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**ABSTRACT** Five species of Korean Acridinae are recognized as a result of taxonomic investigation. A key, figures of male genitalia, and description of little known species *Ceraeris nigricornis laeta* (Bolívar) are provided.

**Key words:** Acrididae, Acridinae, Caelifera, Fauna, Korea, Orthoptera, Taxonomy

## Introduction

The subfamily Acridinae (Acrididae) includes 470 species in the world (Otte, 1995). They are phytophilous grasshoppers, i.e. live mainly on plants, and are active herbivores and climbers. However, morphologically compared with the other two subfamilies in Korean Acrididae, it is recognized by rather indistinct characters. Those are, the Gomphocerinae with well developed stridulatory pegs on hind femora, and the Oedipodinae with serrated intercalary veins on tegmina in order to specific communications. While the Acridinae could be generally defined as without those autapomorphic characters, Otte (1981) also provided detailed comparisons.

Up to date, however, there are considerable disagreements among taxonomists about the subfamily classification and positions of some genera in the Acrididae (Otte, 1995). Storoženko and Otte (1994) also suggested that the division of Acridinae, Gomphocerinae and Oedipodinae might be artificial. General agreements about their higher classification have not been accomplished yet, thus species presented in this study are rather conventionally arranged (Otte, 1995).

Since Walker (1870) firstly recorded *Xiphocera fusca*, labelled 'Corea', the diversity of Acridinae has been fragmentarily known from Korean fauna. All of thirteen specific and subspecific names have been cited in the past literatures, thus it would be worth-

while to conduct a comprehensive taxonomic study of Korean Acridinae to review the past records and analyze new data.

The specimens observed in this study are mostly deposited in Sungshin Women's University, Korea University, and NIAST (National Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Suwon) in Korea. The following abbreviations used in this article: [!]: misspelling; [=]: synonym; ANSP: Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, USA; CB: Chungcheongbuk-do; CN: Chungcheongnam-do; GB: Gyeongsangbuk-do; GG: Gyeonggi-do; GN: Gyeongsangnam-do; GW: Gangwon-do; HHE: Hwanghae-do; HT: Holotype; IEE: Instituto Espanol de Entomologia, Madrid, SPAIN; JB: Jeollabuk-do; JJ: Jeju-do; JN: Jeollanam-do; LT: Lectotype; PN: Pyeongannam-do; RMNH: National Natuurhistorische Museum, Leiden, NETHERLANDS; ST: Syntype; UZU: Zoological Institute, Uppsala University, Uppsala, SWEDEN; ZMMU: Zoological Museum, Moscow University, RUSSIA.

## Systematics

### Subfamily Acridinae Stål

#### Key to Species of Korean Acridinae

1. Antennae ensiform; vertex strongly projecting forwards, frons strongly sloping; tegmen with apex sharply acuted ..... 2
- Antennae filiform; vertex moderately projecting forwards, frons rather rounded; tegmen with apex

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- rounded ..... 3  
 2. Hind femur with spine-like genicular lobes on both sides (Genus *Acrida*) ..... *Acrida cinerea*  
 - Hind femur with round genicular lobes on both sides (Genus *Gonista*) ..... *Gonista bicolor*  
 3. Antennae very long; middle antennomeres 4 times longer than wide; subgenital plate of male short and rounded with blunt apex; ovipositor with short wide valves, its dorsal valve 1.5 times as long as greatest height (Genus *Ceraeris*) ..... *Ceraeris nigricornis laeta*  
 - Antennae relatively short; middle antennomeres 2-3 times longer than wide; subgenital plate of male long and conical, sharply narrowed toward apex; ovipositor with long narrow valves, its dorsal valve 3 times more as long as greatest height ..... 4  
 4. Pronotum with longitudinal black bands on lateral sides; tegmen with intercalary vein extending along median field (Genus *Mecostethus*) ..... *Mecostethus alliaceus*  
 - Promotum without black bands on lateral sides; tegmen with intercalary vein and connecting cross-veins bearing numerous small teeth (Genus *Stethophyma*) ..... *Stethophyma magister*

#### Genus *Acrida* Linnaeus, 1768

Syst. Nat. Ed. 10: 427.

Type species: *Gryllus (Acrida) turritus* Linnaeus, 1758.

#### *Acrida cinerea* (Thunberg, 1815) 밤아끼비 (Fig. 4)

*Truxalis cinereus* Thunberg, 1815. Mém. Acad. Imp. Sci. St. Petersb. 5: 263 (China, Java, Japan). HT♂ in UZIU. = *Acrida lata* Motchulsky, 1866. Bull. Sci. Nat. Mosc. 39(1): 181 (Japan). = *Acrida turrita koreana* Ikonnikov, 1913. Korea Acridi: 10, figs. 1-2 (Korea). [Dirsh and Uvarov, 1953]

**Korean records.** *Acrida lata*: Doi, 1932: 34; Cho, 1959: 171, fig. 49; Cho and Lee, 1959: 5; Cho, 1963: 162; Cho, 1969: 727, pl. 48; Ju, 1969: 22; *Acrida koreana*: Bey-Bienko and Mishchenko, 1951: 400, fig. 922; *Acrida cinerea*: Dirsh, 1954: 154, fig. 19; Tsyplenkova, 1970: 214; Rentz and Miller, 1971: 262; Inoue, 1985: 108, figs. 1, 32, 63; Storozhenko, 1986: 297; Tadauchi, 1989: 54; Kwon and Huh, 1994: 52; Huh and Kwon, 1995: 12; Moon and Yoon, 1996: 52; Kwon et al., 1996: 104.

**Specimens examined.** More than 880♂♀ specimens from all areas in Korea.

**Remarks.** The Korean record of African species *Truxalis nasuta* (Linnaeus) (= *Acrida nasuta*; Rehn, 1902, Chemulpo) was revised to *Acrida turrita* (Linnaeus) (Bey-Bienko, 1929), and finally identified as the present species (Dirsh, 1954).

#### Genus *Gonista* Bolívar, 1898

Ann. Mus. Civ. Stor. Nat. Genova, 39: 29.

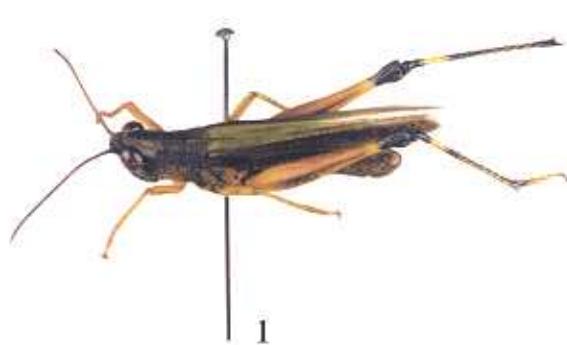
Type species: *Gonista antennata* Bolívar, 1898.

#### *Gonista bicolor* (De Haan, 1842) 땅다지 (Fig. 5)

*Acriidium (Opsomalala) bicolor* De Haan, 1842. Bijdrag. Kennis Orthop.: 147 (Java). HT♂ in RMNH.

**Korean records.** *Gelastorhinus* [=] *bicolor*: Ikonnikov, 1913: 19 (Korea); Cho, 1959: 172, fig. 51; Cho and Lee, 1959: 11; Cho, 1963: 162; Cho, 1969: 728, pl. 48; Ju, 1969: 24; *Gelastorhinus bicolor*: Doi, 1932: 34; *Gonista bicolor*: Bey-Bienko and Mishchenko, 1951: 406, fig. 929; Tsyplenkova, 1970: 214; Kwon and Huh, 1994: 52; Huh and Kwon, 1995: 12; Moon and Yoon, 1996: 52; Kwon et al., 1996: 105; Hua, 2000: 47.

**Specimens examined.** <PN> 1♂, Lake Taesong-ho South Pyongyang, 13 ix 1979, H. Steinmann



Figs. 1-2. Habitus of *Ceraeris nigricornis laeta* (Bolívar) (1. Male, 2. Female).

and T. Vasarhelyi, No. 525; <HH> 1♀, Songhwa South Hwanghae, 17 ix 1979, H. Steinmann and T. Vasarhelyi, No. 540; <GW> 1♂, Chuncheon, 28 viii 1998, Park HC; 1♂, Mt. Samaksan Chuncheon, 9 x 1971, Nam SS; <GG> 1♂, Gwangneung, 7 ix 1985, Park MN; 1♂, Eommi-ri Jungbu Gwangju, 15 ix 1984, Chang GS; 1♂, Namhansanseong, 19 ix 1981, Kim HM; 1♀, Wonsi-dong Ansan, 30 viii 1994, Moon TY; 3♀, Yeoncheon, 7 ix 1997, Kim EN; 1♀, Jeongok, 22 viii 1984, Jang SH; 1♂, Eungogae, 15 ix 1984, An MG; 1♀, Ilyeong, 3 x 1984, Lee JG; 1♂ 1♀, Mt. Gamaksan Seolma-ri Jeokseong Paju, 8 ix 1984, Chang GS; 1♀, Mt. Jugeumsan Naechon Pocheon, 25 ix 2004, Kim TW; 1♀, Wonji-dong Gangnam Seoul, 18 ix 1985, Hwang MG; 1♂, Mt. Cheonggyesan Seoul, 13 viii 1987, Lee YM; 1♂, Mt. Gwanaksan Seoul, 3 x 1980, Lee HS; 1♀, Dogok-dong Seoul, 13 x 1979, Kim JL; 1♂ 2♀, Ogeum-dong Seoul, 5 ix 1980, Lee SY; 1♀, Mt. Yongmasan Seoul, 5 ix 1971, Kim SJ; 1♀, Uidong Seoul, 13 ix 1981, Park OH; <CN> 1♀, Onseok-dong Seosan, 12 ix 1997, Choi KJ; 1♂, Hyudae-ri Baebang Asan, 20 ix 1992, Kim HJ; <GB> 2♀, Daegu, 18 ix 1971, Lee EB; 1♀, Guryongpo Pohang, 14 viii 1972, Park JH; <GN> 1♀, Yeonsan-dong Dongnae Busan, 21 viii 1985, Park MN; 1♂, Is. Geojeo, 8 viii 1964, Bae JM; 1♂, Mt. Gudeoksan Busan, 23 viii 1971, Kim SA; <JJ> 1♂ 1♀, Musucheon Aewol Bukjeju, 9 x 1999, Kim TW; 2♂, Gosan-ri Hangyeong Bukjeju,



Fig. 3. Female holotype of *Xiphocera fumosa* Walker, 1870  
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26 ix 2000, An MG; 5♂ 2♀, Mt. Sanbangsan Andeok Namjeju, 28 ix 2000, Kim TW.

**Remarks.** Previous records of Taiwanese species *Gelastorhinus rotundatus* Shiraki (Okamoto, 1924; Seok, 1970) from Is. Jejudo are referable to the present species since Huh and Kwon (1995).

#### Genus Ceracris Walker, 1870

Cat. Derm. Salt. Brit. Mus. 4: 790.

Type species: *Ceracris nigricornis* Walker, 1870.

#### *Ceracris nigricornis laeta* (Bolívar, 1914)

검정수염메뚜기 (Figs. 1, 2, 6)

*Kuthya laeta* Bolívar, 1914, Trab. Mus. Nac. Cienc. Nat. 20: 79 (Viet-Nam; Than-Moi). HT♀ in IEE.

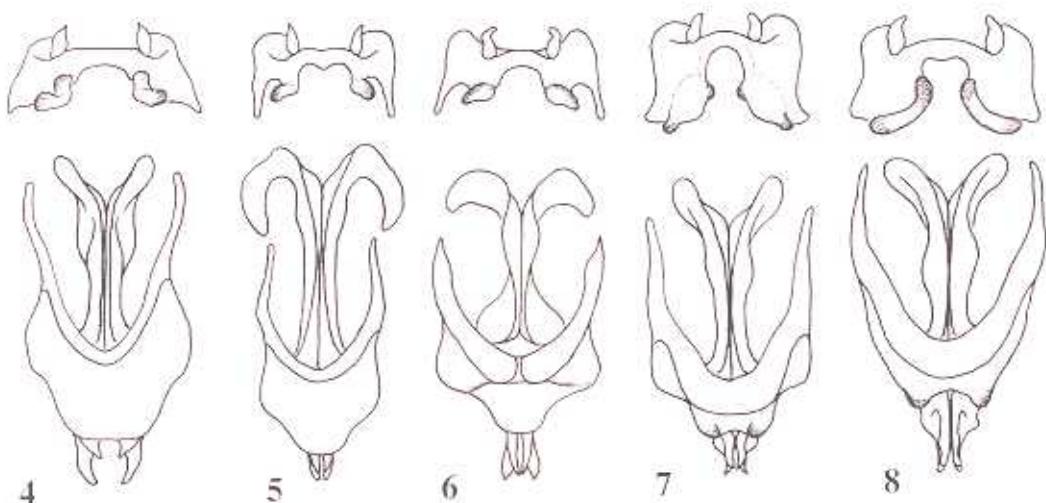
**Korean records.** *Ceracris nigricornis*: Doi, 1932: 36 (Mt. Soyasan); Ju, 1969: 23; *Ceracris nigricornis laeta*: Cho, 1959: 182, fig. 68; Cho, 1969: 738, pl. 79; Kim, 1998: 397.

**Description.** Overall coloration olive-green. Antennae dark black and very long, in male much longer (nearly as BL) than in female (nearly as half of BL). Middle antennomeres 4.5 times longer than wide. Vertex moderately projecting forwards and frons slightly oblique. Pronotum coarsely punctured, lateral carinae nearly parallel with blackish bands along them from behind eyes. Anal area of tegmen bright green, median area hyaline with reddish brown veins. Tegmen with apex rounded, slightly surpassing abdominal end. Legs yellowish brown. Hind knee black, with a narrow pale pre-apical ring. Hind tibia with black base and a pale post-basal ring. Subgenital plate of male short and rounded with blunt apex. Supra-anal plate tongue shaped. Cercus conical with numerous granules. Ovipositor with short wide valves, its dorsal valve 1.5 times as long as greatest height. Measurements (mm): BL ♂ 20–24, ♀ 28–34, PL ♂ 4.0–5.5, ♀ 4.5–6.5, TL ♂ 17–19, ♀ 21.5–23.0, HFL ♂ 12.5–14.5, ♀ 16–18.

**Specimens examined.** <GW> 1♂, Haesanryeong Hwacheon, 2 viii 2002, Paik YH; <GG> 3♀, Mt. Soyasan Dongducheon, 19–21 x 1980, Kim YH et al.; 1♂, Wangnim-ri Yeoncheon, 3 x 2000, Lee HS and Park SU; 1♀, Mt. Cheonmasan Namyangju, 12 x 1968, Kim GH; <GN> 1♀, Ipseok Namyangju, 26 x 1968, Kim GH; <CN> 1♀, Ssanggyesa Temple Hadong, 11 viii 1959, Kim HG.

#### Genus Mecostethus Fieber, 1852

Grund, Kennt. Ortho. Ober.: 1.



Figs. 4–8. Phallic complexes of Korean Acridinae (dorsal views: 4, *Aerida cinerea*; 5, *Gonista bicolor*; 6, *Ceratris nigricornis lactea*; 7, *Mecostethus alliaceus*; 8, *Stethophyma magister*).

Type species: *Gryllus alliaceus* Germar, 1817.

*Mecostethus alliaceus* (Germar, 1817)

벼메뚜기불이 (Fig. 7)

*Gryllus alliaceus* Germar, 1817. Fauna Ins. Eur.: 11, pl. 19 (Dalmatia, Illyria). Type lost.

**Korean records.** *Mecostethus alliaceus*: Ikonnikov, 1913: 11 (Korea); Storozhenko, 1986: 314; Kwon and Huh, 1994: 52; Huh and Kwon, 1995: 15; Kwon et al., 1996: 105; *Parapleurus alliaceus*: Furukawa, 1930: 100; Doi, 1932: 35; Bey-Bienko and Mishchenko, 1951: 462; Cho, 1959: 183, fig. 71; Cho and Lee, 1959: 8; Cho, 1969: 739, pl. 48; Ju, 1969: 25; Harz, 1975: 567, figs. 1511, 1608, 1633, 2024–2033; Inoue, 1985: 117, figs. 10, 42, 73; Tadauchi, 1989: 56; Zheng and Xia, 1998: 83; Hua, 2000: 42.

**Specimens examined.** <GW> 1♂, Yongneup Mt. Dacamsan Yanggu, 7–8 vii 2003, Kim JK and Kim TW; 1♀, Mt. Samyeongsan Chugok-ri Buksan-myeon Chuncheon, 25 vii 2003, Kim TW; 1♂1♀, Mt. Soppulsan Duchon-myeon Hongcheon, 25 viii 2002, Kim TW; 2♂, Mt. Bangtaesan Inje, 15–19 viii 1995, Kim JI and Kim JK; 1♂, Chuncheon, 29 vi 1998, Park HC; 4♂, Garibong Mt. Seoraksan Inje, 24 vii 2004, Kim TW; 16♂7♀, Mulgubi Jinburyeong Goseong, 12 viii 1980, Yoon SJ et al.; <GG> 1♂3♀, Mt. Myeongjisan Gapyeong, 18 vii 1991, Kim JI and Lee OJ; 1♀, Mt. Chukryeongsan Sudong, 6 ix 1980, Kim JI; 1♂1♀, Yongsan-ri Baektak-myeon Yeoncheon, 29 vi 1987, Kim JI and Yu HJ; 5♂, Mt. Godaesang Sinseo-myeon Yeoncheon, 12 viii 1987,

Kim JI and Yu HJ; 1♂1♀, Mt. Cheondeoksan Sinseō-myeon Yeoncheon, 12 viii 1987, Kim JI; 2♂, Gunnam Yeoncheon, 1 viii 1994, Yang MJ; 1♂1♀, Yeongpyeong-ri Yeongjung-myeon Pocheon, 18 viii 1996, Kim JK; 1♂, Mt. Baeksan Hwacheon, 15 viii 1996, Yu JE; 1♂1♀, Mt. Bukhansan Seoul, 14 viii 2001, Lee HS; 1♂, ibid., 28 vi 1998, Kim TW; 1♂, Bupwon Paju, 5 vii 1998, Kim TW; 1♀, Mt. Gwangdeoksan, 8 viii 1984, Nam SH; <GB> 1♂, Birosa Mt. Sobaeksan, 4 viii 1994, Moon TY; <JB> 17♂7♀, Mt. Naejangsan, 3 viii 1974, Kim CH et al.; 2♂3♀, Baemsagol Mt. Jirisan Namwon, 3 viii 1984, Chang GS; 2♂2♀, Gucheondong Scolcheon-myeon Muju, 22 viii 1977, Kim CH and Nam SH; <JN> 5♂1♀, Is. Geomundo Yeocheon, 13 vii 1984, Kim JI and Chang GS; 2♂1♀, Temple Songgwangsa-Seonamsa, 8 viii 1976, Kim CH and Nam SH; <JJ> 1♂, Is. Jejudo, 2 viii 1959, Cho PS; 1♂, ibid., 18 vii 1966, Oh JG; 1♀, Temple Gwaneumsa, 2 viii 1955, Cho PS; 1♂, Sancheondan, 3 viii 1972, Kim JI.

**Genus Stethophyma Fischer von Waldheim, 1853**

Ortho. Eur.: 297.

Type species: *Gryllus (Locusta) grossus* Linnaeus, 1758.

***Stethophyma magister* (Rehn, 1902)**

꼴검은메뚜기 (Fig. 8)

*Mecostethus magister* Rehn, 1902. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad. 54: 634 (Japan). HT♂ in ANSP. = *Stethophyma tscherskii* Ikonnikov, 1911. Ann. Mus. Zool.

16; 249 (Russia). LT♀ in ZMMU, [Storozhenko and Otte, 1994].

**Korean records.** *Stethophyma tscherskii*: Ikonnikov, 1913: 12 (Korea); *Mecostethus magister*: Cho, 1959: 184, fig. 72; Cho, 1963: 162; Cho, 1969: 740, pl. 48; Inoué, 1985: 115, figs. 7, 39, 70; Tadauchi, 1989: 55; Hua, 2000: 42; *Stethophyma magister*: Storozhenko and Otte, 1994: 63, figs. 11–12; Kwon and Huh, 1994: 53; Huh and Kwon, 1995: 15; Moon and Yoon, 1996: 53; Kwon et al., 1996: 105.

**Specimens examined.** <GW> 1♀, Chuncheon, 21 vii 1996, Kim JH; 1♀, Myeonon-ri Bongpyeong, 5 viii 2003, Rhee HW; <GG> 1♀, Mt. Pakyon 20 km NE from Kaeseong, 10 ix 1971, S. Horvatovich and J. Papp, No. 254; 1♂, Namhansanseong, 13 viii 1996, Kim JH; 1♂, Munsan Paju, 24 vi 1972, Yeo OJ; 1♂, Temple Bogwangsa, 17 vi 1978, Jang BY; 1♂, ibid., 18 vii 1998, Kim TW; 1♀, Yongsan-ri Baekhak-myeon Yeoncheon, 29 vi 1987, Yu HJ; 2♀, Gwangneung Pocheon, 25 vii 1981, Kim Y and Jeon MS; 1♂, Eumhyeon-ri Nachon Pocheon, 26 vi 1991, Lee JH; <CB> 1♂, Wonpung-ri Yeonpung Goeasan, 25 vi 1986, Park KA; 12♂4♀, Mt. Songnisan Boeun, 7–10 viii 1990, Kim BJ and Lee OJ; 1♂, Guksabong Cheongwon, 23 vii 1997, Kim JI; <GB> 1♂, Daehyeon Bonghwa, 25 vii 1986, Kim JI; 1♂, Valley Bulyeonggyegok Uljin, 26 vi 1990, Kim JJ; <JN> 3♂, Is. Geomundo Yecheon, 13 vii 1984, Chang GS; 1♂, ibid., 31 vii 2004, Yoo IS; <JJ> 1♂, Sangumburi Jochen Bukjeju, 9 vii 2002, Kim TW; 1♂2♀, Handeok-ri Jocheon Bukjeju, 8 vii 2002, Kim TW; 1♂, Jeonghangpokpo Seoguipo, 9 vii 2002, Kim TW; 1♀, Ilchulbong Seongsan, 24 viii 1996, Kim SY; 1♂, Jeju Univ. Campus, 8 vii 1995, Song SJ.

## Erroneous records

The Korean records of *Phlaeoba fumida* (Walker 1870) (Kirby, 1910: 138; Wu, 1935: 132; Bey-Bienko and Mishchenko, 1951: 412; Otte, 1995: 262; Hua, 2000: 48) are arise from *Xiphocera fumosa* Walker 1870 labelled 'Corea', but subsequently synonymized with former name (Kirby, 1910). When the corresponding author visited the Natural History Museum (London, UK) in August 2003, the type specimen of *Xiphocera fumosa* was examined. It was, however, very unfamiliar grasshopper to be in Korean fauna, besides the genus *Phlaeoba* mainly distributed in Southeastern Asia (Bey-Bienko and Mishchenko,

1951). We believe it is incorrect labelling happened during the early history of collecting expeditions (see also Kim and Kim, 2001). Moreover holotype was not male as written in the original description, but the female actually (Fig. 3).

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