

STUDIES OF QUEENSLAND TETRANYCHIDAE

7. RECORDS OF THE GENUS *EOTETRANYCHUS*
(ACARINA: TETRANYCHIDAE)

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Abstract

A key is given to the five species of *Eotetranychus* from Queensland, *E. hudsoni* Miller, *E. lomandrae* Davis, *E. pronus* Davis, *E. pseudomori* Davis, and *E. queenslandicus* Manson. Locality records and host plants of these species are listed.

There has been no systematic account of the genus *Eotetranychus* in Australia. Outside Queensland the only known Australian representative of the genus is *E. hudsoni* Miller which was described from Tasmania, and also occurs in Queensland. The other four Queensland species are not known to occur elsewhere. The original references to species are given in the key.

KEY TO QUEENSLAND SPECIES OF *Eotetranychus* OUDEMANS

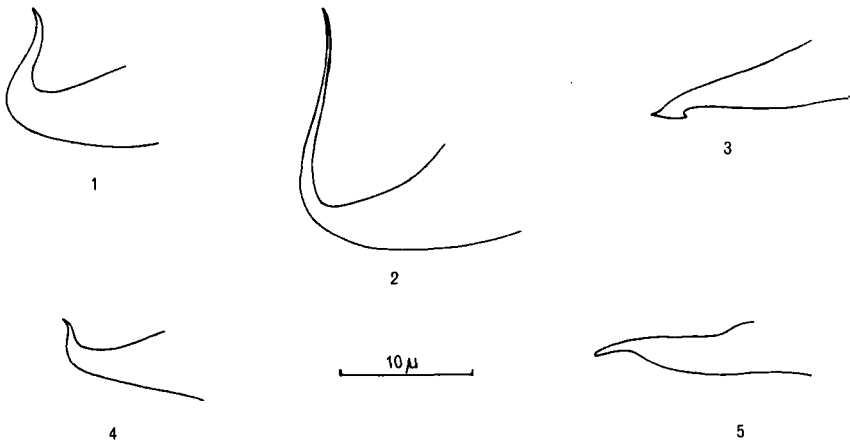
Mites of the family Tetranychidae Donnadieu, tribe Tetranychini Reck, having the empodium consisting only of three pairs of hairs (modified in empodium I of males); two pairs of para-anal setae; and two pairs of duplex setae on tarsus I placed close together.

1. Aedeagus bent ventrad or directed caudally, females with eight tactile setae on tibia II 2
 Aedeagus bent strongly dorsad, females with six or seven tactile setae on tibia II 3
2. Aedeagus bent ventrad distally, with a small terminal enlargement bearing anterior and posterior angulations; terminal sensillum of female palpus three times as long as wide, peritreme in both sexes straight distally **pronus** Davis in press
 Aedeagus directed caudally, tapering, nearly straight, termination bluntly pointed; terminal sensillum of female palpus twice as long as wide, peritreme in both sexes with a sharp right-angled bend distally **queenslandicus** Manson 1967
3. Terminal sensillum of male palpus minute, conical, peritreme in both sexes slightly bent distally; female with longitudinal striae ventrally just anterior to genital flap **pseudomori** Davis in press
 Terminal sensillum of male palpus well developed, about twice as long as wide, peritreme in both sexes straight distally; female with transverse striae ventrally just anterior to genital flap 4
4. Aedeagus with dorsally directed portion about as long as dorsal part of main shaft, evenly tapering in a gentle sigmoid curve **hudsoni** Miller 1966
 Aedeagus with dorsally directed portion nearly one and one half times as long as dorsal part of the main shaft, very finely tapered and needle-like **lomandrae** Davis 1968

Eotetranychus hudsoni Miller (Fig. 1)

Queensland female specimens have dorsal integumentary lobes small, separated at the base and with dense tips; in the region of the third pair of dorso-central setae the lobes are pointed and sub-triangular, but elsewhere may be more rounded, almost semi-circular; ventral integumentary striae are without lobes. Living females are pale greenish-yellow with dark lateral spots, the gnathosoma and legs pinkish.

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FIGS. 1-5.—Aedeagi of *Eotetranychus* species: (1) *Eotetranychus hudsoni* Miller; (2) *E. lomandrae* Davis; (3) *E. pronus* Davis; (4) *E. pseudomori* Davis; (5) *E. queenslandicus* Manson.

The eggs are round, the top flat, radially striated and without a stipe. Mite colonies are found on the concave lower side of the leaves of the host plant, the eggs fastened to the leaf surface usually in short rows parallel to the leaf axis. The mites produce only sparse webbing.

Records

QUEENSLAND: mat-rush *Lomandra longifolia* Labill., Blackfellow Ck. (Ridgewood), 10.iii.1965 (J. J. Davis), Skyring Ck. (Pomona), 7.ii.1966 (J. J. Davis), Boyne R. (near Gayndah), 20.ix.1966 (J. J. Davis).

Eotetranychus lomandrae Davis (Fig. 2)

Records

QUEENSLAND: mat-rush *Lomandra laxa* (R.Br.) A. Lee, Woombye (Davis 1968); mat-rush *Lomandra longifolia* Labill., Palmwoods (types, Davis 1968), Beerwah, 21.viii.1967 (D. A. Ironside).

Eotetranychus pronus Davis (Fig. 3)

Records

QUEENSLAND: sand-paper fig *Ficus coronata* Spin. and *Ficus* sp., Blackfellow Ck. (Ridgewood), Kondalilla National Park (Montville), Skyring Ck. (Pomona) (types, Davis in press); native raspberry *Rubus rosaefolius* Sm., Amamoor, 6.x.1967 (D. A. Ironside).

Eotetranychus pseudomori Davis (Fig. 4)

Records

QUEENSLAND: whalebone-tree *Pseudomorus brunoniana* (Endl.) F.Muell., Lower Wonga (types, Davis in press).

Eotetranychus queenslandicus Manson (Fig. 5)

Specimens collected in Queensland were found on the undersides of the leaves, in small colonies with sparse webbing. Living females are light yellow with a dark spot on each side. The eggs are globular with a prominent dorsal stipe.

Records

NEW ZEALAND: croton *Codiaeum* sp.—in quarantine on plant stated to come from Queensland, Australia (types, Manson 1967). QUEENSLAND: croton *Codiaeum variegatum* Bl.var. *pictum* Muell. Arg., Freshwater, Cairns, 2.i.1968 (R. J. Elder).

The Queensland collection was made at what enquiries had revealed to be the point of origin of the type material.

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