct, broad, yellowish-red border just inside the lateral margin of the elytron which is unique to this species. *C. cariba* is the only member of *Coccidophilus* thus far known from the West Indies, but this is probably an artifact of collecting rather than fact. The scale, *Aspidiotus destructor* Signoret, is the most commonly recorded host for this species. In addition, *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona* (Tar-gioni-Tozzetti) and *Saissetia "oleae"* (Olivier) or *Chionaspis minor* Maskell are implicated as hosts. Other members of this tribe are all scale feeders, mostly on members of the Diaspididae, and are not known to be host specific; apparently *C. cariba* is not host specific either.

The specific name is a noun in apposition, and refers to the Caribbean distribution.

TRIBE SCYMNILLINI

This tribe belongs to the subfamily Scymninae and is composed of 2 previously described genera and a new genus described herein, all apparently restricted to the Western Hemisphere. Host data for members of the Scymnillini are meagre, but indicate that they are obligate scale feeders. The hirsute members of the Scymnillini are often mistaken for Scymnini, but members of the Scymnini have 6 visible abdominal sterna as opposed to 5 in the Scymnillini.

Key to genera of Scymnillini

1.	Dorsal surface smooth, pubescence lacking or not evident Scymnillus Horn
1′.	Dorsal surface strongly pubescent
2(1').	Elytral epipleuron broad, slightly descending externally; apex of clypeus nearly truncate
2'.	Elytral epipleuron narrow, grooved, not descending ex- ternally; apex of clypeus with lateral angle oblique

Genus Scymnillus Horn

Scymnillus has not been taxonomically treated as a whole, and there are many undescribed species represented in various collections. Scymnillus badius Weise should be mentioned here because F. D. Bennett has labeled 2 specimens as feeding on Aspidiotus destructor Signoret on coconut. This species was described from Trinidad (Weise 1929), but the types have apparently been lost. The specimens I am considering to be S. badius are from Nevis, West Indies, but fit the original description of the Trinidad specimens perfectly.

Genus Zagloba Casey

Gordon (1970) treated the 2 species known to occur in Central and South America. Since then, the types of *Scymnus (Nephus) aeneipennis* Sicard have been examined, making it necessary to assign that species to *Zagloba*.

Key to Neotropical species of Zagloba

1.	Elytron dark metallic green; pronotum reddish yellow ex- cept small, piceous area anterior to scutellum
1′.	Elytron never metallic green; pronotum variously colored
2(1').	Elytron with an obscure, narrow, pale spot extending from humeral callus diagonally to apex of elytron at sutural angle; first abdominal sternum with lateral setigerous punc- tures round, not or only occasionally contiguous
2′.	Z. beaumonti Casey Elytron dark brown to piceous, always unicolorous; first ab- dominal sternum with lateral setigerous punctures elongate, contiguous

Zagloba aeneipennis (Sicard), new combination

Scymnus (Nephus) aeneipennis Sicard, 1929, p. 521.

A specimen of the type series in the British Museum (Natural History) labeled "Brit. West Indies, Trinidad, 1927-28, F. N. C. Taylor/predaceous on Aspidiotus destructor" is here selected as the lectotype and so labeled. Three other types with identical labels in the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, are designated and labeled paralectotypes.

The only known hosts for Z. aeneipennis are the scales, Aspidiotus destructor Signoret and Parlagena bennetti Williams.

Viridigloba Gordon, new genus

Form broad, oval (Fig. 5). Head covered with short, decumbent pubescence, deeply inserted in pronotum, eye partially concealed; anterior margin of clypeus nearly truncate, feebly emarginate, lateral angle abrupt; genal lobe extending onto anterior 1/3 of eye; antennal scape 7-segmented, club 3-segmented (fig. 6); apical segment of maxillary palpus not securiform, sides nearly parallel, narrowed slightly at apex. Pronotum broad, deeply emarginate anteriorly, covered with decumbent pubescence, base margined, anterior angle produced, extending downward beyond lower margin of eye. Elytron covered with decumbent pubescence, lateral margin distinctly flared; epipleuron broad, nearly flat, descending somewhat externally. Prosternum with intercoxal process broad, flat, apical margin truncate. Mesosternum with intercoxal process broad, coxae widely separated. Legs slender; femur with slight emargination for reception of tibia; tibia nearly parallel sided, not emarginate for reception of tarsus; tarsus cryptotetramerous, tarsal claws without basal tooth. Abdomen with 5 visible sterna; postcoxal line incomplete, not reaching hind margin of first sternum, apex slightly recurved (fig. 7). Female spermathecal capsule with base globose, apical half slender, curved, with falciform appendage at apex (fig. 12); sperm duct short; infundibulum large, heavily sclerotized. Male genitalia symmetrical; basal lobe with short, stout asperities in apical half (fig. 8).

Type-species: Viridigloba imitator, new species.

Viridigloba is superficially very similar to Zagloba. The principal morphological differences between the 2 genera are: the form of the female sper-



Figs. 5-12. Viridigloba imitator. Fig. 5, habitus; fig. 6, antenna; fig. 7, postcoxal lines on first abdominal sternum; figs. 8 and 9, male phallobase, ventral and lateral views; figs. 10 and 11, male sipho, entire and apex enlarged; fig. 12, female spermathecal capsule and infundibulum.

mathecal capsule, which is curved normally and narrowed from base to apex in Zagloba, composed of a round basal portion and curved neck (fig. 12) in Viridigloba; clypeal apex, which is slightly reflexed anteriorly and has the lateral angles oblique in Zagloba, not reflexed and nearly rectangular in Viridigloba; claws, toothed basally in Zagloba, not toothed in Viridigloba.

The name Viridigloba refers to the green color and round form of the type-species.

Viridigloba imitator Gordon, new species

Holotype.-Male, length 2.30 mm, greatest width 1.90 mm. Elytral color dark metallic green; head, pronotum, mouthparts, prosternum and legs reddish yellow; ventral surface piceous. Head finely punctured, punctures separated by a diameter or less. Pronotum with punctures coarser than on head, separated by less than a diameter. Elytral punctation coarser than on pronotum, punctures separated by the diameter of a puncture. Mesosternum densely, coarsely punctured; metasternum with coarse punctures separated by more than a diameter. Abdominal sterna with punctures finer than on metasternum, separated by less than a diameter; 5th sternum strongly emarginate apically. Genitalia with trabes shorter than basal lobe, apex of basal lobe bifid, paramere slightly shorter than basal lobe (figs. 8, 9); sipho as in figs. 10, 11.

Allotype.-Female, length 2.15 mm, greatest width 1.75 mm. Similar to holotype except apex of 5th abdominal sternum entire. Female genitalia as in fig. 12.

except apex of 5th abdominal sternum entire. Female genitalia as in fig. 12. Variation.-Length ranges from 2.0 to 2.30 mm, width from 1.75 to 1.90 mm. Type-material.-Holotype, West Indies, Trinidad, Port-of-Spain, Dept. Agr. grounds, Nov. 3, 1918, A-933, Harold Morrison (USNM 75462). Allotype and 3 para-types, West Indies, Trinidad, V-25-1939, R. G. Fennah, coll. #T2. One paratype, Trinidad, May 1976, on coconut; 1 paratype, Trinidad, Arima Valley, 16-X-69, E. J. Rankin, on coffee; 3 paratypes, Trinidad, Icacos, February, 1947, collector F. J. Sim-monds; 2 paratypes, Trinidad, Mayaro, July 1977, on coconut; 2 paratypes, Trinidad, Port-of-Spain, K. A. Bartlett, I-1-'39, P. R. #2236, on Asterolecanium spp.; 1 para-type, Trinidad, St. Augustine, Feb. 1947, collector F. J. Simmonds. (USNM) (F. D. Bennett). Bennett).

There is a curious similarity between V. imitator and Zagloba aeneipennis, hence the name V. imitator. The color pattern is nearly identical in the 2 species, especially the dark metallic green elytron which is somewhat unusual in the family Coccinellidae. The species may occur together as shown by 5 specimens of Z. aeneipennis bearing the same data as the paratypes of V. imitator labeled "Trinidad, V-25-1939, R. G. Fennah, coll. #T2".

The only host data available is the label "on Asterolecanium spp.". We may presume that *imitator* is a scale predator, but no other information is presently available.

TRIBE SCYMNINI

The key presented here contains all of the scymnine genera presently known to occur in the West Indies. For detailed diagnoses, see Chapin 1933 (Decadiomus); Gordon 1972 (Nephaspis); Gordon 1976 (Scymnini, Scymnus, Diomus); Gordon and Anderson 1978, in press (Stethorus). One new species of Nephaspis occurring in Trinidad is described and a revised key constructed to species of that genus.

Cryptolaemus has previously been reported from the West Indies, and there are specimens in the USNM collection taken from Puerto Rico. I do not know if it is presently established, but have included the genus in the key. The only species involved is *C. montrouzieri* Mulsant which has been introduced in various parts of the world as a biocontrol agent. Members of this genus are native to the Australian and Oriental Regions.



Figs. 13-20. Fig. 13, Nephaspis sp., prosternum and mouthparts; fig. 14, Stethorus sp., prosternum; fig. 15, Cryptolaemus montrouzieri, prosternum; fig. 16, Scymnus sp., prosternum; fig. 17, Nephus sp., prosternum; figs. 18 and 19, postcoxal lines of Scymnus (Pullus) sp. and Scymnus (Scymnus) sp.; fig. 20, postcoxal lines of Diomus sp.

Key to genera of West Indian Scymnini

1. 1′.	Head with mouthparts directed postero-ventrad in repose, con- cealing prosternum; basal antennal segment strongly en- larged (fig. 13)
2(1').	Prosternum enlarged, expanded, capable of concealing
2′.	Prosternum not enlarged, not concealing mouthparts
3(2).	Length more than 3.00 mm; pronotum reddish yellow
3′.	Length less than 2.00 mm; pronotum black
4(2').	Prosternum with distinct carinae on intercoxal projection, carinae usually reaching anterior margin of prosternum (fig. 16)
4′.	Prosternum without carinae, or at most with short ridges next to coxal cavities (fig. 17)
5(4).	Postcoxal line complete or incomplete, usually not joining hind margin of first abdominal sternum, apex recurved (figs. 18 19)
5′.	Postcoxal line extending downward, joining hind margin of first abdominal sternum (fig. 20), apex not recurved
6(5′). 6′.	Tarsus 4-segmented Decadiomus Chapin Tarsus 3-segmented Diomus Mulsant

Nephaspis nigra Gordon, new species

Holotype.-Male, length 1.36 mm, greatest width 0.95 mm. Color black; head, pronotum, mouthparts and legs pale yellow. Head finely punctured, punctures separated by 3 or 4 times a diameter. Pronotal punctures coarser than on head, separated by less than to twice a diameter. Elytron coarsely punctured, punctures separated by the diameter of a puncture. Ventral surface coarsely punctured, punctures sparse medially, nearly contiguous laterally. Genitalia with basal lobe 1/4 longer than paramere, slender in lateral view, broad nearly to apex in ventral view (fig. 21); sipho as in figs. 22, 23.

Allotype.-Female, similar to male except pronotum and vertex of head black. Genitalia as in fig. 24.

Variation.-None observed other than sexual dimorphism.

Type-material.-Holotype, allotype and 1 paratype, Trinidad, Mayaro, June 16, 1977, R. M. Baranowski and F. D. Bennett collectors, on coconut; 6 paratypes, same data except date July 1977. (USNM 75463) (F. D. Bennett).

The male genitalia are the only certain criteria for identifying N. nigra as is true of the other members of the genus. Therefore the key to species is based entirely on male genitalia. The key used here is modified from Gordon (1972). Members of this genus normally feed on whiteflies (Aleyrodidae), and I presume N. nigra does also. The specific epithet refers to the black color of this species.



Figs. 21-25. Nephaspis genitalia. Figs. 21-24, N. nigra: fig. 21, male phallobase, dorsal view; figs. 22 and 23, male sipho, entire and enlarged apex; fig. 24, female spermathecal capsule. Fig. 25, N. amnicola: male phallobase, ventral view.

Key to males of Nephaspis

 2(1'). Male genitalia with basal lobe wide in lateral view, about 1/2 as wide as long, sipho with apex blunt; known only from British Guiana <u>N. dispar</u> (Sicard) 2'. Male genitalia with basal lobe less than 1/2 as long as wide, sipho more or less pointed <u>3</u> 3(2'). Male genitalia with basal lobe widest near base in lateral view, tapering evenly to apical point; known only from Pernambuco, Brazil <u>N. coccois</u> Gordon 3'. Male genitalia with basal lobe not tapering evenly to apex; not known from Brazil <u>4</u> 4(3'). Male genitalia with upper margin straight to apex in lateral view, lower margin slightly emarginate before apex, sipho straight before apex; known only from Panama <u>N. gorhami</u> Casey 4'. Male genitalia with upper margin feebly sinuate in lateral view, lower margin curved to pointed apex in apical 1/2, sipho bent downward before apex; West Indies, Central America, Iowa, Florida <u>N. amnicola</u> Wingo 	1. 1′.	to blunt apex in ventral view (fig. 21)
 3(2'). Male genitalia with basal lobe widest near base in lateral view, tapering evenly to apical point; known only from Pernambuco, Brazil	2(1'). 2'.	Male genitalia with basal lobe wide in lateral view, about $1/2$ as wide as long, sipho with apex blunt; known only from British Guiana
 4(3'). Male genitalia with upper margin straight to apex in lateral view, lower margin slightly emarginate before apex, sipho straight before apex; known only from PanamaN. gorhami Casey 4'. Male genitalia with upper margin feebly sinuate in lateral view, lower margin curved to pointed apex in apical 1/2, sipho bent downward before apex; West Indies, Central America, Iowa, Florida	3(2′). 3′.	Male genitalia with basal lobe widest near base in lateral view, tapering evenly to apical point; known only from Per- nambuco, Brazil
	4(3′). 4′.	Male genitalia with upper margin straight to apex in lateral view, lower margin slightly emarginate before apex, sipho straight before apex; known only from PanamaN. gorhami Casey Male genitalia with upper margin feebly sinuate in lateral view, lower margin curved to pointed apex in apical 1/2, sipho bent downward before apex; West Indies, Central America, Iowa, Florida

TRIBE CRYPTOGNATHINI

This tribe is a member of the subfamily Scymninae and was reviewed at the generic level by Gordon (1971b). The generic name *Calloeneis* Grote was provided to replace the preoccupied *Oeneis* Mulsant but has been overlooked by all subsequent authors including Gordon (1971b) (see pp. 184, 185 for detailed discussion). *Calloeneis* was rediscovered by J. Belicek (1976).

I here illustrate the genitalia of *Calloeneis amazonica* (Casey), n. comb., and describe *Calloeneis bennetti*, new species. Three species have previously been described that belong in this genus, *C. obscura* (Mulsant), n. comb., *C. nigrans* (Mulsant), n. comb., and *C. amazonica* (Casey). Because I am aware of many undescribed neotropical species, no key to species is provided.

Calloeneis amazonica (Casey), new combination

Delphastopsis amazonica Casey, 1924, p. 170.-Gordon, 1971b, p. 184.

The holotype of C. amazonica is a female which I have compared with a series of specimens collected at Curepe, Trinidad. Externally there are no apparent differences between C. amazonica and the Trinidad specimens, and the female spermathecal capsules (fig. 26) are also nearly identical. I regard the specimens from Trinidad as conspecific with the type of C. amazonica, and the male genitalia of that species are illustrated in figs. 27, 28. The male differs from the female also in having the lateral 1/3 of the pronotum pale yellow. The female pronotum is entirely dark brown.

Host data for members of *Calloeneis* have been entirely lacking, but the Trinidad specimens bear the label "Pred. on diaspine scale on Pentas carnea." It is probable that all members of the Cryptognathini are scale predators and may be mostly restricted to feeding on members of the Diaspididae (armored scales).

Calloeneis bennetti Gordon, new species

Holotype.-Male, length 1.73 mm, greatest width 1.50 mm. Form rounded, slightly oval, convex. Color black except mouthparts, hypopleuron, legs and abdomen reddish brown. Head dull, surface strongly alutaceous, finely punctured, punctures separated by less than to twice a diameter; gena produced laterally onto eye, broad, dividing inner 1/3 of eye. Pronotum smooth, shiny, densely punctured, punctures separated by a diameter or less. Elytron smooth, shiny, punctures dense, slightly larger than on pronotum, separated by a diameter or less. Ventral surface with proand mesosterna dull, densely punctured; metasternum smooth, shiny, punctures fine, separated by 2 to 3 times a diameter; epipleuron grooved medially; abdominal sterna dull, strongly alutaceous, indistinctly punctured. Genitalia as in figs. 29-32.

Allotype.-Female, similar to male in all respects. Spermathecal capsule as in fig. 33.

Type-material.-Holotype, allotype and 2 paratypes, West Indies, Trinidad, Mayaro, 4-III,1976, F. D. Bennett, pred. on *Aspidiotus destructor* Signoret on coconut (USNM 75464); 2 paratypes, Trinidad, May 1976, on coconut. (F. D. Bennett).

The solid black color of this species is shared with only one described species, C. nigrans (Mulsant), from Brazil; however, C. nigrans is a small species, less than 1.25 mm long. As recorded for C. amazonica, a diaspidid scale is implicated as the host of C. bennetti, in this case Aspidiotus destructor Signoret.

The species is named for F. D. Bennett in recognition of his interest in Coccinellidae in the field of biological control.

TRIBE ORTALIINI

This tribe is also in the subfamily Scymninae and contains some of the most rarely collected Coccinellids in the Western Hemisphere. Among the coccinellids collected by Bennett at Mayaro, Trinidad, was a series of Zenoria emarginata Gordon. This species was originally described (Gordon 1971a) from specimens collected in Trinidad preying on Aspidiotus destructor Signoret. The color pattern of Bennett's specimens represents a variation not seen when Z. emarginata was described, thus these specimens will not go to Z. emarginata in the key to species (Gordon 1971a). Rather, they key to Zenoria discoidalis (Kirsch), a species known from Peru and Bolivia. The following modification of the key will allow this color form to be recognized.

around lateral border of elytra; Trinidad	14.	iscal elytral spot large, leaving only a narrow yellow ring
		round lateral border of elytra; Trinidad

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Figs. 26-33. Calloeneis genitalia. Figs. 26-28, C. amazonica: fig. 26, female spermathecal capsule; figs. 27 and 28, C. amazonica, male phallobase (lateral view) and entire sipho. Figs. 29-33, C. bennetti: figs. 29 and 30, male phallobase, ventral and lateral views; figs. 31 and 32, male sipho, entire and enlarged apex; fig. 33, female spermathecal capsule.

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