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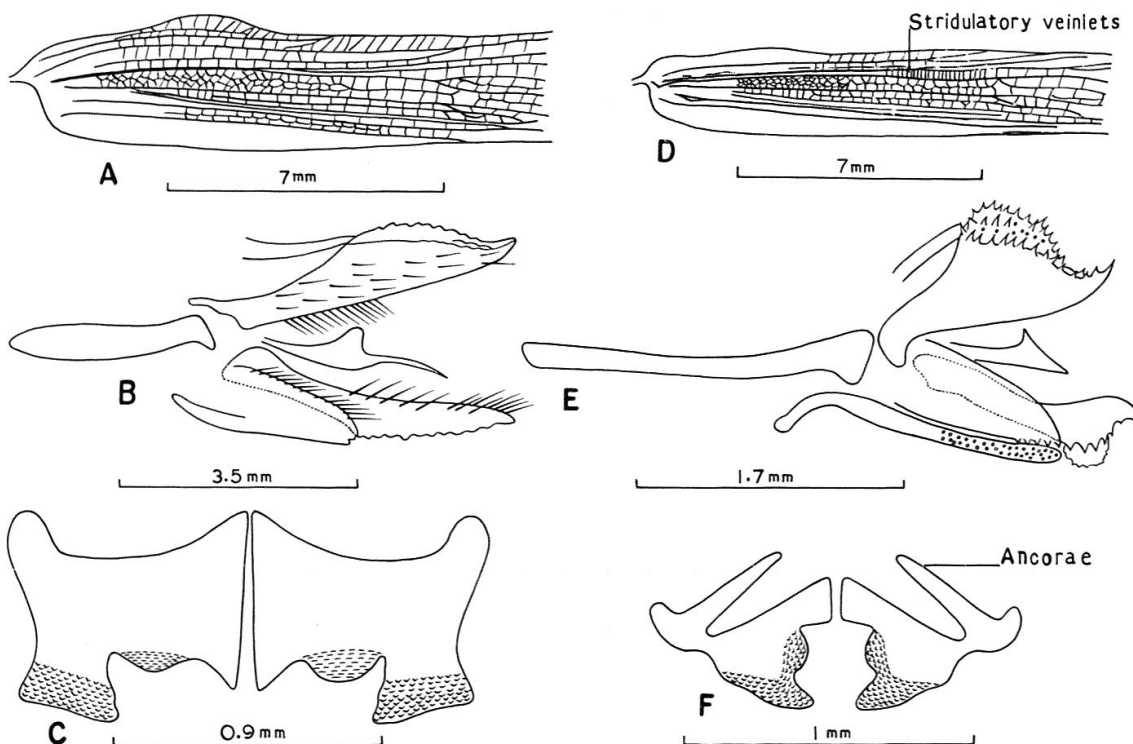
A new tribe of Oxyinae (Orthoptera: Acrididae)

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*Gesonulini trib. n.* is proposed under the subfamily Oxyinae of the family Acrididae. Key to tribes of the subfamily Oxyinae is given.

BRUNNER (1893), BOLIVAR (1918) and WILLEMSE (1921) independently assigned the genus *Gesonia* Stål (now *Gesonula* Uvarov) under the group Oxyae. Mishchenko (1952) and Rehn (1957) recognized Oxyini as tribe and placed *Gesonula* under it. DIRSH (1961) shifted the genus from Oxyini to his subfamily Hemi-acridinae, on the basis of the presence of transverse parallel stridulatory veinlets on radial area of tegmen. The placement of the genus under Hemi-acridinae has been accepted by WILLEMSE (1965) and TANDON (1976). HOLLIS (1975) assigned *Gesonula* in the subfamily Oxyinae. A careful study on the characters of the genus *Gesonula* Uvarov do give an impression that there are certain characters viz.,



Figs. A-C. *Oxya fuscovittata* (Marschall): (A) Basal part of tegmen, ♀; (B) Ovipositor, ♀; (C) Epiphallus, ♂.

Figs. D-F. *Gesonula punctifrons* (Stål): (D) Basal part of tegmen, ♀; (E) Ovipositor, ♀; (F) Epiphallus, ♂.

transverse parallel stridulatory veinlets on radial area of tegmen, short ovipositor valves, long and slender ancorae on epiphallus, which are of tribal significance. The present authors used these characters in establishing the new tribe Gesonulini under the subfamily Oxyinae. *Gesonulini trib. n.* is separated from *Oxyini* by the following key characters:

Key to tribes of the subfamily Oxyinae BRUNNER

1. Tegmina without series of regular, parallel transverse stridulatory veinlets on radial area (Fig. A); female ovipositor valves long and slender (Fig. B); male epiphallus with indistinct or short ancorae (Fig. C). . . . . *Oxyini* BRUNNER

Type-genus: *Oxya* Serville

- Tegmina with series of regular, parallel transverse stridulatory veinlets on radial area (Fig. D); female ovipositor valves short (Fig. E); male epiphallus with long ancorae (Fig. F) . . . . . *Gesonulini trib. n.*

Type-genus: *Gesonula* Uvarov

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