

Family TENEBRIONIDAE

Blaps sulcata Laporte

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: VF found in wheat chaff, wheat silos, Wallaroo, 15.iii.1965 (det. EAJD 1965).

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**A NOTE ON CUTICULAR LOBES OF *TETRANYCHUS MARIANAE*
McGREGOR (ACARINA: TETRANYCHIDAE) FROM PAPUA**

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A description is given of the cuticular lobes of female *Tetranychus marianae* McGregor from Papua.

In listing records of species of the genus *Tetranychus* from Queensland, Davis (1968) described the lobes on the cuticular striae as an aid to the identification of females, but was not able to do this for *T. marianae* McGregor because of a shortage of suitable material.

The following description is made from female specimens of *T. marianae* from *Dolichos lablab* L., Popondetta, Papua, 12.iv.1966 (T. V. Bourke), made available through the courtesy of the late Mr. F. A. Gibson, formerly of the New South Wales Department of Agriculture.

Lobes on the striae between the second and third pairs of dorso-central hysterosomal setae uniformly small, about as long as wide, slightly separated; most lobes fairly acutely pointed, triangular, with a small proportion more rounded and semi-circular; tips of lobes dense, but no basal spot present: lobes elsewhere on the dorsal hysterosoma similar to those described, but on the propodosoma the greater proportion of lobes are rounded rather than triangular; ventral hysterosomal striae lobed as far forward as the first pair of ventral hysterosomal setae; ventral lobes much broader and more rounded and with less dense tips than those on the dorsal striae, wider than long, and ranging from semi-circular to nearly oblong; ventral propodosomal striae not lobed.

These morphological characters should assist in distinguishing females of *T. marianae* from those of species which are otherwise similar, and may occur on the same host—for example, *T. neocaledonicus* André.

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**AMITERMES PALLIDICEPS, A NEW NAME FOR *A. PALLIDUS* GAY
(ISOPTERA: TERMITIDAE)**

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In my paper "A Contribution to the Systematics of the Genus *Amitermes* (Isoptera: Termitidae) in Australia", *Aust. J. Zool.* 1968, **16**, 405-457, I described (p. 435, 436) a new species of *Amitermes* from Western Australia under the name of *A. pallidus*. Dr. A. E. Emerson, in a private communication, has been kind enough to draw my attention to the fact that this name was used in 1932 by Professor S. F. Light, who described a new species from Arizona as *A. pallidus*. Accordingly, I propose that the name *Amitermes pallidus* Gay (nec Light) be replaced by *Amitermes pallidiceps* nom. nov.

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