A NEW SPECIES OF MALLOPHAGA FROM NATAL.

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Recently Dr. Theresa Clay, Department of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), sent to me for study a series of Mallophaga which proved to be new. The species is herewith described and illustrated.

_Damalinia natalensis_ n.sp.

_Holotype male._—General shape and chaetotaxy as illustrated in fig. 2. Genitalia, less sac, as shown in fig. 3. Genital sac with numerous small barbs. Total length, 2.06 mm.

_Allotype female._—General shape and chaetotaxy as illustrated in fig. 1. Total length, 2.22 mm.

_Type material._—Holotype male, allotype female, and four paratypes collected off _Tragelaphus sylvaticus_ on February 15, 1963, in the Umfolozi Game Reserve, Natal, by the South African Institute for Medical Research, Johannesburg. Holotype is deposited in the British Museum (Natural History).

_Discussion._—This species is closest to _Damalinia hopkinsi_ Bedford, 1936, found on _Traurotragus oryx paxtonianus_. The two species are similar in type of male genitalia, and general shape of the females and the males. The posterior extension of the terminal abdominal segment in the male, and the type of male genitalia separate these two species from others in the genus. In both sexes, _D. hopkinsi_ is larger than _D. natalensis_ by 0.15 mm in total length. In _D. hopkinsi_, the first two apparent abdominal tergites of the male are modified on the posterior margin with thickened blunt projections, and the margin is concave between these projections. This distinctive feature has been amply illustrated by Werneck. Lateral margins of the two abdominal tergites are also convergent posteriorly in _D. hopkinsi_. In _D. natalensis_, the first two apparent abdominal tergites are normal in size and shape, as illustrated in accompanying figures. The posterior segment of the terminal abdominal segment of the male in _D. natalensis_ has a sparse chaetotaxy, while this structure in _D. hopkinsi_ has thick chaetotaxy on the lateral margins.
Figs. 1–3.

_Damalinia natalensis_ n. sp.


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