**A study of the genus *Limnophora* Robineau-Desvoidy (Diptera: Muscidae), with descriptions of six new species from China**

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**Abstract**

This paper provides the characters of genus *Limnophora* (Diptera: Muscidae) and a key to the Chinese species of *Limnophora*, six new species collected from Hainan Island of China, namely, *L. brevispatula*, *n. sp.*, *L. cothurnosurstyla*, *n. sp.*, *L. dyadocerca*, *n. sp.*, *L. longitarsis*, *n. sp.*, *L. nuditibia*, *n. sp.* and *L. ypocerca*, *n. sp.* are diagnosed, described and illustrated, a new record species in China, namely, *L. argentifrons* (Shinonaga et Kano, 1977), is also included.

**Keywords:** China, Diptera, Muscidae, *Limnophora*, key, new species, new record

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Introduction

*Limnophora* Robineau-Desvoidy is a large genus of Muscidae (Diptera). Robineau-Desvoidy established the genus in 1830, with *L. palustria* as the type species. This genus has a worldwide distribution, according to recent data, there are approximately 230 species in the world, including 66 species and a subspecies in China. In recent years, many scholars collected Muscidae specimens from Hainan Island of China, including six new species and a new record species belong to genus *Limnophora*. Hainan Island belongs to Oriental regions, and located on the northwest of the South China (18°10′-20°9′N, 108°36′-112°2′E), it with a tropical moist monsoonal climate, and has many mountain ranges, valleys, streams and rivers, the various environments and special climate are fit for *Limnophora* species to live.

Materials and Methods

Specimens were collected from Hainan Island of China. They were examined using an Olympus SZ-ST stereomicroscope (www.olympus.com); further details (dissection, drawing, etc.) were studied under an Motic SMZ-140 dissecting stereomicroscopes. Male and female genitalia were examined and illustrated after they were dissected from the fly’s bodies, all illustrations were drawn on ink jet plotter paper. The genitalia of dissected specimens were mounted in glycerol in a plastic tube on the staging pin.

The morphological terminology follows that of McAlpine (1981). Absolute measurements were used for the body length in millimeters. Descriptions of a species are done in the following order: body length, head, thorax, wing, legs and abdomen. The type specimens of the new species and examined specimens described herein are deposited in IESNU and IZCAS.

Abbreviations. – *ori*, frontal setae; *ors*, orbital setae; *acr*, acrostichal setae; *prst-acr*, presutural acrostichal setae; *prst-dc*, presutural dorsocentral setae; *dc*, dorsocentral setae; *ia*, intra-alar setae, *pra*, prealar setae; *av*, anteroventral setae; *ad*, anterodorsal setae; *pd*, posterodorsal setae; *pv*, posteroventral setae; *d*, dorsal setae; *p* posterior setae; *Co*. Collected; *IESNU* Institute of Entomology, Shenyang Normal University, China; *IZCAS* (Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Genus *Limnophora* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830

(Diptera: Muscidae)

*Limnophora* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830: 517. Type-species: *Limnophora palustria* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830 (= *Limnophora* maculosa (Meigen, 1826)).

Coquillet Robineau-Desvoidy 1830; *Leucomelina* Macquart 1851; *Microchylum*.

Macquart 1851; *Melanochelia* Rondani 1866; *Pseudolimnophora* Strobl 1893; *Calliophrys* Kowarz 1893; *Limnophorites* Schnabl et Dziedzicki 1911; *Bucephalomyia* Malloch 1918; *Onychomyia* Stein 1919; *Emmesina* Malloch 1921; *Limnina* Malloch, 1928; *Apisia* Séguy, 1950.

Identified Characteristic. -- Basisternum of prosternum with hairs, anepimeron and meron all bare; dorsal and ventral of radial node with small setae, *R*$_{4+5}$ vein with hairs in a few specimens; hind tibia without *pd*, and usually
without apical *ad*, if with small *ad*, the length less than the hind tibia’s diameter; tergites 3 and 4 always with 1 pair of triangular blackish-brown spots; body length 1.5-5.0 mm.

**Distribution.** -- All over the world.

**Key to the Chinese species of genus *Limnophora* Robineau-Desvoidy (♂♀)**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | Sternite 1 bare…………………………………………………………………..2 |
|   | Sternite 1 with small hairs…………………………………………………….22 |
| 2 | *Dc* 2+3……………………………………………………………………….....3 |
|   | *Dc* 2+4……………………………………………………………………….....66 |
| 3 | Frons about 1/4 of head in width at least……………………………………....4 |
|   | Frons about 1/7 of head in width at most………………………………………22 |
| 4 | Frons with 1 pair of *ors*………………………………………………………....5 |
|   | Frons with 2 pairs of *ors*………………………………………………………....8 |
| 5 | Parafacial subequal with the width of postpedicel, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with argentate pruinosity…………..*L. pollinifrons* Stein, 1916 |
|   | Parafacial line-shaped, about 1/2 of postpedicel in width at most, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with brown pruinosity………………..*L. rufimana* (Strobl, 1893) |
| 6 | Mid femur with 1 *av*, mid tibia with 2 *p*………………*L. dyadocerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp. |
|   | Mid femur without *av*, mid tibia with 1 *p*……………………………………6 |
| 7 | Frontal vitta about 8.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate; mid femur with 1 *pd*…………………………………*L. subcerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp. |
|   | Frontal vitta about 3.5 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate; mid femur with 2 *pd*……………………………………*L. albitarsis* Stein, 1915 |
| 8 | 1st and 2nd tarsomeres of mid legs white………………*L. nuditibia* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp. |
|   | All tarsomers of mid legs black……………………………………………….9 |
| 9 | Dorsal and ventral surface of R₄₋₅ vein with small hairs…*L. veniseta* Stein, 1915 |
|   | Only basal part of R₄₋₅ vein with hairs……………………………………10 |
| 10 | Hind tibia without *av*……………………………………*L. argentifrons* (Shinonaga et Kano, 1977) *n. record in China* |
|   | Hind tibia with *av*……………………………………………………………..11 |
| 11 | Fronto-orbital plate and parafacial all covered with argentate white pruinosity….. | *L. beckeri* Stein, 1908 |
|   | Fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with different colors pruinosity….12 |
| 12 | Frontal vitta and fronto-orbital plate covered with black pruinosity, lower half of parafacial wirelike…………………………………….13 |
|   | Frontal vitta and fronto-orbital plate covered with different colors pruinosity, parafacial broad and not line-shaped……………………………………….13 |
13 Parafacial about 3/10 width of postpedicel at most……………………………………14
- Parafacial about 1/2 width of postpedicel at least………………………………………15
14 Frontal vitta about 3.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, pretarsus about 1.6
times as long as fore tibia…………………………………………………………..L. daduhea Feng, 2001
- Frontal vitta about 6.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, pretarsus subequal
with fore tibia in length………………L. nigrisquama Tong, Xue et Wang, 2004
15 Vibrissal angle situated behind frontal angle in profile, frontal angle become
obtuse angle, parafacial about half of postpedicel……………………………………16
- Vibrissal angle front of frontal angle in profile, frontal angle almost become
right angle, parafacial subequal with postpedicel in width…………………………21
16 Scutum with distinct strip, basal half of scutellum covered with blackish-
brown pruinosity………………………………………………………L. pubiseta Emden, 1965
- Scutum without distinct strip, basal half of scutellum without obvious
blackish-brown pruinosity………………………………………………………17
17 Frontal vitta greyish-white………………………………………………………………18
- Frontal vitta blackish-brown………………………………………………………………19
18 Calypters greyish-white; apical of surstyli intumescent in profile………………
………………………………………………………………………………………………………L. argentata Emden, 1965
- Calypters yellowish; apical of surstyli not intumescent in profile………………
………………………………………………………………………………………………………L. yulongxueshanna Xue et Tong, 2003
19 Lower calypter brown; scutum without vitta; mid tibia with 2 p, 1 basal pv and
1 medial pv…………………………………………L. papulicerca pubertiseta Xue et Zhang, 1995
- Lower calypter white or yellowish; scutum with 3 dark brown vittae; mid tibia
with 1 p, 1 basal pv…………………………………………………………………………20
20 Scutum without vitta; surstyli thin and long, apical half of surstyli curved as
hook-like in profile……………………………………………………………………L. triangula (Fallén, 1825)
- Scutum with 3 brown black vittae; surstyli wide and short, apical half of surstyli
not curved in profile……………………………………………………………………L. papulicerca Xue et Zhang, 1998
21 Frontal triangle covered with argentate pruinosity, extending to the anterior
margin of frons, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide; with 2 rows of
setiform prst-acr………………………………………………………………………L. argentitriangula Xue et Wang, 1985
- Frontal triangle covered with gray pruinosity, not extending to the anterior
arginal of frons, postpedicel about 2.0 times as long as wide; with 4 rows of trichoid prst-
acr……………………………………………………………………………………………L. cyclocerca Zhou et Xue, 1987
22 Frons wider than the postpedicel in width…………………………………………23
- Frons equal to or narrower than the postpedicel in width…………………………31
23 Presutural area of scutum without blackish-brown spots…………………………24
Presutural area of scutum with 3 blackish-brown spots

- Calypters grayish-white; hind femur with 3-4 pv…….L. albonigra Emden, 1965
- Calypters brown; hind femur without pv

Thorax with 4 rows of trichoid prst-acr, katepisternal setae 1+2; fore tarsus subequal with fore tibia in length…….L. brevispatula Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.

- Thorax with 2-3 rows of trichoid prst-acr, katepisternal setae 1+1; fore tarsus about 1.8-1.9 times as long as fore tibia...L. longitarsis Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.

Fore tibia with pv indistinctly; the black spot of tergite 4 subequal with the the tergite in length.................................................................27

- Fore tibia with pv distinctly; the black spot of tergite 4 about half of the tergite in length.................................................................28

Ia 0+2; mid tibia with 2 p, basal of scutellum without black transverse stripe.....................................................................................L. emeishanica Feng, 2005

- Ia 0+1; mid tibia with 1 p, basal of scutellum with 1 black transverse stripe.....................................................................................L. fallax Stein, 1920

Frontal vitta about half of fronto-orbital plate in width; thorax with 2 rows of prst-acr; mid tibia with 1 p..............................L. mongolica Xue et Zhang, 1997

- Frontal vitta about 1.0-2.5 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate; thorax with 3-4 rows of prst-acr; mid tibia with 2-3 p..............................29

Thorax with 3 rows of prst-acr; tergite 5 brownish-yellow entirely, distal part with 1 pair of long setae..............................L. cinerifulva Feng, 1999

- Thorax with 4 rows of prst-acr; tergite 5 with 1 pair of brown spots, and without long seta...............................................................................30

Distal of sternite 5 closed to quadrate in profile, inner branch of surstyli long, and with setae..............................................L. septentrionalis Xue, 1984

- Distal of sternite 5 pointed in profile, inner branch of surstyli short, and without any hairs..............................................L. minutifallax Lin et Xue, 1986

Apical of the surstyli long spoon-shaped............L. longispatula Xue et Tong, 2003

- Apical of the surstyli not long spoon-shaped..............................32

Tergite 5 with spot............................................................................33

- Tergite 5 without spot......................................................L. oreosoacra Feng, 2005

Tergite 5 with 1 spot or 2 indistinct spots, if with 2 spots, scutellum black or almost, apical of scutellum without lightly pruinosity.............................................................34

- Tergite 5 with 2 light brown spots obviously, apical half of scutellum covered with grey pruinosity.............................................................38

Dorsal and ventral surface of R4+5 vein with small seta rows..................35

- Only basal part of R4+5 vein with hairs............................................36
35 Frons with 3 pairs of proclinate ors; thorax with 1 prealar seta; posterior margin of syntergite 1+2 with 1 pair of indistinct black spots.  

\[ L. \text{ yunnanensis} \ \text{Xue} \ \text{et Tong}, \ 2003 \]

- Frons with 4 pairs of proclinate ors; thorax without prealar seta; syntergite 1+2 without black spot.  

\[ L. \text{ spoliata} \ \text{Stein}, \ 1915 \]

36 Frons with 3 pairs of ors, 2 pairs of ori; fore tibia with 1 medial p, mid and hind tibiae brown.  

\[ L. \text{ brunneitibia} \]

- Frons with 1-2 pairs of ors, 4 pairs of ori at least; fore tibia without medial p, mid and hind tibiae black.  

37 Tergite 5 with 1 indistinct triangular spot, lateral lobe of sternite 5 tapering in profile, distal of cerci intumescent.  

\[ L. \text{ nigra} \ \text{Xue}, \ 1984 \]

- Tergite 5 with 1 distinct pair triangular brown spots, lateral lobe of sternite 5 round distally in profile, distal of cerci intumescent.  

\[ L. \text{ prominens} \ \text{Stein}, \ 1904 \]

38 Lateral lobe of sternite 5 round distally in profile, tergite 5 with 1 median vitta between 2 spots.  

\[ L. \text{ nigrilineata} \ \text{Xue}, \ 1984 \]

- Lateral lobe of sternite 5 tapering in profile, tergite 5 without median vitta between 2 spots.  

39 The median strip scutum not reaching to scutoscutellar suture; sternite 5 flat, its lateral lobe tapering.  

\[ L. \text{ parastylata} \ \text{Xue}, \ 1984 \]

- The median strip scutum reaching to scutoscutellar suture; sternite 5 not flat, its lateral lobe wide.  

\[ L. \text{ purgata} \ \text{Xue}, \ 1992 \]

40 Anterior half of postscutum with brownish-black transverse stripe.  

\[ L. \text{ exigua} \ (\text{Wiedemann}, \ 1830) \]

- Anterior half of postscutum without brownish-black transverse stripe.  

41 Frons about 3.5 times of as wide as postpedicel at least; sternite 2 with strong setae, sternite 5 with dense and short setae cluster.  

\[ L. \text{ exiguia} \ (\text{Wiedemann}, \ 1830) \]

- Frons 2.5 times as wide as postpedicel at most, sternites 2 and 5 without above setae.  

42 Frontal vitta about 4.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate.  

\[ L. \text{ surrecticerca} \ \text{Xue} \ \text{et Zhang}, \ 1997 \]

- Katepisternal setae 1+2; hind fumur without av.  

43 Katepisternal setae 1+1; hind fumur without av.  

\[ L. \text{ cothurnosurstyla} \ \text{Xue} \ \text{Bai} \ \text{et Dong}, \ \text{n. sp.} \]

44 Frons with 8-9 pairs of ori; mid fumur without pv, hind tibia with 2-4 av.  

\[ L. \text{ furcicerca} \ \text{Xue} \ \text{et Liu}, \ 1990 \]

- Frons with 4 pairs of ori; mid fumur with 2 pv, hind tibia without av.  

45 Between the brownish-black transverse stripe of postscutum and scutellum with
with a narrow greyish-brown vitta………………...\textit{L. tigrina} (Am Stein, 1860)

- Between the brownish-black transverse stripe of postscutum and scutellum
  without greyish-brown vitta………………………………………………...…46

46 Frons narrower than eye in width distinctly, fronto-orbital plate covered with
greyish-white to brown pruinosity………………\textit{L. himalayensis} Brunetti, 1907

- Frons subequal with eye in width, Fronto-orbital plate covered with silvery white
  pruinosity…………………………………………\textit{L. suturalis} Stein, 1915

47 Frons about 1/4 of head in width at least, about 3.5 times as wide as postpedicel..
………………………………………………………………………………………………..48

- Frons about 1/6 of head in width at most, about 2.5 times as wide as postpedicel.
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48 Katepisternal setae 1+2…………………………………………………………49

- Katepisternal setae 1+1……………………………………………………………...50

49 Fronto-orbital plate covered with dense and brown pruinosity, arista short
  plumose…………………………………………\textit{L. apiciseta} Xue \textit{et} Zhang, 1998

- Fronto-orbital plate covered with grey pruinosity, arista pubescent….\textit{L. nigripes}

50 Fronto-orbital plate covered with brown pruinosity; tergites 2 and 3 without
  triangular lateral spots…………………………...\textit{L. breviventris} Stein, 1915

- Fronto-orbital plate covered with grey pruinosity; tergites 2 and 3 with triangular
  lateral spots……………………………………\textit{L. flavifrons} Stein, 1915

51 Hind femur with \textit{pv} rows; distal of cerci with forcipate-like process………52

- Hind femur without \textit{pv} row; distal of cerci without forcipate-like process……53

52 Epistoma projecting; \textit{R}_{4+5} vein with small seta; mid and hind femora with 1 entire
  \textit{pv} row separately……………………\textit{L. setinerva} Schnabl, 1911

- Epistoma not projecting; \textit{R}_{4+5} vein without small seta; only basal half of mid femur
  with \textit{pv}, and basal 3/5 of hind femur with \textit{pv}…\textit{L. biprominens} Zhang \textit{et} Xue, 1996

53 Frons only about 1/15 of head in width, and subequal with anterior ocellus in
  width; hind femur with entire \textit{av} row……………………...\textit{L. virago} Emden, 1965

- Frons about 1/10 of head in width at least, and about 1.5 times as wide as anterior
  ocellus; only apical half of hind femur with \textit{av} row…………………………54

54 Eye holoptic; mid femur only with 1 long and strong medial \textit{a}………………
……………………………………………………...\textit{L. conica} Stein, 1915

- Eye dichoptic; basal half of mid femur with 1 \textit{a} row at least…………………...55

55 Calypter light brown to brown, fronto-orbital plate covered with brown or brown
  grey pruinosity……………………………………………………………………...56

- Calypter white, if yellowish, fronto-orbital plate covered with white or silvery grey
  pruinosity normally………………………………………………………………57
56 Parafacial about 1.3 times as wide as postpedicel; thorax with 4 rows of prst-acr; mid femur with 2 pd, 3-4 pv, hind tibia with 2 av. ........................................ L. leptosternita Tong, Xue et Wang, 2004
- Parafacial subequal with postpedicel; thorax with 2 rows of prst-acr; mid femur without pd and pv, hind tibia without av. L. brunneisquamam Mu et Zhang 1990
57 Frontal vitta about 2.5 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate; mid tibia with 3 p. .................................................. L. reventa Feng, 1999
- Frontal vitta equal to or narrower than fronto-orbital plate in width; mid tibia with 2 p .......................................................... 58
58 Frontal vitta not line-shaped, frons about 1.5-2.0 times as wide as the distance of outer margin of posterior ocellar .................................................... 59
- Frontal vitta line-shaped, frons equal to or narrower than the distance of outer margin of posterior ocellar in width .................................................... 65
59 Fronto-orbital plate about 2.3 times as wide as frontal vitta; mid femur with 1 apical pd ........................................ L. apicicerca Xiang et Xue, 1998
- Fronto-orbital plate about 1.5 times as wide as frontal vitta at most; mid femur with 2 apical pd .................................................. 60
60 Thorax with 4 rows of prst-acr, without pra ........................................ 61
- Thorax with 2 rows of prst-ac, pra hair-like ........................................ 62
61 Fronto-orbital plate covered with silvery white pruinosity; katepisternal setae 1+1 ........................................ L. tibetan Xue et Zhang, 1998
- Fronto-orbital plate covered with brownish-grey pruinosity; katepisternal setae 1+2 ........................................ L. nigriscrupulosa Xiang et Xue, 1998
62 Frontal angle situated behind vibrissal angle in profile; mid tibia with 1 p .... L. asiatica Xue et Zhang, 1998
- Vibrissal angle situated behind frontal angle in profile; mid tibia with 2 p .... 63
63 Pra 2, scutum covered with dark gray pruinosity ........................................ L. scrupulosa (Zetterstedt, 1845)
- Pra 1, scutum covered with light gray pruinosity ........................................ 64
64 Katepisternal setae 1+2, posterior half of tergite 5 with 1 brown triangular median vitta; basal half of surstyli wide, which becoming narrow toward to apical in profile ........................................ L. subscrupulosa Zhang et Xue, 1990
- Katepisternal setae 1+1, tergite 5 with 1 brown median stripe; apical of surstyli wide and narrow in middle part in profile ........................................ L. orbitalis Stein, 1907
65 Frons with 2 pairs of proclinate ors; tergite 5 with brown median vittae ........ L. interfrons Xue, 1982
- Frons with 1 pair of proclinate ors; tergite 5 without median vitta L. lati orbitalis
Thorax with 4 rows of prst-acr, katepisternal setae 1+1

..............................................................................L. bannaensis Zhang, Xue et Wang, 1998

- Thorax with 2 rows of prst-acr, katepisternal setae 1+2

..............................................................................L. latifrons Zhang et Xue, 1996

Limnophora argentifrons (Shinonaga et Kano, 1977), n. record in China
(Figure 1A-C)

Material examined. -- China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 29 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., 2 ♂♂ (IESNU), 1 ♂ (IZCAS); 30 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai and Xu-Dong Fei Co., 2 ♂♂ (IESNU), 2 ♂♂ (IZCAS).

Distribution. -- Japan, Ryukyu Islands (Iriomote Island, Okinawa main Island and Amamioshima Island); China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng).

Limnophora brevispatula Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.
(Figure 2A-C)

Holotype male. -- Body length 4.8-5.0 mm.

Head. Eye bare; frons about 1.2 times as wide as postpedicel, about 1/10 of head in width, lower 3/5 of frons with 5-6 pairs of intilted ori, upper 2/5 with 3 pairs of thin ors, frontal vitta black, about 1.5-2.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, ocellar seta longer than the longest ori, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with gray white pruinosity, parafacial about 2/5 of postpedicel in width; antennae black, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide, arista short ciliated, the longest hair shorter than aristal basal diameter, lunule brown, frontal angle situated behind vibrissal angle in profile; gena about 1/8 of eye in height, genal and postgena hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with black hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; labella small, the length subequal with prementum height, palpus black, slightly longer than prementum.

Thorax. Black in ground color, proepisternum covered with gray pruinosity distinctly, scutum black mostly, lateral of anterior of transverse suture to notopleuron covered with gray pruinosity, anterior part of transverse suture covered with gray pruinosity, anterior 3/4 of postscutum with black transverse stripe, posterior margin of transverse stripe extending to back, but not reaching to scutocutellar suture; 4 rows of trichoid prst-acr, only 1 pair distinct before scutellum, dc 2+3, ia 0+1, pra hair-like; scutellum all black, lateral and ventral surface bare; basiternum of pro sternum with hairs, notopleural, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare; proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, katepisternal setae 1+2, the lower one only about 1/3 of the upper one.

Wing. Transparent slightly, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine small and short, distal of Sc slightly straight, dorsal and ventral surface of R₄₋₅ vein in basal part and rasicnode all with setae, calypters light brown, its margin brown, lower calypters protrude to tongue-shaped; halter yellow.

Legs. Entirely black; fore tibia without median p; mid femur without av, basal 2/5 with setiform a, the super-medial one strong,
2 apical pd, with 2 pv, mid tibia with 1 median p; hind femur with 2 av in apical 1/3, without pv, hind tibia with 1 median av, 1 super-medial ad, without pv; mid and hind tarsi longer than tibia, claw and pulvilli short and small, about half of 5th tarsomere in length.

**Abdomen.** Black in ground color, oviform-shaped, covered with brownish-gray pruinosity, tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of triangulare lateral spots respectively, the widest part of spot wider than the length of tergite, tergite 5 with a trapeziform median spot indistinctly, syntergite 1+2 black except lateral of posterior part with brownish-grey pruinosity, sternite 1 bare. Ternite 5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 2A-C.

**Female.** -- Unknown.

**Type material.** -- **Holotype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 30 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., ♂ (IESNU). **Paratype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 29 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., 1 ♂ (IESNU). China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 800 m, 4 May 2008, Xu-Dong Fei Co., 1 ♂ (IZCAS).

**Remarks.** -- This new species is similar to *L. longitarsis* n. sp., but it differs from the latter in male frontal angle situated behind vibrissal angle in profile; fore tibia without median *p*, mid femur with 2 *p*; the surstyli like a short spoon in profile.

**Etymology.** -- The species name is derived from the Latin “brev” meaning short, “spatula” meaning spoon, refering to surstyli short spoon-shaped in profile.

**Distribution.** -- China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng and Mt. Wuzhi).

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**Limnophora cothurnosurstyla Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.**

(Figure 3A-E)

**Holotype Male.** -- Body length 3.6-3.8 mm.

**Head.** Eye bare; frons about 1/5 of head in width, lateral margins paralleled, with 4 pairs of ori, 2 pairs of thin ors, frontal vitta black, about 4.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, frontal triangle narrow, adjacent to frontal angle, ocellar seta shorter than the the lower ori, inner vertical seta long and strong, outer vertical seta about 2/3-4/5 of inner vertical seta in length, upper 2/3 of fronto-orbital plate covered with brown pruinosity, lower 1/3 covered with brown grey pruinosity, parafacial narrow, covered with light grey pruinosity, middle part of parafacial about 1/3 of postpedicel in width; antennae black and long, distal of postpedicel reaching to epistoma almost, basal situated upper 3/5 of eye, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide, arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; gena about 1/10 of eye in height, covered with grey pruinosity, genal and postgenal hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; arista short cilia...
pra seta absent, lateral of scutellum bare, basisternum of prosternum with hairs, notopleurum, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare; proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, katepisternal setae 1+2, the lower one only about 1/3 of the upper one, anterior and posterior spiracles small and brown.

**Wing.** Transparent slightly, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine small or absent, distal of Sc slightly straight, dorsal and ventral surface of rascial node with setae, calypters yellowish, lower calypter protrude to tongue-shaped; halter yellow.

**Legs.** Entirely black; fore tibia without median p; mid femur without av, basal 1/2 with setiform a row, 2 super-medial a long and strong, 2 pre-apical pd, 2 basal pv, mid tibia with 2 median p; hind femur with 2-3 av in apical 1/3, without pv, hind tibia without av, with 1 medial ad, without pv; all tarsi longer than tibia, pulvilli small, about half of claw in length, claw about 3/5 of 5th tarsomere in length.

**Abdomen.** Black in ground color, oviform-shaped almost, covered with dark gray to brownish-gray pruinosity, tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of big black lateral spots respectively, the widest part of spot wider than the length of tergite, tergite 5 with 1 wide median patch, syntergite 1+2 all black except middle part, tergite 5 only discal scutellar setae and posterior marginal scutellar setae distinctly, tergite 6 and sternite 1 bare, posterior margin of sternites 2 to 4 with a pair of long setae respectively. Sternites 2-5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 3A-E.

**Female.** – Unknown.

**Type material.** -- **Holotype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 800 m, 3 May 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., ♂ (IESNU). **Paratype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 800 m, 3 May 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., 1 ♀ (IESNU). China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 30 April 2008, Xu-Dong Fei Co., 2 ♀♂ (IZCAS).

**Remarks.** -- This new species is similar to *L. malailei* Emden, 1965, but it differs from the latter in male frons about 1/5 of head in width, frontal vitta black; lateral of anterior of transverse suture covered with gray pruinosity stripe; calypters yellowish; hind femur with 2 bassal pv, hind femur with 2-3 av in apical 1/3, hind tibia without av; abdomen oviform-shaped.

**Etymology.** -- The species name is derived from the Greek words “cothurn” meaning boot, “surstylus” meaning surstyli, refering to the surstyli boot-shaped in posterior view.

**Distribution.** -- China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng and Mt. Wuzhi).

*Limnophora dyadocerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.

(Figure 4A-C)

**Holotype Male.** -- Body length 2.0-2.2 mm.

**Head.** Eye bare; frons black, upper part about 0.52 times as wide as head, lower part about 0.43 times as wide as head, with 2 pairs of ori, almost in the same length, with 1 forewards hair in its upper, with 1 pairs of ors, a short and proclinate hair always in the lower part, upper part of frontal vitta about 8.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, frontal triangle unobvious, reaching to upper 1/3 of ors at most; outer vertical seta about half of inner vertical seta, inner vertical seta slightly longer
than ocellar seta, ocellar seta slightly longer than the ori, fronto-orbital plate covered with dark brown pruinosity, parafacial covered with light grey pruinosity, the width of parafacial about half of postpedicel in width; antennae black brown, postpedicel long and broad, about 3.0 times as long as broad, and its width subequal with length of pedicel, basal 1/6-1/5 becoming wide, most aristal hairs subequal with its basal diameter; vibrissal angle situated behind frontal angle in profile; gena covered with dense and dark grey pruinosity, genal hairs black and sparse, genal height about 1/5 of width of postpedicel at most, and about 1/12 of eye height, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, prementum shining, about 2.2-2.5 times as long as wide; labella small, the length subequal with height of prementum, palpus black, slightly longer than prementum.

Thorax. Black in ground color, most part of scutum black, proepisternum covered with dark gray pruinosity, anterior 1/3 of prescutum covered with dark gray pruinosity, and with a black median vitta obviously, posterior 2/5 of postscutum covered with gray pruinosity, and with 3 narrow brown vittae, all vittae reaching to scutoscutellar suture; postpronotal lobe and its posterior part covered with grayish-white pruinosity, scutellum all black; 2 rows of trichoid prst-acr, dc 2+3, without obvious ia and pra, basisternum of prosternum with hairs, notopleural, lateral of scutellum, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare; proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, katepisternal setae 1+2, lower one about 2/5 of anterior one in length, anterior and posterior spiracles small and brown.

Wing. Slightly transparent, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine absent, dorsal and ventral surface of rascal node with setae, calypters grayish-white, posterior margin of lower calypter dark brown, knob of halter big and black, stalk black brown.

Legs. Entirely black, femur thin and long; fore tibia without median p; mid femur without av, basal half without distinct a row, with 1 pre-apical pd, apical 3/5 with distinct pv, mid tibia with 1 median p; hind femur with 1 apical av, without pv, hind tibia with 1 av, with 1 medial ad, without pv; all tarsi longer than tibia, pulvilli small, about half of claw in length, claw about 3/5 of 5th tarsomere in length.

Abdomen. Black in ground color, cone-shaped, syntergite 1+2 black mostly, tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of dark brown triangular spots respectively, tergite 5 with indistinct small lateral spots, middle and lateral of tergites 3 to 5 covered with light gray pruinosity, sternite 1 bare, posterior margin of sternite 5 narrow, cerci split to four forks (Figure 4B), inner two forks pointed, outer two long and broad, distal of surstyli hook-shaped and bend forwards. Sternite 5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 4A-C.

Female. – Unknown.

Type material. -- Holotype. China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 800 m, 2 May 2008, Xu-Dong Fei Co., ♂ (IESNU). Paratype. China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 800 m, 2 May 2008, Shu-Chong Bai and Xu-Dong Fei Co., 2 ♀ (IZCAS). China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 30 April 2008, Xu-Dong Fei Co., 1 ♀ (IESNU).

Remarks. -- This new species is similar to L. y pocerca n. sp., but it differs from the latter in male upper part of frontal vitta about 8.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, frons with 2 pairs of ori; thorax without obvious ia;
calypters grayish-white, posterior margin of lower calypter dark brown, knob of halter big and black, stalk black brown; mid femur with 1 pre-apical pd; abdomen cone-shaped, cerci split to two parts (four forks), inner two forks pointed, outer two long and broad, distal of surstyli hook-shaped and bend forwards.

**Etymology.**--The species name is derived from the Greek words “dyad” meaning two, “cerca” meaning cerci, referring to cerci split to two parts.

**Distribution.**--China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng and Mt. Wuzhi).

*Limnophora longitarsis* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.  
(Figure 5A-G)

**Holotype Male.**--Body length 3.5-3.8 mm.

**Head.** Eye bare; frons about 1.2-1.3 times as wide as postpedicel, about 1/10-1/9 of head in width, frontal vitta black, about 2.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, lower 3/5 of frons with 5-6 pairs of intilted ori, lower 2/5 with 3 pairs of thin ors, the ocellar seta longer than the longest ori, upper part of fronto-orbital plate covered with brownish-gray pruinosity, the lower part and parafacial covered with grayish-white pruinosity, parafacial about 2/5 of postpedicel in width; antennae black, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide, arista short ciliated, the longest hair subequal with aristal basal diameter; lunule brown, vibrissal angle situated behind frontal angle in profile, gena about 1/8 of eye in height, genal and postgena hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with black hairs; prementum shining, about 3.0 times as long as wide; labella small, the length subequal with prementum height, palpus black, slightly longer than prementum.

**Thorax.** Black in ground color, proepisternum covered with gray pruinosity distinctly, scutum black mostly, lateral of anterior of transverse suture to notopleuron covered with gray pruinosity, anterior part of scutoscutellar suture covered with brown-gray pruinosity, anterior 3/4 of postscutum with black transverse stripe, posterior margin of transverse stripe extending to back, but not reaching to scutoscutellar suture; 4 rows of trichoid prst-acr, only 1 pair distinct before scutellum, dc 2+3, ia 0+1, pra hairlike, notopleural, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare, basisternum of prosternum with hairs, scutellum all black, lateral and ventral surface bare, upper anterior anepisternal seta 0-1, proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, katepisternal setae 1+1.

**Wing.** Transparent slightly, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine small and short, distal of Sc slightly straight, dorsal and ventral surface of R_{4+5} vein in basal part and radial node all with setae, calypters yellowish, lower calypter projecting and tongue-shaped, halter yellow.

**Legs.** Entirely black. Fore tibia with 1 median p, tarsi of front legs about 1.8-1.9 times as long as fore tibia; mid femur without av, basal 2/5 with setiform a row (one of them large on super-medial), 2 pre-apical pd, without obvious pv, ventral surface with a long seta basally, mid tibia with 1 median p; distal 1/3 of hind femur with 3-4 av, without pv, hind tibia with 1 median av, 1 super-medial ad, without pv. Mid and hind tarsi longer than tibia, fore pulvilli subequal with claws in length, mid and hind pulvilli shorter than claws, claws about 1/2 of 5th tarsomere in length.
Abdomen. Black in ground color, similar to oviform-shaped, covered with brownish-grey pruinosity, tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of triangular lateral spots respectively, the distance between the lateral spots about 1/3 of the length of tergite, the widest part of spot wider than the length of tergite, tergite 5 with a trapeziform median spot indistinctly, syntergite 1+2 black except lateral of posterior part with brownish-grey pruinosity, sternite 1 bare. Sternites 2-5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 5A-C.

Female. -- Frons about 1/3 of head in width, with 4 pairs of intilted ori, outer with small setae, with 2 pairs of ors, frontal triangle reaching to front of frons, frontal vitta about 4.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with gray white pruinosity, parafacial about 2/5 of postpedicel in width, at the same vertical line with frontal angle in profile; ia 0+1(2); tartus of front legs about 1.6-1.7 times as long as fore tibia; tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of triangular lateral spots, the distance between the lateral spots about 1/5 of the length of tergite, syntergite 1+2 almost black, a pair of tergites 6 and 7 respectively, all long and strong, posterior margin of tergite 6 wide, with a gap in middle of tergite 6, but not cloven, sternites 7 and 8 divide into 2 parts, sternite 7 with a seta, tergites 6 to 8 extend to ventral surface, tergite 8 with 2 setae, hypoproct with many dense and long setae, cerci broad and large, 3 spermathecas, surface 1/3 transparent and membranous, but not sunken. Spermatheca and ovipositor as in Figure 5D, F-G. The other characters are the same as male.

Type material. -- Holotype. China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 13 September 2007, Jing Du Co., 1 ♂ (IESNU); 29 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., 2 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀ (IESNU), 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀ (IZCAS); 30 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai and Xu-Dong Fei Co., 6 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀ (IESNU), 6 ♂♂, 5 ♀♀ (IZCAS).

Remarks. -- This new species is similar to L. albonigra Emden, 1965, but it differs from the latter in male parafacial about 2/5 of postpedicel in width; thorax with 4 rows of prst-acr, calypters yellowish, tartus of front legs about 1.8-1.9 times as long as fore tibia, mid femur without distinct pv, hind tibia with 1 median av, hind femur with 3-4 av, without pv; syntergite 1+2 black except lateral of posterior part with brownish-grey pruinosity.

Etymology. -- The species name is derived from the Latin words “long” meaning long and “tarsis” meaning tartus, referring to tartus of front legs long, about 1.8-1.9 times as long as fore tibia.

Distribution. -- China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng).

Limnophora nuditibia Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.

Holotype Male. -- Body length 2.5-2.7 mm.

Head. Eye bare; frons about 2/5 of head in width, with 2 pairs of intilted ori, upper 2/5 with 2 pairs of upper ors, frontal vitta black, about 5.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, frontal triangle shining, reaching to frontage of frons, ocellar seta longer than the longest ori, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with dark gray pruinosity, lower part of parafacial became narrow obviously, parafacial about 1/3 of postpedicel in width, which only wirelike in profile; antennae black,
wide and large, distal of postpedicel reaching to epistoma almost, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide, arista short pubescent, the longest hair subequal with aristal basal diameter; lunule dark black, vibrissal angle at the same vertical line with frontal angle or slightly situated behind in profile; gena about 1/8 of eye in height, genal and postgena hairs all black, the upper lateral area of the occiput with black hairs, prementum shining, about 2.5 times as long as wide; labella small, the length subequal with prementum height, palpus black, slightly longer than prementum.

**Thorax.** Black in ground color, proepisternum covered with caesious pruinosity distinctly, scutum black mostly, lateral of anterior of transverse suture covered with narrow and gray pruinosity stripe, posterior of postpronotal lobe and notopleuron covered with light grey pruinosity, anterior 4/5 of postscutum with black transverse stripe, posterior margin of transverse stripe extending to back, but not reaching to scutocutellar suture; 2-3 rows of trichoid prst-acr, only 1 pair distinct before scutellum, dc 2+3, ia 0+2, pra absent, basisternum of prosternum with hairs, notopleural, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare, scutellum all black, lateral and ventral surface bare; upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal setae 2, katepisternal setae 1+2, the lower one only about 1/3-2/5 of the upper one.

**Wing.** Transparent, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine small and short, distal of Sc slightly straight, dorsal and ventral surface of rascial node with setae, upper calypter yellowish, lower calypter white and protrude to tongue-shaped; halter yellow.

**Legs.** Entirely black; fore tibia without median p; mid femur without av, basal part with setiform a row, the super-medial one strong, with 1-2 pre-basal pv, 2 pre-apical pd, mid tibia with 1 super-medial p; hind femur with 2 av in apical 1/4, with 1 super-medial pv and 1 sub-basal pv, hind tibia without av, with 1 super-medial ad, without pv; each tarsi longer than tibia, pulvilli and claw small, shorter than half of 5th tarsomere.

**Abdomen.** Abdomen as in Figure 6A. Black in ground color, short oviform-shaped, covered with brownish-gray pruinosity, tergites 3 and 4 with a pair of short and flat triangular lateral spots respectively, dark black, the width of spot about 2.0 times as long as the tergite, tergite 5 with triangular median spot, dark brown, syntergite 1+2 all black, sternite 1 bare. Sternites 1-5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 6B-D, F.

**Female.** -- Body length 2.8-3.2 mm. Mid femur with 0-1 pre-basal pv, hind femur with 1 apical av; abdomen oviform-shaped, tergite 5 with a median stripe, a pair of tergites 6, tergite 7 thin and long, crossed apically, posterior margin of sternite 6 wide, cloven in middle part, sternites 6 and 8 divide into 2 parts, sternite 7 disappeared, tergite s6 to 8 extend to ventral surface, tergite 8 with 2 setae, hypoproct with dense and long hairs, cerci broad and large, 3 spermathecas, surface 1/3 transparent and membranous, but not sunken. Spermatheca and ovipositor as in Figure 6E, G-H. The other characters are the same as male.

**Type material.** -- **Holotype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Wuzhi, 700-800 m, 4 May 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., ♂ (IESNU). **Paratype.** China, Hainan Island, Mt. Bawang, 700 m, 14 September 2007, Shu-Chong Bai Co., 1 ♀ (IESNU). China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng,
Remarks. -- This new species is similar to *L. subplumosa* Emden, 1965, but it differs from the latter in male frontal vitta about 5.0 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, parafacial about 1/3 of postpedicel in width, arista short pubescent; hind tibia without *av*.

Etymology. -- The species name is derived from the Latin “nud” meaning bare and “tibia” meaning tibia, refering to hind tibia of the male without *av*.

Distribution. -- China, Hainan Island (Mt. Bawang, Mt. Jianfeng and Mt. Wuzhi).

*Limnophora ypocerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.

(Figure 7A-E)

Holotype Male. -- Body length 2.8-3.0 mm.

**Head.** Eye bare; frons about 4/9-1/2 of head in width, with 3-4 pairs of small and short *ori*, 1 pair of retroverted *ors*, frontal vitta black, about 3.5 times as wide as fronto-orbital plate, covered with dark brown pruinosity, frontal triangle reaching to anterior 3/4 of frons, ocellar seta about 2.0 times as long as the longest *ori*, posterior vertical seta long and strong, about 4.0 times as long as the longest *ori*, outer vertical seta short and small, slightly longer than postocellar seta, fronto-orbital plate and parafacial covered with grey pruinosity, parafacial about half of postpedicel in width; antennae black, postpedicel about 3.0 times as long as wide, about 2.5 times as long as pedicel, basal 1/3 of arista becoming wide, arista hairs slightly short, mostly hairs longer than arista basal diameter; vibrissal angle situated behind frontal angle in profile; gena covered with caesious pruinosity, genal hairs black and sparse, genal height about 2/7 of eye height, the upper lateral area of the occiput with hairs, proboscis thin and long, prementum shining, about 3.5 times as long as wide; labella small, the length subequal with height of prementum, palpus thin and long, only distal part slightly intumescent, and covered with light grey pruinosity distally, subequal with prementum in length.

**Thorax.** Black in ground color, proepisternum covered with caesious pruinosity, scutum dark brown mostly, postpronotal lobe and its posterior part, notopleuron, postalar callus, anterior and posterior margins of scutoscutellar suture all covered with light grey pruinosity, inner margin of *prst-dc* rows with a pair of narrow and caesious pruinosity vittae; 2-3 rows of trichoid *prst-acr*, out of order, *dc* 2+3, *ia* 0+2, without obvious *pra*, basisternum of prosternum with hairs, notopleural, lateral of scutellum, proepisternum hollow in centre, anepimeron, meron and katepimeron all bare; proepisternal setae 2, upper anterior anepisternal seta 1, katepisternal setae 1+2, lower one about half of anterior one, anterior and posterior spiracles small and brown.
Wing. Slightly transparent, veins brown, basicosta black, costal spine small or absent, dorsal and ventral surface of rascial node with setae, calypters yellowish, lower calypter protrude to tongue-shaped; halter yellow.

Legs. Entirely black, but all coxae, trochanters and femora covered with caesious pruinosity; fore tibia without median p; mid femur without av, basal half with setiform a row, with 2 pre-apical pd, 1-2 basal pv, mid tibia with 1 median p, apical v long and strong; hind femur with 1-2 pre-apical av, without pv, hind tibia with 1 submedial av, 1 medial ad, without pv; all tarsi longer than tibia, pulvilli small, about half of claw in length, claw about 3/5 of 5th tarsomere in length.

Abdomen. Abdomen as in Figure 7A. Black in ground color, wide and oviform-shaped, covered with gray to light gray pruinosity, tergites 3 to 5 with narrow and light median vitta, tergites 3 and 4 with broad and dark brown spots respectively, tergite 5 with long strip-shaped lateral spots, sternite 1 bare, posterior margin of sternite 5 wide, without long seta, distal of surstyli intumescent in profile, cerci with an small subcercal structure hidden behind the distal half of cercal plate (Figure 7C-a). Sternite 5, cerci and surstyli as in Figure 7B-E.

Female. -- Unknown.

Type material. -- Holotype. China, Hainan Island, Mt. Jianfeng, 700-800 m, 30 April 2008, Shu-Chong Bai Co., ♂ (IESNU).
Paratype. Same data as holotype, 1 ♂ (IZCAS).

Remarks. -- This new species is similar to L. rufimana Strobl, 1893, but it differs from the latter in male frons about 4/9-1/2 of head in width; thorax with 2-3 trichoid prst-acr rows; mid femur without av, mid tibia with 1 median p; distal of surstyli intumescent in profile, a small subcercal structure hidden behind the distal half of cercal plate.

Etymology. -- The species name is derived from the Greek words “ypo-” meaning sub-, “cerca” meaning cerci, refering to distal half of cercal plate with a small subcercal structure.

Distribution. -- China, Hainan Island (Mt. Jianfeng).

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Figure 1. *L. argentifrons* (Shinonaga et Kano, 1977). A. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; B. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.

Figure 2. *L. brevispatula* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; B. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.

Figure 3. *L. cothurnosurstyla* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; B. male, sternite 5 in profile; C. male, sternites 2-4 in ventral view; D. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; E. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.

Figure 4. *L. dyadocerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; B. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.

Figure 5. *L. longitarsis* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; B. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile. D. female, a. spermatheca in sclerotized view, b. spermatheca in profile, c. spermatheca in membranous view; E. male, sternites 2-4 in ventral view; F. female, ovipositor in dorsal view; G. female, ovipositor in ventral view. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.

Figure 6. *L. nuditibia* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, abdomen in profile; B. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; D. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile; E. female, a. spermatheca in membranous view, b. spermatheca in profile, c. spermatheca in sclerotized view; F. male, sternites 2-4 in ventral view; G. female, ovipositor in dorsal view; H. female, ovipositor in ventral view. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.
Figure 7. *L. ypocerca* Xue, Bai et Dong, n. sp.. A. male, abdomen in profile; B. male, sternite 5 in ventral view; C. male, Cerci and surstyli in profile; D. male, Cerci and surstyli in posterior view; E. male, Cerci and surstyli in ventral view, a. the small subcercal structure. Scale = 0.2 mm. High quality figures are available online.