

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

**METALEPTOBASIS MINTERI SPEC. NOV. FROM ECUADOR
(ZYGOPTERA: COENAGRIONIDAE)**

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The new sp. is described from eastern Ecuador (holotype ♂ and allotype ♀, in copula: Ecuador, Napo prov., Primavera, Lake Taraoa lakeshore and nearby areas, 26-VIII-1978, deposited in the FSCA, Gainesville, FL, USA). ♂♂ are distinguished from its congeners by the slender paraprocts, and both ♂♂ and ♀♀ can be distinguished by their very small laterally directed thoracic horns.

INTRODUCTION

There are currently 17 species in *Metaleptobasis* (DAIGLE, 2000), all neotropical. The addition of *M. minteri*, which is similar to *M. brysonima* (WILLIAMSON, 1915), increases the total to 18 species. *M. minteri* is recorded so far only from Ecuador. The larva is unknown.

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Figures 1-5

Material. — **Holotype** ♂ and **allotype** ♀ (in copula): ECUADOR, Napo Province, Primavera, 0°27'S, 76°47'W, Lake Taraoa lakeshore, and nearby areas, 26-VIII-1978, K.W. Knopf leg. (KWK); — **Paratypes** (66 ♂, 5 ♀, 7 pairs): Same data as holotype and allotype pair, 30 ♂, 2 ♀, 5 pairs (KWK); same data but 243 m, 0°24'S, 76°36'W, 2 ♂ (KWK); same data but 26-VIII-1980, 8 ♂, 1 ♀ (KWK); same data but 26-VIII-1980, 0°24'S, 76°36'W, 243 m, swamp N of Lake Taraoa, 1 ♂, S.W. Dunkle leg.; same data but 13-VII-1977, 12 ♂, 1 ♀, S.M. & K.W. Knopf leg.; Napo prov., Limoncocha, lakeshore and nearby areas, 23-VIII-1980, 3 ♂, 1 ♀, 1 pair (KWK); Napo prov., Baeza-Lago Agrio Rd, 52 km NE of Chaco, swampforest and stream, 18-VIII-1980, 7 ♂, 1 ♀ (KWK); Napo prov., Limoncocha on Rio Napo, elev. 300 m, Lake Taraoa near Primavera, 4-XI-1980, 1 ♂, M.J. Westfall, Jr & David G. Robinson leg.; Napo prov., Taraoa, 20 km E of Puerto Francisco de Orellana, Napo River, 9-VII-1983, 2 ♂, T.H. & P.S. Gantenbein leg. — The holotype and allotype are deposited in the Florida State Collection of Arthropods (FSCA) in Gainesville, Florida, USA. The remaining paratypes are in the collections of Jerrell J. Daigle,