

A REVIEW OF THE GENUS *TELEBASIS* WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF EIGHT NEW SPECIES (ZYGOPTERA: COENAGRIONIDAE)

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An overall review of the genus *Telebasis*, occurring from southern US to northern Argentina, is presented. Included are 37 spp., 8 being newly described. Locations and depositions of holotypes are: *abuna* sp.n. (Brazil, Rondonia State, Abuna, 15-III-1992, UMMZ); *brevis* sp.n. (Ecuador, Pichincha Prov., Tinalandia, 6-X-1988, IORI); *dunklei* sp.n. (Peru, Loreto Dept, Iquitos, 30-VIII-1989, IORI); *garrisoni* sp.n. (Colombia, Magdalena Dept, El Banco, 25-I-1917, UMMZ); *limoncocha* sp.n. (Ecuador, Napo Prov., Limoncocha, 4-XI-1980, FSCA); *racenisi* sp.n. (Venezuela, Amazonas State, Ventuari, 19-III-1957, IZA); *rubricauda* sp.n. (Brazil, Rondonia State, Abuna, 14-III-1922, UMMZ); *watsoni* sp.n. (Peru, Huanuco Dept, Shapajilla, 11-VII-1938, UMMZ). *T. inalata* is redescribed (neotype ♀ and ♂ pairing with it, IORI). Males of the 37 spp. are keyed, their characteristics and distributions are summarized in 2 tabs and appendage drawings are presented. Notes for females of some spp. are given.

INTRODUCTION

Because of the red color of most males, damselflies of the genus *Telebasis* are attractive and quite conspicuous. This highly speciose genus, represented from southern US to northern Argentina, reaches its greatest diversity of species in South America. In the following, we consider the 37 species listed in Table I and describe 8 of them as new.

SELYS (1865) introduced *Telebasis* without mentioning specimens or species. The first species included in *Telebasis* was *boucardi* Selys, 1868, which he (1876) synonymized under *salva* (Hagen, 1861). Both KIRBY (1890) and CALVERT (1902) acknowledged *salva* as the type species. SELYS (1876) erected *Erythrargrion* (then a subgenus) to include 7 neotropical species. His (1877) use of *Telebasis*

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