

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

***PALAEMNEMA BRASILIENSIS* SPEC. NOV.,
FIRST PLATYSTICTIDAE RECORD FROM BRAZIL
(ZYGOPTERA)**

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The new sp. is described and illustrated based on ♂ specimens collected in the State of Amapá. Holotype ♂: Brazil: Amapá, Serra do Navio, I-1957. It is close to *P. edmondi* Calvert and *P. brevignoni* Machet.

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Palaemnema* is the only representative of the family Platystictidae in the New World. Since the monumental review of the genus (CALVERT, 1931) in which 26 species were reported, new taxa were described by COWLEY (1934), KENNEDY (1938, 1940, 1942), DE MARMELS (1989a, 1989b), MACHET (1990) and DONNELLY (1992). The total number of species today is 45 (KALKMAN et al., 2008) distributed mainly in Central America and Mexico but also in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Here, *P. brasiliensis* sp. n. is described from the State of Amapá that represents the first record of the family in Brazil.