

A List of Dragonflies (Odonata) collected on the
Anamba Islands, South China Sea

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(with one text figure).

The following species were collected by Mr. M. R. Henderson on the Anamba Islands during April, 1928.

ZYGOPTERA

Libellaginae

Rhinocypha biseriata anambae subsp. n. (fig. 1).

A local race of the well known Bornean species, sufficiently characterized to deserve a name.

It is characterized by the extensive dark coloration of both fore and hind wings which is heavier than in any example of the Bornean insect than I have seen.

On the fore-wing the costal and sub-costal areas are opaque from the level of the nodus distalwards, and the dark colouring extends to the posterior margin of the wing at a level proximal to the midway point between the nodus and the inner margin of the pterostigma; with its inner boundary rather undefined, and the anal half distinctly lighter than the costal.

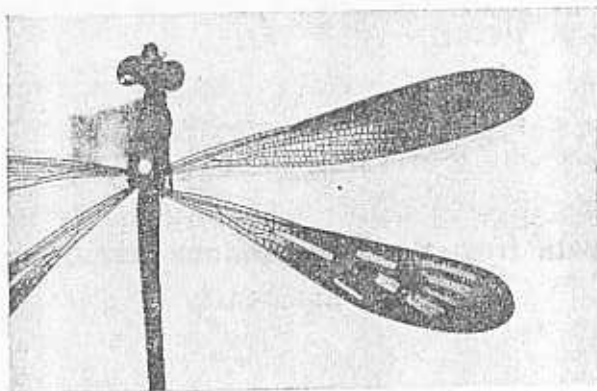


Fig. 1. *Rhinocypha biseriata anambae* subsp. n. ♂.

The hind-wing is opaque from the level of the nodus outward, whilst in the Bornean race the opacity except along the costal margin does not begin until the level of about a third of the distance between the nodus and the pterostigma. The

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fenestrae on the hind-wings of the two races are identical, and so are the other characters so far as the condition of the specimens allows me to judge.

The occurrence of this species is of great interest as it enables us to emphasize that the odonate fauna of this group of islands is definitely Bornean in character.

3 ♂♂. Telok Padang, Jimaja. 20-21 Apr. 28.

Length of hind-wing 23 mm.; of abdomen 18 mm.

Epallaginae

Euphaea inaequipar Selys.

1 ♂ Telok Padang, Jimaja. Rather faded, I am still a little uncertain whether there is any real difference between the Bornean form and the Malayan *impar* Selys. A series of examples from different localities in Borneo must be examined to settle the question. (Ris, Mitteil. Munchner Entomol. Gesell., XX, 1930, pp. 71-91, Taf. V, VI, VII).

Coenagriidae

Archibasis melanocyana (Selys).

2 ♂♂. Telok Padang, Jimaja, Apr. 24.

(See Ris, Arkiv. f. Zool. Kgl. Svenska Vetenskapakad., Bd. 21A. N:O 31, 1930).

Agriocnemis femina (Brauer).

2 ♂♂ 2 ♀♀. Terempak, Siantan. Apr. 28.