

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

***OXYAGRION MIRNAE* SPEC. NOV. FROM BRAZIL
(ZYGOPTERA: COENAGRIONIDAE)**

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The new sp. is described, illustrated and compared with the other 25 congeners. Holotype ♂: Virginia, Minas Gerais, Brasil, 3-II-2010; deposited in author's collection.

INTRODUCTION

The taxonomy of the coenagrionid genus *Oxyagrion* has been hampered by lack of a clear definition of the characters separating it from its closer genus *Acanthagrion*. This has been recently provided by von ELLENRIEDER & LOZANO (2007) who recognized 25 species in the genus. Out of these 18 are from Brazil as described by SELYS (1876), CALVERT (1909), COSTA (1978, 1988) and COSTA et al. (2000, 2006). We describe herein *O. mirnae* sp. n. from the State of Minas Gerais.

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Figures 1-4

Material. — **Holotype** ♂: Brazil, State of Minas Gerais, Virginia, 14-II-2010, Fazenda dos Campos, 1500m, O. Mielke & M. Casagrande leg. — **Paratypes**: 3 ♂, same data as holotype. Specimens deposited in A.B.M. Machado collection, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Etymology. — I dedicate this species to my good friend, Prof. Mirna M. Casagrande who collected the specimens and whose wanderings throughout South America, in search of butterflies, have very much contributed to my odonatological studies.