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Two new genera and nine new species of damselflies from a localized area in Minas Gerais, Brazil (Odonata: Zygoptera)

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Two new genera, *Franciscobasis* and *Franciscagrion*, and seven new species, i.e. *Acanthagrion franciscoi, Franciscobasis franciscoi, Franciscobasis sonia, Franciscagrion franciscoi, Franciscagrion longispinum, Minagrion franciscoi* and *Oxyagrion franciscoi*, are described and illustrated. In addition, two new species of *Peristicta* are reported and will be described elsewhere. All these species have been collected along a 600 m stretch of the headwaters of the São Francisco River, within the Serra da Canastra National Park, in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. The significance of this finding in such a small area is discussed.
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Introduction

Biological assessments in protected areas constitute an important source of biodiversity knowledge, besides providing essential subsidies for the planning and implementation of conservation strategies, management and monitoring actions. A rapid assessment of the odonate fauna was conducted between October 2001 and May 2002 in the Serra da Canastra National Park, one of the largest protected areas within Brazil's Cerrado Province (savanna ecoregion), in the State of Minas Gerais. This study involved the sampling of 72 sites in the Park and surrounding areas, revealing 112 odonate species (Bedê & Machado, 2002), among which a taxon represented by a single specimen, most probably a new species and a new genus of Coenagrionidae was collected. In order to obtain more specimens of this taxon and to improve the characterization of

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