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**Revalidation of *Ceresa terminalis* Walker and its placement in *Stictocephala* Stål (Hemiptera, Membracidae)**

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**ABSTRACT.** *Ceresa terminalis* Walker, 1851 is reinstated and transferred to *Stictocephala* Stål, 1869: *Stictocephala terminalis* (Walker, 1851) **sp. rev., comb. nov.**

**KEY WORDS.** Ceresini, Membracoidea, Smilliinae, systematics, taxonomy.

**RESUMO.** Revalidação de *Ceresa terminalis* Walker e sua alocação em *Stictocephala* Stål (Hemiptera, Membracidae). *Ceresa terminalis* Walker, 1851 é revalidada e transferida para *Stictocephala* Stål, 1869: *Stictocephala terminalis* (Walker, 1851) **sp. rev., comb. nov.**

**PALAVRAS CHAVE.** Ceresini, Membracoidea, sistemática, Smilliinae, taxonomia.

***Stictocephala terminalis* (Walker) sp. rev., comb. nov.**

**Figs 1-2**

*Ceresa terminalis* Walker, 1851: 528.

*Ceresa terminalis*; Broomfield, 1971: 380 (typ.); McKamey, 1998: 244 (cat., = *C. brunicornis* (Germar, 1835)). **Error.**

BUTLER (1877) placed *Ceresa terminalis* Walker in the synonymy of *Ceresa axillaris* (Germar, 1835) and GODING (1929) in the synonymy of *C. brunicornis* (Germar, 1835). The comparative study of the original description and of the female holotype of *C. terminalis* Walker, deposited at "The Natural History Museum" (London), with material considered as *C. axillaris* (Germar), following the interpretation of REMES-LENICOV (1973) and ANDRADE (2004), showed that they are different species, confirming the observations of REMES-LENICOV (1973). The same conduct with relation to *C. brunicornis* (Germar), showed that they are also different species.

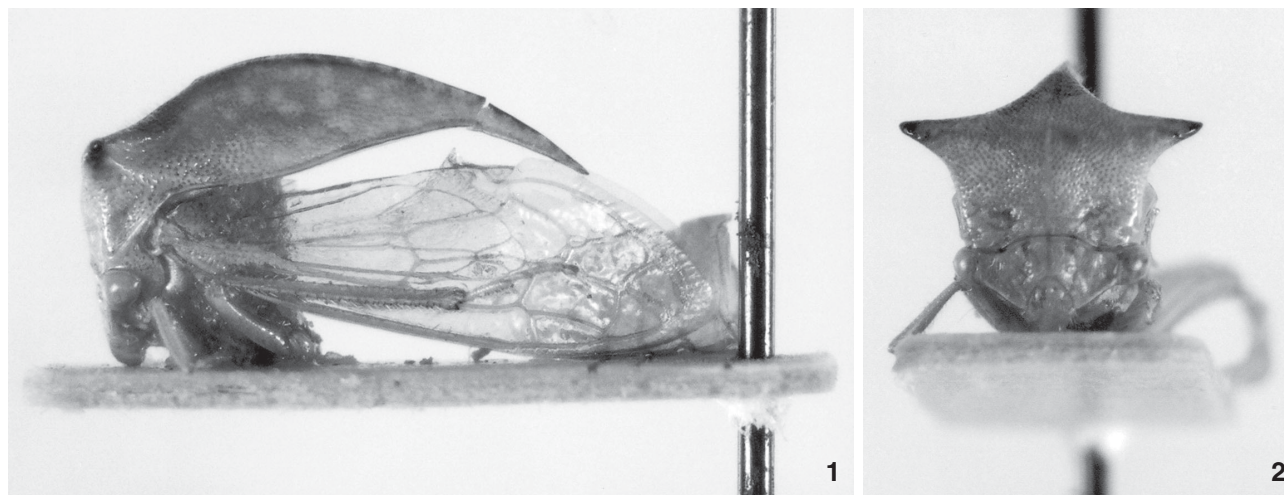
The study of the holotype allowed us to classify the species in the genus *Stictocephala* Stål, 1869, very close of *S. taurina* (Fitch, 1856) and *S. tauriniformis* Caldwell, 1949.

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Figures 1-2. *Stictocephala terminalis*, male, compared with the type: (1) left lateral view; (2) frontal view.

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