

Family **HETEROSCORPIONIDAE** Kraepelin, 1905

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This monotypic taxon was described as a subfamily in Scorpionidae. After Ischnuridae was resurrected by Lourenço (1989), the genus *Heteroscorpion* was placed in Ischnuridae without any subfamilial division (Sissom, 1990a). The Heteroscorpioninae was recently elevated to family status by Lourenço (1996e). The family includes only two species of the genus *Heteroscorpion* Birula and is endemic to Madagascar.

Heteroscorpioninae Kraepelin, 1905: 332; type genus *Heteroscorpion* Birula, 1903.

REFERENCES

Heteroscorpioninae: Birula, 1917a: 162; Birula, 1917b: 56; Werner, 1934a: 276; Kästner, 1941: 233; Nenilin & Fet, 1992: 16.
Heteroscorpionidae: Lourenço, 1996e: 6, 31; Kovařík, 1998c: 132.

DISTRIBUTION: AFRICA. Madagascar.

Genus **HETEROSCORPION** Birula, 1903

Heteroscorpion Birula, 1903b: X; type species by original designation *Heteroscorpion madagascarensis* Birula, 1903 [= *Heteroscorpion opisthacanthoides* (Kraepelin, 1897)].

REFERENCES

Heteroscorpion: Birula, 1917a: 162; Werner, 1934a: 276; Kästner, 1941: 233; Francke, 1985: 9, 17; Lourenço, 1989: 170; Sissom, 1990a: 126; Nenilin & Fet, 1992: 15, 16; Lourenço, 1996e: 31; Kovařík, 1998c: 132.

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NOTES: Lourenço (1996e) described a second species of this endemic genus, redescribed the type species, and provided a key for both species.

Heteroscorpion goodmani Lourenço, 1996

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HOLOTYPE: ♂ (FMNH), 1.8 km NE of Eminiminy, S.-P. de Fort-Dauphin, Tulear Province, Madagascar Est, Madagascar.

PARATYPES: 15♂, 1♀ (FMNH, MNHN, MHNG), same locality as holotype.

REFERENCES

Heteroscorpion goodmani: Kovařík, 1998c: 132.

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Heteroscorpion opisthacanthoides (Kraepelin, 1896)

Hadogenes opisthacanthoides Kraepelin, 1896: 136–138, fig. 16–18.

HOLOTYPE: juv ♂ (ZMH), Nosy Komba, Madagascar Sambirano, Madagascar.

PARATYPE: ♀ (ZMH), same locality as holotype.

SYNONYMS

Heteroscorpion madagascarensis Birula, 1903b: X–XI (synonymized by Fage, 1929: 682).

HOLOTYPE: ♀ (ZISP), Elakalaka, southern Madagascar.

REFERENCES

- Hadogenes opisthacanthoides*: Kraepelin, 1899: 146; Kraepelin, 1901a: 272; Weidner, 1959: 100.
Heteroscorpion opisthacanthoides: Fage, 1929: 682–683, pl. II, fig. 10; Fage, 1946: 260; Millot, 1949: 138, fig. 1; Legendre, 1972: 428; Vachon, 1974, fig. 93, 106, 128–130; Lamoral & Reynders, 1975: 543; Lourenço, 1989: 161, pl. 1, fig. 7–8; pl. 4, fig. 7; pl. 5, fig. 2; pl. 6, fig. 1–2; Sissom, 1990a: 125, fig. 3.24G; Lourenço, 1996a: 444; Lourenço, 1996e: 6, 31–32, fig. 62–69, 71, 73, 83, 118; Kovařík, 1998c: 132.

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NOTES: Lourenço (1996e: 32) listed type material as syntypes: 1 juv ♂, 1 ♀ (ZMH), without mentioning the holotype.