**NOTE**

*Strongygaster triangulifera* (Diptera: Tachinidae) as a Parasitoid of Adults of the Invasive *Megacopta cribraria* (Heteroptera: Plataspidae) in Alabama

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The bean plataspid, *Megacopta cribraria* (F.) (Heteroptera: Plataspidae), also known as the kudzu bug, is native to Asia. Before its initial detection in the U.S. in October 2009 (Eger et al. 2010, Insecta Mundi 121:1 - 11), species of the family Plataspidae were not known in the Western Hemisphere. In its native range, *M. cribraria* is not regarded as a significant pest (Ruberson et al. 2013, Appl. Entomol. Zool 48:3 - 13). However, in the U.S., its rapid dispersal, explosive population growth, and severe damage to soybean and other legume crops, as well as its offensive odor, has elevated its status from an urban nuisance to a serious legume crop pest throughout the Southeast. Adults and nymphs extract plant nutrients from the vascular tissues of host plants. Whereas kudzu, *Pueraria montana* Lour. (Merr.) variety *lobata* (Willd.), and soybeans, *Glycine max* (L.) Merr., are its preferred hosts, adults have been collected from numerous legume and nonlegume plants (Gardner et al. 2013, J. Entomol. Sci. 48:118 - 127). This can be largely attributed to its adaptability, high mobility, the relative lack of natural enemies, availability of reproductive host plants and feeding hosts, as well as a lack of fully-developed and tested management strategies. As of 19 August 2013, it was confirmed in 11 states and all 67 counties in Alabama (unpubl. data, W.A. Gardner, http://www.kudzubug.org).

On 10, 13, and 18 July 2013, the authors collected via beat sampling a total of approx. 300 *M. cribraria* adults from early-planted (01 April 2013 planting date) soybeans on the campus of Auburn Univ., Auburn (Lee Co.), AL (32°35'23.34 N 85°29'19.01 W). These overwintered adults were collected to determine female reproductive development; however, dissections of the collected adults under a stereomicroscope (Meiji EMZ-TR, Meiji Techno, Japan) revealed a solitary endoparasitoid dipteran larva. The authors observed dipteran larvae at various developmental stages (1st to 3rd instar) in...