

SHORT COMMUNICATION

ON SOME FRESH WATER LEECHES (ANNELIDA :
HIRUDINEA) FROM KARNATAKA-INDIA

The present communication deals with a small collection of leech collected by the author during January, 1981 from the fresh water bodies of Karnataka. Not much work has been done in the present Karnataka state on leeches, ectoparasites, occurring in the fresh water. So an attempt was made to collect and record the little known leech fauna of the state. The collection contains five species belonging to five different genera of which four species hetheretofore un-recorded from this state. The only species *Glossiphonia weberi weberi* Blanchard is recorded previously from Bangalore. So it was considered worthwhile to publish the new records here under.

Class : **Hirudinea**

Order : RHYNCHOBDELLAE

Family : GLOSSIPHONIDAE

1. *Glossiphonia weberi weberi* Blanchard Loc. 20 km. On Kudugeve Sagar Road, Sagar, Shimoga, Karnataka, Material : 1 ex, Reg. No. An 382. Date : 7th Jan, 1981.
2. *Hemiclepsis marginata marginata* Morre Loc. 2 km E. of Sagar, Shimoga, Karnataka. Material : 1 ex, Reg. No. An 384. Date : 5th Jan., 1981.
3. *Paraclepsis praedatrix* Harding Loc. 20 km on Kudugeve Sagar Road, Sagar, Shimoga, Karnataka. Material : 1 ex, Reg. No. An 381. Date : 7th Jan, 1981.

Order : ARHYNCHOBDELLAE

Family : ERPOBDELLIDAE

4. *Barbronia weberi* (Blanchard) Loc : 2 km E. of Sagar, Shimoga, Karnataka. Material : 1 ex. Reg. No. An 383. Date ; 5th Jan., 1981.
5. *Herpobdelloidea lateroculata* Kaburaki Loc : 20 km on Kudugeve Sagar Road, Sagar, Shimoga, Karnataka. Material : 1 ex. Reg. No. An 380. Date : 7th Jan, 1981.

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