

PERILESTINAE IN ECUADOR AND PERU: REVISIONAL NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS

(Lestidae: Odonata)

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On a recent visit (Dec. 27, 1938) to the insect collections of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, the writer found what appeared to be two undescribed species of the very rare Perilestine dragonflies. Mrs. Elsie Broughton Klots in immediate charge of the collection of Odonata suggested their description. I wish to thank Mrs. Klots and Dr. Frank E. Lutz for this privilege. The holotypes and scanty paratype material of these all remain in the museum.

After the descriptions of the American Museum material were in the hands of the Museum editor, the writer received from Mr. G. Klug of Iquitos, Peru, more material which contained another undescribed species and the female of one of the species found in the American Museum. Just lately we have received yet another undescribed species, this one from north-west Ecuador, collected by Mr. David B. Laddey.

The female from Klug at Iquitos had a horn on the prothorax, the discovery of which opened the *cornutus*-question. We soon decided that the species from the southern rim of the Amazon basin ascribed to the de Selys description of *cornutus* by the Williamsons (E. B. and J. H. Williamson, p. 10, 1924) could not be *cornutus*. The present species from Iquitos with the horned female fitted the *cornutus* description better, while the male of *pollux* Kennedy, female unknown, (Kennedy, p. 418, 1937) fitted the *cornutus* description even more closely.

While describing these various species and taxonomic puzzles we have given a generic name to "Group I" of the Williamsons' monograph (1924) and have added figures of the appendages of the species accessible to the writer, except those of *guianensis* W. and W. all material of which is in the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh and which collection we did not find time to visit as the identity of *guianensis* appeared to be little involved in our review.