

A new Species of *Chlamisus* from Africa — (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae, Chlamisinae) (10th. Contribution)

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In a lot of several interesting Chlamisinae sent for identification by Mr. Karl-Johan Hedqvist of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, are three specimens from Matabele Land, Southern Rhodesia, which belong to a new species.

At present, eighteen species of *Chlamisus* are known from Africa; of these, nine have been described recently by Bryant (1956). This paper also encloses a list and a bibliographical reference to all the other species so far known.

Chlamisus matabelensis n. sp.

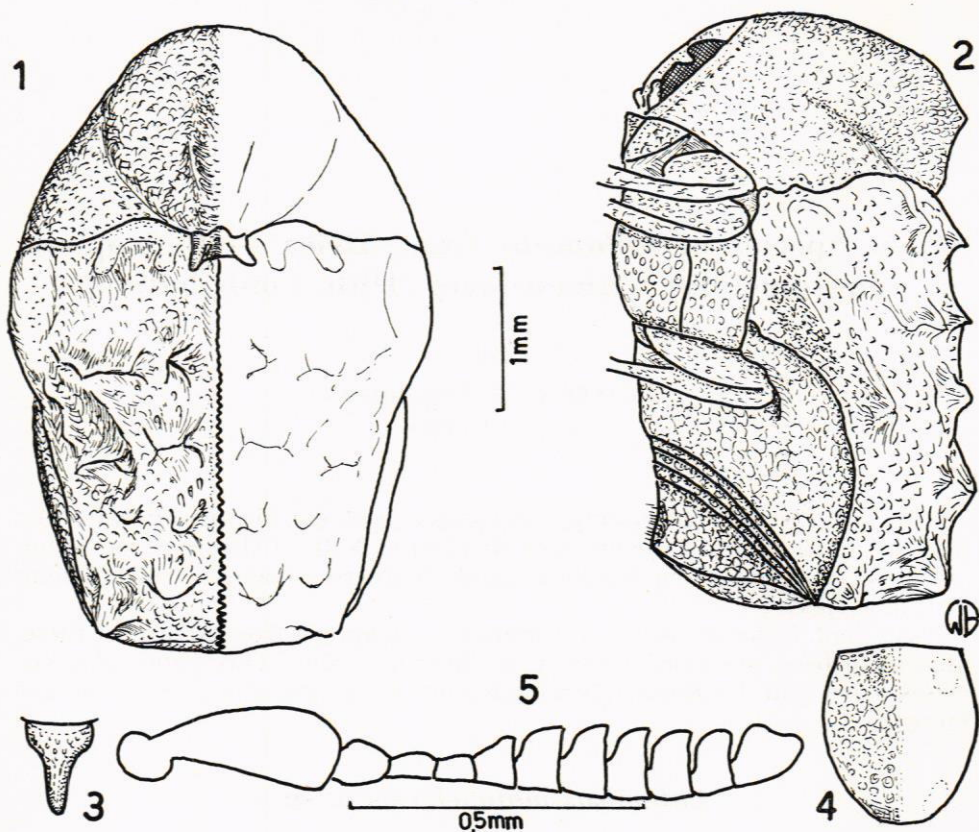
Medium size, ovan, somewhat elongate. Dull yellow. Pronotum with a regularly rounded median hump, not channelled and posteriorly with two small elongated tubercles. Suture denticulated. Antennae with only the fifth joint enlarged.

Head punctured. Clypeus broadly excavated. Mandibles small. Antennae with the third and fourth joints elongated, subcylindrical, the fifth joint enlarged, the followings serrate.

Pronotum in dorsal view nearly of semicircular shape; in lateral view regularly rounded with a small obtuse projection on the upper margin. The pronotum has a great regularly rounded median hump, not channelled and posteriorly with two small elongate tubercles. The sides of the pronotum are deeply punctured, the central hump with the punctures greater and very irregular which gives a corroded aspect.

Scutellum large, with the posterior edges distinctly prolonged and projected upwards; the whole surface shagreened.

Elytra with their greater breadth at the base, posteriorly narrower than the abdomen which is partly visible laterally. The elytra are deeply and irregularly punctured with a corroded aspect in several places; each elytra with the following tubercles: two, at the base, near the scutellum, which forms an indistinct semicircular ridge, one humeral tubercle, strongly developed; four tubercles on the discal area; one on the middle of the lateral



Figs. 1—5: Dorsal view, lateral view, prosternum, pygidium and antenna of the Holotype of *Chlamisus matabelensis* n. sp. (Figs. 1—4 in the same scale).

margin; four on the ante-apical area and one, on the apical area near the external angle. Also a small ridge near and parallel to the lateral margin on the external elytral angle. The suture is denticulate in nearly all its extension.

Prosternum rectangularly transverse on the anterior half with a laminar projection on the posterior half, irregularly punctured.

Legs moderately long; the coxae robust, the tibiae slender.

Pygidium with an indistinct median carena and impressed on the angles, broadly punctured.

Metasternum and abdominal segments with dense and broad punctures. Last abdominal segment with a great circular excavation.

The color is a toast yellow. On the pronotum are several small irregular blackish patches present. The punctures of the elytra are in general black. Prosternum with a brown margin. Central parts of metasternum nearly black.

Measurements: Length 4,3 mm. Breadth 3 mm.

Material examined: 3 specimens from Matabele Land, Southern Rhodesia, Africa, Hård av Segerstad leg. HOLOTYPE ♀ and one PARATYPE ♀ in the

collection of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm; one PARATYPE ♀, no 1537, in the author's collection.

This species is related to *dolubi* Dohrn, 1885, and *congoana* Jolivet, 1951, but differs from both by the form of the pronotum and elytral sculpture.

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