

Fam. SALDIDÆ.

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Acanthia, Fabricius, Syst. Ent. p. 693 (1775); Stål, Enum. Hemipt. iii. p. 148; Reuter, Act. Soc.

Fenn. xxi. 2, p. 31. [= *Cimex*, Linn., sect. *a* (1758).]

Salda, Fabricius, Syst. Rhyng. p. 113 (1803); Uhler, Bull. U.S. Geol. & Geogr. Surv. i. p. 333.

Sciodopterus, Amyot et Serville, Hist. Nat. Ins. Hémipt. p. 404 (1843).

This well-known genus includes nearly one hundred described species, few of which are from the New World. The North-American forms, however, are numerous and require revision. Of the ten here enumerated from within our limits, *S. signoreti*, Guér. (= *ornata*, Stål), is the only one inhabiting the sea-coast, where fresh species are certain to be discovered, the others being from the banks of ponds or streams. Following Dr. Reuter's system of arrangement, *S. signoreti* should form the type of a new subgenus near *Chiloxanthus*, the other Central-American forms belonging to his section *Acanthia*.

- a.* Species large and elongate (length $6\frac{1}{2}$ –7 millim.), with a very long second joint to the antennæ, which are entirely pale; upper surface dull and simply pubescent; pronotum and elytra more or less variegated with whitish; membrane with five areolæ . . . *signoreti*, Guér. (*ornata*, Stål).
- b.* Species small (length $2\frac{1}{2}$ –5 millim.), ovate or oblong-ovate in shape; membrane with four areolæ.
 - a'*. Upper surface with long, erect hairs, and a more or less distinct short decumbent pubescence.
 - a''*. Head, pronotum, and scutellum very shining; the lateral margins of the pronotum black.
 - a'''*. Elytra shining throughout *lævis*, n. sp.
 - b'''*. Corium shining, the clavus (except along the suture) opaque; the sides of the pronotum straight and rapidly converging from the base forwards *sulcicollis*, n. sp.
 - c'''*. Elytra opaque; the pronotum much dilated at the sides: form short ovate *opacipennis*, n. sp.
 - b''*. Head, except in front, pronotum, and scutellum slightly shining, the elytra opaque; the lateral margins of the pronotum flavous. *comata*, n. sp.
 - b'*. Upper surface with a short decumbent pubescence only.
 - c''*. Lateral margins of the pronotum black.
 - d'''*. Pronotum slightly rounded at the sides, comparatively broad in front.
 - a⁴*. Elytra with small flavous spots, the pronotum somewhat broadly dilated at the sides *saltatoria*, Linn.
 - b⁴*. Elytra with the flavous coloration more extended, the pronotum more narrowed in front *tropicalis*, n. sp.