The Zorapteran *Zorotypus* *huxleyi* in Guyana (Zoraptera: *Zorotypidae*)

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**Introduction**

Insects of the order Zoraptera are infrequently collected and many entomologists are entirely unfamiliar with them. Species are typically encountered under bark, though often overlooked owing to their small size, somewhat cryptic coloration (relative to their subcortical habitats), and superficial resemblance to termites (Isoptera) or bark lice (Psocoptera). Accordingly, the available distribution information for zorapterans is scant and artificially gives the impression that species are highly endemic and poor dispersers. However, increasing sampling and information on the order indicates that some (if not many) species are relatively widespread and have better dispersal abilities than previously thought (Engel, 2001, 2007; Hinojosa-Díaz *et al.*, 2006). As such, any new records for zorapteran distribution are noteworthy. Herein we document the occurrence of the species *Zorotypus* (*Zorotypus*) *huxleyi* Bolívar y Pieltain and Coronado (1963) in Guyana. The species was originally described from specimens collected in eastern Peru (near Pucallpa) and later recorded from elsewhere in northern and southern Peru (Engel, 2000, 2001). The species was subsequently captured near Manaus in north-central Brazil (New, 1978).

*Zorotypus* (*Zorotypus*) *huxleyi* Bolívar y Pieltain and Coronado

*Zorotypus huxleyi* Bolívar y Pieltain and Coronado, 1963: 93.

**COMMENTS:** This is a distinctive species immediately recognizable for the presence of three (sometimes four) exceptionally long, stout ventral metafemoral spines gradually decreasing in length from the proximal spine to the apicalmost spine. In addition, the form of the male terminalia and apicalmost abdominal sclerites are diagnostic [refer to figures in Bolívar y Pieltain and Coronado (1963), New (1978), and Engel (2003)].

**MATERIAL:** 8♂♂, 6♀♀, apterous morphs; Guyana: Region 8, Iwokrama Forest, 26 km SW Kurupukari, Iwokrama Mt. base camp, 60 m, 4°20’17”N, 58°48’38”W, 24 May 2001, R. Brooks, Z. Falin, GUY1BF01-019, ex: under bark; deposited in the Alcohol Collection, Division of Entomology, University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

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