

THE GENUS *OXYSTIGMA* SELYS, 1862 (ZYGOPTERA:
MEGAPODAGRIONIDAE) *

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A revision is given of the genus *Oxystigma*, with the type species *Heteragrion petiolatum* Selys, 1862 from Santarem on the Amazon River. Two other species of *Oxystigma* are described from the Guyanas, one of which was misidentified by WILLIAMSON (1919, Occ. Pap. Mus. Zool. Univ. Mich. 68: 1-88), who considered it identical with the type species Santarem, and which is redescribed here under the name of *O. williamsoni* sp. n., ♂ holotype and ♀ allotype taken in tandem during oviposition at Zanderij, Pontji Creek, Surinam (Jan. 8, 1947), and are deposited in the Leiden Museum. Of the same species the oviposition is described and figured for the first time. Of the third species, *O. cyanofrons* Wlls. (type locality British Guiana, now Guyana), additional data are presented with notes on its larval stage.

INTRODUCTION

In the legion Podagrion of SELYS (1862), the genus *Heteragrion* Selys was divided in four groups of species, the last group including one species: *H. petiolatum* Selys. Because of its aberrant characters, Selys proposed to place this species in a new subgenus under the name of *Oxystigma*. In the wing venation its distinction enclosed: (1) the long quadrangle, extending to the level of the nodus; — (2) the long petiolate wing base, reaching far beyond the cubito-anal cross vein to a level midway the quadrangle; — (3) the oblique proximal side of pterostigma.

Furthermore, SELYS (1886) in his revision of *Podagrion*, remarks under *Heteragrion petiolatum* that there is but one cell between the quadrangle and the cross vein descending from the nodus (postquadrangular cell), and that the

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