

A review of Chinese species of Leptomastidea Mercet (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae)

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Abstracts Six species of Leptomastidea are taxonomically studied from China. *L. herbicola* L. *rubra* L. *shafeei* are recorded from China for the first time. A key to Chinese species of Leptomastidea is given and photomicrographs are provided to illustrate morphological characters of the species. The specimens are deposited in the Institute of Zoology Chinese Academy of Sciences Beijing.

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INTRODUCTION

In the family Encyrtidae (Insecta Hymenoptera) Leptomastidea Mercet is a world-wide distributed genus currently with 23 species (Noyes 2008), while most of them are from the Old World. Leptomastidea is placed in tribe Anagyrini (Hymenoptera Encyrtidae Tetracneminae) (Trjapitzin 1989, Noyes and Hayat 1994, Noyes 2000, Prinsloo 2001). All known species of Leptomastidea are primary endoparasitoids of Pseudococcidae (Homoptera) and are of potential importance in biological control (Noyes and Hayat 1994). The present work aims to study all available Chinese species of Leptomastidea to facilitate the species recognition by providing a dichotomous key to Chinese species and to summarize the available information on host and distribution.

Morphological terminology generally follows that of Noyes and Hayat (1994) and Noyes (2000).

Absolute measurements are used for body length. Relative measurements are used for other dimensions. All specimens examined unless specified are deposited in Institute of Zoology Chinese Academy of Sciences (IZCAS), Beijing, China.

TAXONOMY

Genus Leptomastidea Mercet

Leptomastidea Mercet 1916: 112. Type species *Leptomastidea aurantiaca* Mercet by monotypy.

Tanaomastix Timberlake 1918: 362. Type species *Para-leptomastix anomalis* Girault by original designation. Synonymized with *Leptomastidea* by Mercet 1924: 252.

Generic diagnoses have been given by Noyes and Hayat (1994), Noyes (2000), and Zhang and Huang (2004). Key to African species see Prinsloo (2001) and to Palearctic species see Trjapitzin (1989).

Key to Chinese species of Leptomastidea (females)

1	Fore wing hyaline or with an oblique infuscate band below submarginal vein only	2
—	Fore wing with infuscate bands or stripes other than the oblique infuscate band below submarginal vein	3
2	Fore wing with postmarginal vein clearly longer than stigmal vein (Fig. 3)	<i>L. shafeei</i>
—	Fore wing with postmarginal vein hardly longer than stigmal vein	<i>L. minyas</i>
3	Fore wing with an oblique infuscate band and with two transverse infuscate bands or stripes (see Fig. 329 in Noyes 2000)	<i>L. anomalis</i>
—	Fore wing with two oblique infuscate bands or with two oblique infuscate bands and another oblique stripe near apex (Figs. 5, 7)	4
4	Fore wing with two oblique infuscate bands and an oblique stripe near apex (Fig. 7)	<i>L. herbicola</i>

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- Forewing with two oblique infuscate band below submarginal vein and marginal vein separately (Fig. 5) 5
- 5 Forewing about 3 times as long as broad *L. rubra*
- Forewing 4 times as long as broad *L. longicauda*

1 *Leptomastidea abnormis* (Girault) (Fig. 1)

Paraleptomastix abnormis Girault 1915: 184

Tanomastix abnormis (Girault): Timberlake 1918: 362.

Leptomastidea abnormis (Girault): Mercet 1924: 254–255—256 Xu and Huang 2004: 153–154.

Leptomastidea aurantiaca Mercet 1916: 113.

Synonymized with *abnormis* by Mercet 1924: 255.

Noyes (2000) treated *Leptomastidea jannelli* Mercet 1924 as a synonymy with *L. abnormis*. Prinsloo (2001) resurrected *L. jannelli* as a valid species on basis of differences in the shape of the fuscous bands of forewing. This species is described and illustrated in some recent literatures (Noyes 2000; Prinsloo 2001).

Host *Dysmicoccus brevipes* *Dysmicoccus ryanii*, *Fenisia virgata*, *Phenacoccus gossypii*, *Planococcus* sp., *Planococcus citri*, *Planococcus kraunhiae*, *Planococcus vitis*, *Pseudococcus* sp., *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Pseudococcus citriculus*, *Pseudococcus comstocki*, *Pseudococcus cryptus*, *Pseudococcus ficus*, *Pseudococcus kenyae*, *Pseudococcus longispinus*, *Pseudococcus maritimus*, *Pseudococcus njalensis*, *Sachariococcus sachari* (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae).

Distribution China (Fujian and Guangxi), Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Canary Islands, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, USA, Uzbekistan.

Material examined China: 2 ♀ ♀, Fuzhou, Fujian, i 1999, coll. WU Qiang 1 ♀, Nanning, Guangxi, 2 v 1993, coll. XU Guang (Det. by Xu 2004).

2 *Leptomastidea herbicola* Trjapitzin (Figs 6–8) New record in China

Leptomastidea herbicola Trjapitzin 1965: 888–890.

Leptomastidea herbicola Trjapitzin 1989: 145.

Diagnosis Female (length 1.0–1.5 mm). Head yellowish, pronotum yellowish, dorsum of thorax varying from brown yellowish to dark brown except visible part of pronotum yellowish, ventral part of thorax anteriorly yellowish, gaster often dark brown, antenna dark brown except apex of pedicel yellow, F3–F6 varying from brownish yellow to yellow brown, tegula apically black, fore wing infuscate as in Fig. 7, legs generally dark brown.

except fore coxae (sometimes apically brownish), fore tibia and tarsi mid tibia and mid tarsi, and tarsi yellow, hind tibia often brownish. Head about 2× as wide as frontovertex, ocelli forming an angle of about 90°; antenna (Fig. 6) with scape somewhat expanded and flattened nearly 4× as long as broad, pedicel about as long as F1; all funicular segments conspicuously longer than broad, clava about as long as F5 and F6 combined, fore wing wide about 3× as long as broad (Fig. 7). Gaster with ovipositor hardly exerted, ovipositor about half mid tibia length (OL 35 MT 70). Male (length about 1.0 mm). Very similar to female but for antenna (Fig. 8) and genitalia.

Host Unknown

Distribution China (Fujian, Jilin, Liaoning and Shan'xi), Russia

Material examined China: 2 ♀ ♀, Jiangxi, Fujian, 7. vii 1991, coll. LIU Changming 1 ♀, Changchun, Jilin, 7. viii 1999, coll. LIN Nai-quan 2 ♀ ♀, 1 ♂, Shenyang, Liaoning, viii 1991, coll. YU Xing-Guo 1 ♀, Qinling, Shan'xi, 22 vii 1973, coll. LIAO Ding-Xi.

3 *Leptomastidea shafeei* Hayat and Subba Rao (Figs 2, 3) New record in China

Leptomastidea indica Shafee, Alan and Agarwal 1975: 24.

Leptomastidea shafeei Hayat and Subba Rao 1981: 114. (Replacement name for *Leptomastidea indica* Shafee, Alan and Agarwal 1975 nec Subba Rao 1967)

Diagnosis of *Leptomastidea shafeei* has been given by Noyes and Hayat (1994).

Host mealybug (Pseudococcidae) (Hayat 1986).

Distribution China (Yunnan), India, Indonesia, Thailand

Material examined China: 1 ♀, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, 25. xi 2002, coll. ZHEN Wen-Quan 1 ♀, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, 19. viii 2007, coll. ZHENG Guo.

4 *Leptomastidea longicauda* Xu

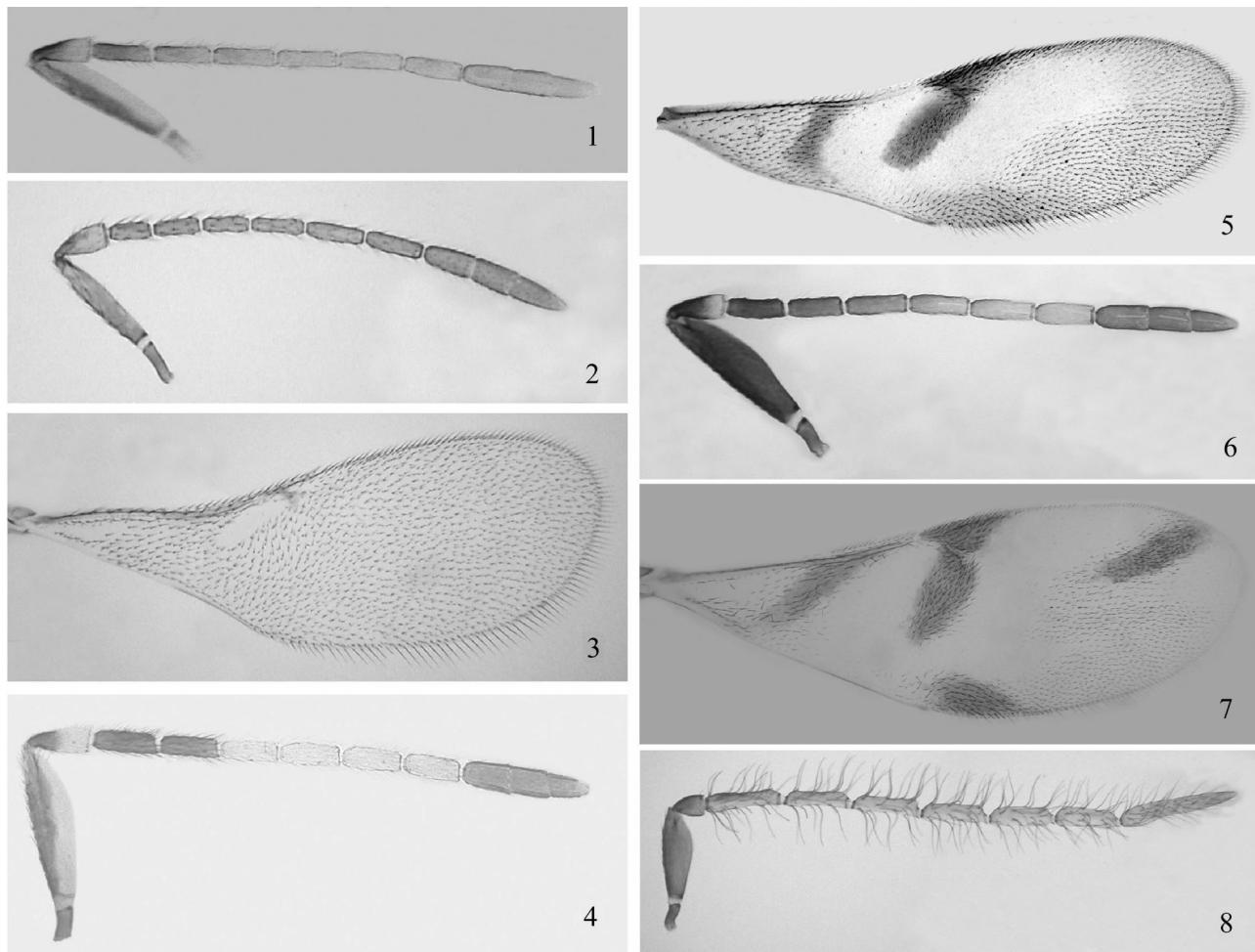
Leptomastidea longicauda Xu in Xu and Lou 2000: 152.

Leptomastidea longicauda Xu in Xu and Huang 2004: 153–154.

Host Unknown

Distribution China

Comments The authors have reexamined the holotype of *L. longicauda* Xu which was mounted on a slide. In the original description, it was incorrectly stated that the ovipositor is much exerted and about as long as gaster. In fact, the ovipositor is clearly shorter.

Figs 1—8 *Leptomastidea* spp

1: *Leptomastidea abromis* antenna female 2—3 *L. shafei* 2 Antenna female 3 Forewing female 4—5 *L. rubra* 4 Antenna female
5 Forewing female 6—8 *L. herbicola* 6 Antenna female 7 Forewing female 8 Antenna male

than gaster and about half mid tibia length. *L. longicauda* is very close to *L. rubra* and probably a synonym of *L. rubra*. For the present we are remaining it as a valid species only based on variation of forewing and pending a detailed taxonomic study.

5 *Leptomastidea minyas* Noyes and Hayat

Leptomastidea minyas Noyes and Hayat 1994: 152

Host Unknown

Distribution China (Hainan Island), India

6 *Leptomastidea rubra* Tachikawa (Figs 4—5)

New record in China

Leptomastidea rubra Tachikawa 1956: 141

Leptomastidea rubra Tachikawa 1963: 63—64;

Tripitzin 1989: 145; Noyes and Hayat 1994: 466.

Diagnosis Female (length 1.0—1.5 mm). Head yellowish, thorax reddish yellow, gaster yellowish, sometimes dorsa-laterally marked dark brown; antennal scape dark brown, ventral margin yellowish, apex of pedicel yellow, F_3 — F_6

(sometimes F_2 apically) yellowish, fore wing infuscate as in Fig. 5, legs generally yellowish except mid and hind femora marked dark brown stripes, hind tibia brownish. Head about 2× as wide as frontovertex, ocelli forming an angle of about 100°; antenna (Fig. 4) with scape somewhat expanded and flattened about 3× as long as broad, pedicel about as long as F_1 ; all funicular segments conspicuously longer than broad, clava about as long as F_5 and F_6 combined, forewing often more than 3× longer than broad venation as in Fig. 5. Gaster with ovipositor hardly exserted, ovipositor slightly less than half mid tibia length (OL 30, MT 68). Male (length usually less than 1.0 mm). Very similar to female but for antenna and genitalia.

Host *Paracoccus flavidus*, *Pseudococcus comstocki*, *Pseudococcus copiosus*, *Pseudococcus longispinus*, *Puto pilosellae*, *Triozinus multivorus* (Pseudococcidae); ? eriococcid (Eriococcidae) (Tripitzin 1989).

Distribution China (Beijing, Shanxi, and Shaanxi), Greece, Israel, Japan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Material examined China 1 ♀, Fengxian, Shaanxi, 4 ix 1999, coll LIN Nai-Quan, 1 ♀, 4 ♂♂, Wutai Mt, Shanxi, 14 vii 2006, alt 1600 m, coll ZHANG Yan-Zhou, 1 ♀, Shunyi, Beijing, 26 vii 1983, coll HUANG Da-Wei.

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中国拟细角跳小蜂属分类学研究 (膜翅目: 跳小蜂科)

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摘要: 对中国拟细角跳小蜂属 *Leptomastidae* 分类研究进行了回顾, 并记述了分布于中国的拟细角跳小蜂属 6 种, 其中草居拟细角跳小蜂 *L. herbicola*、红胸拟细角跳小蜂 *L. rubra* 和谢氏拟细角跳小蜂 *L. shafeei* 为中国新记录种。文中提供了分种检索表、形态特征图。研究标本保存在中国科学院动物研究所。

关键词: 膜翅目; 跳小蜂科; 拟细角跳小蜂属; 分类; 新记录; 中国

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