

**TELEBASIS AUREIPENNIS JURZITZA, 1980, A JUNIOR SYNONYM OF
T. THEODORI (NAVAS, 1934) (ZYGOPTERA: COENAGRIONIDAE)**

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Comparison of the holotype of *Argia theodori* with a small series of *Telebasis aureipennis* and illustration of a paratype male show these 2 spp. to be synonyms. The holotype is described, pertinent diagnostic characters are illustrated, and a comparison with *T. carota* Kennedy is provided.

INTRODUCTION

Over the last several years, I have been working intensively on neotropical species of the genus *Argia* in hopes of unraveling this bewildering complex of described and undescribed species. Much work on this genus has been done by Mrs Leonora K. Gloyd over the last 40 years. During several visits to the University of Michigan, I have had the privilege of examining the rich holdings of this genus. Gloyd had already put together a complete list of all names used under *Argia*, and several species of the genus were described by Longinos Navás. Resolution of names proposed by Navás has normally been difficult owing to inadequate descriptions and concomitant unavailability of types.

During the 1930's, Gloyd had the foresight to borrow several type specimens of *Argia* named by Navás while he was still alive. Among this material was the holotype female of *Argia theodori* described by Navás in 1934 from Caixías [sic], Brazil.

KENNEDY (1936: 811), in discussing *T. carota* Kennedy, stated:

"Among types of species of *Argia* loaned the University of Michigan for study by Mrs. Gloyd, Navas included the unique female holotype of *Argia theodori* Navas (1934). Doctor Calvert was visiting at Ann Arbor at the time (June, 1935). Both he and Mrs. Gloyd decided *theodori* was a *Telebasis* with its probable nearest described relative *sanguinalis*. The present writer saw the specimen at that time but was not then interested in *Telebasis* so made no comparisons with the present material of *carota*. From Navas' description *theodori* is the same size as *carota*, has the same venation but is a species with