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# New records of Ephemeroptera (Insecta) from Roraima State, Northern Brazil

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**Abstract.** The aim of this work is to present new records and distributional notes of Ephemeroptera species on Roraima states. *Farrodus maculatus* Domínguez, Molineri & Peters, 1996, *Hermanellopsis incertans* (Spieth, 1943) and *Thraulodes marreroi* Chacón, Segnini & Domínguez, 1999 are recorded for the first time in Brazil. Family Coryphoridae, *Callibaetis cruentus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014, *Callibaetis gelidus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014, *Campylocia demoulini* Gonçalves & Salles, 2017, *Coryphorus aquilus* Peters, 1981, *Fittkaulus cururuensis* Savage, 1986, *Fittkaulus maculatus* Savage & Peters, 1978, *Miroculis fittkaii* Savage & Peters, 1983, and *Simothraulopsis sabalo* Kluge, 2007 are recorded for the first time in Roraima. The number of known species of Ephemeroptera in Roraima, after our study, has increased from 74 to 86.

**Keywords:** Aquatic insects; Faunal inventory; Geographic distribution; Neotropical region; Taxonomy.

### Novos registros de Ephemeroptera (Insecta) do Estado de Roraima, norte do Brasil

**Resumo.** O objetivo deste trabalho é apresentar novos registros de espécies e notas sobre a distribuição geográfica de Ephemeroptera no Estado de Roraima. As espécies *Farrodus maculatus* Domínguez, Molineri & Peters, 1996, *Hermanellopsis incertans* (Spieth, 1943) e *Thraulodes marreroi* Chacón, Segnini & Domínguez, 1999 são registradas pela primeira vez no Brasil. A família Coryphoridae e as espécies *Callibaetis cruentus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014, *Callibaetis gelidus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014, *Campylocia demoulini* Gonçalves & Salles, 2017, *Coryphorus aquilus* Peters, 1981, *Fittkaulus cururuensis* Savage, 1986, *Fittkaulus maculatus* Savage & Peters, 1978, *Miroculis fittkaii* Savage & Peters, 1983 and *Simothraulopsis sabalo* Kluge, 2007 são registradas pela primeira vez no estado de Roraima. O número de espécies de Ephemeroptera com registros de ocorrência em Roraima é elevado de 74 a 86.

**Palavras-Chave:** Distribuição geográfica; Insetos aquáticos; Inventário de fauna; Região Neotropical; Taxonomia.

Ephemeroptera comprise an abundant and diverse order of hemimetabolous aquatic insects with approximately 375 genera and 3,200 species grouped in 37 families worldwide (BARBER-JAMES *et al.* 2013). There are about 80 genera and 351 species of Ephemeroptera in Brazil, representing 10 families (SANTOS 2017).

Roraima is the northernmost state in Brazil and its Ephemeroptera fauna is poorly known due to the paucity of studies on this taxonomic group in the state. The first and most significant Ephemeroptera inventory for Roraima state was conducted by FALCÃO *et al.* (2011), where they recorded 32 species of Baetidae. After that study, only a few taxonomic studies on Ephemeroptera were made in Roraima, providing new records and describing species (GAMA NETO & HAMADA 2013, 2014; BOLDRINI & BARROSO 2015; GAMA NETO & PASSOS 2016, 2017; BOLDRINI & LIMA 2017; MOLINERI & SALLES 2017; RAIMUNDI *et al.* 2017). At present, Roraima states has 74 mayfly species belonging the families Baetidae,

Caenidae, Leptohyphidae, Leptophlebiidae, Oligoneuriidae and Polymitarcyidae. Baetidae and Leptophlebiidae are the most species-rich families including approximately 78% of the mayfly species in Roraima (SANTOS 2017).

The aim of the present study is to provide new records and distributional notes for mayflies from Brazil and Roraima state, northern Brazil, based in collections made in the Alto Alegre, Mucajaí and Normandia municipalities.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

Mayflies were collected from September/2014 to December/2015 in three municipalities of the Roraima state, Brazil (Figure 1). Adult mayflies were collected with light-traps and nymphs were captured with aquatic entomological net. Specimens were preserved in 70% ethanol. For species identification, wings and male genital structures were examined under stereomicroscope. Nymphs' mouthparts, legs and gills were mounted on glass

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slides with Berlese liquid using a modified version of the YOUNG & DUNCAN (1994) temporary mounting technique. Whenever necessary, the genitalia also was removed and mounted on slides containing Berlese liquid and examined with a microscope for better visualization of its morphology.

Photographs of the species were taken using a Fuji FinePix s-4000 digital camera coupled to stereomicroscope Olympus SZ51 or to microscope Nikon Eclipse E-200. A series of digital images of different focal depths from each subject was stacked using the software CombineZP to produce enhanced quality final images. All collected specimens are deposited in the entomology collection of the Museu Integrado de Roraima (MIRR).

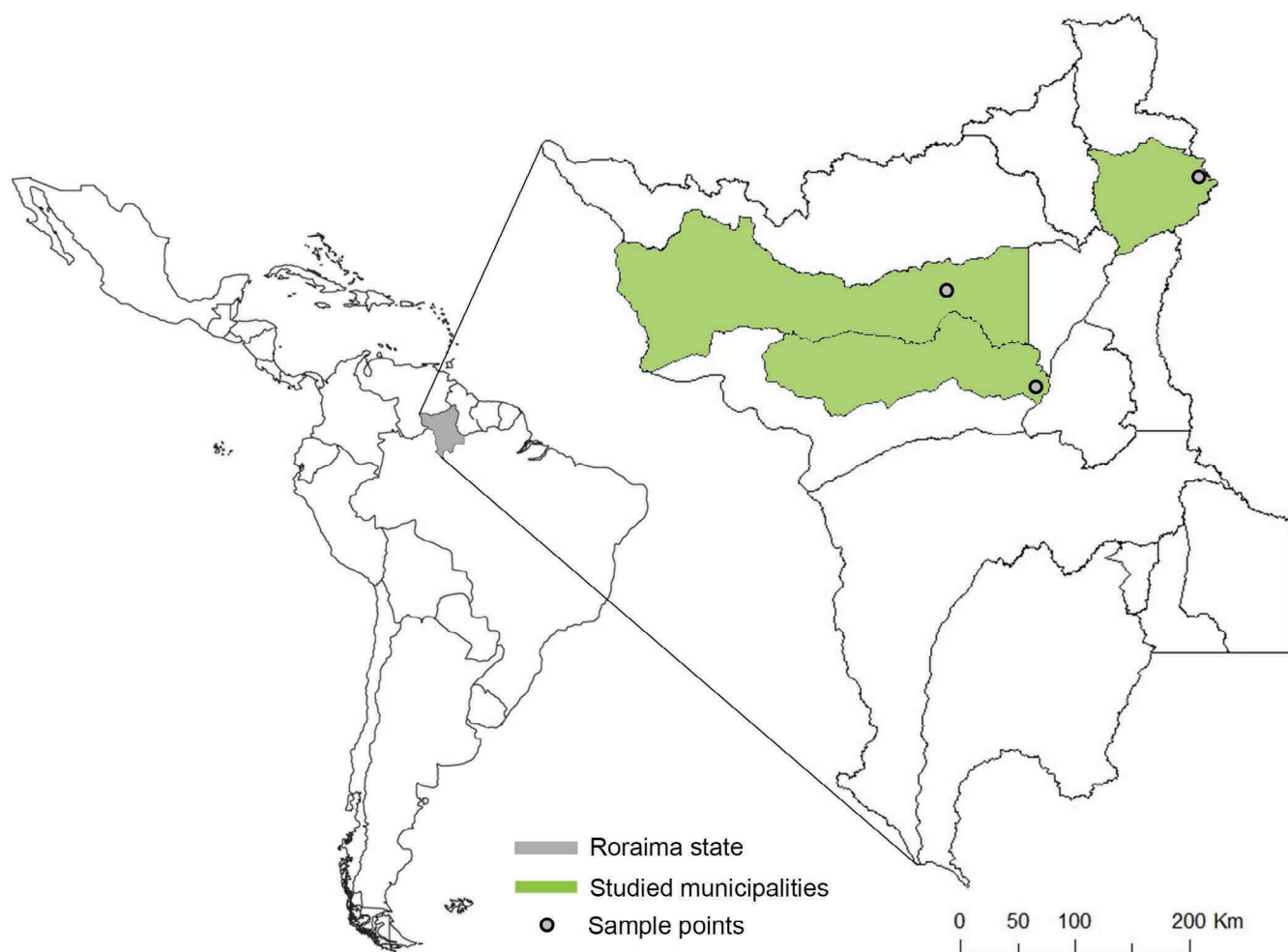


Figure 1. Map on left showing Brazil highlighting Roraima state (gray). The right map showing Roraima studied municipalities (green) and the sampled sites (black circle).

## RESULTS

The new records of mayfly species from Roraima are proved below, together species' diagnosis and geographical distribution data.

### Species list

#### Family Baetidae Leach, 1815

*Callibaetis cruentus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014

*Callibaetis cruentus* CRUZ *et al.* 2014: 13

Male imago. 1) Dorsal portion of turbinate eyes oval; 2) forewing hyaline with black bands transversally, medially with transverse band complete; 3) marginal intercalary veins paired, except between veins ICu<sub>2</sub> and A; 4) hind wing hyaline with brown marks basally, medially and apically; 5) costal process of hind wing compound; 6) abdominal sterna with many reddish spots, laterally with reddish brown spot, medially one brown mark and submedially with two light black marks; 7) forceps segment I cylindrical.

Previous distribution. Brazil: Amazonas state (CRUZ *et al.* 2014).

Examined Material: 02 female imago (MIRR-EPH 0011), Brazil, Alto Alegre municipality, Vicinal do Barro, 03°67'36" N, 061°01'48.7" W, Sítio Riacho Doce, 23.VIII.2014, J.L. Gama Neto and M.A.B. Passos col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species in Roraima state.

*Callibaetis gelidus* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, 2014

*Callibaetis gelidus* CRUZ *et al.* 2014: 23

Diagnosis. Male imago. 1) Dorsal portion of turbinate eyes circular, apical third with constriction, base is wider than apex in lateral view; 2) forewing hyaline, except C, Sc, R<sub>1</sub> areas; 3) marginal intercalary veins paired, except between veins MP and A; 4) hind wing hyaline, sometimes with one brown mark near costal process; 5) hind wing with costal process compound; 6) abdominal sterna with one brown mark submedially; 7) forceps segment I cylindrical.

Previous distribution. Brazil: Amazonas and Rondônia state (CRUZ *et al.* 2014).

Examined Material: 02 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0012), Brazil, Alto Alegre municipality, Vicinal do Barro, 03°67'36" N, 061°01'48.7" W, Sítio Riacho Doce, 23.VIII.2014, J.L. Gama Neto and M.A.B. Passos col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species in Roraima state.

#### Family Coryphoridae Molineri, Peters & Cardoso, 2001

*Coryphorus aquilus* Peters, 1981 (Figure 2)

*Coryphorus aquilus* PETERS 1981: 211; MOLINERI *et al.* 2002: 120; MOLINERI *et al.* 2011: 43.

Diagnosis. 1) Absence of intercalaries in the cubital field of forewings; 2) setae presente on posterior margin of forewing; 3) male with large, fused, distally broadened penes and short desclerotized forceps; 4) Styliiger plate produced distally, about as long as wide; 5) eyes undivided, separated, greatly enlarged.

Previous distribution. Colombia, Brazil (Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso and Pará states), French Guyana and Venezuela (PETERS 1981; McCAFFERTY & WANG 2000; MOLINERI *et al.* 2001; MOLINERI & PETERS 2002; DOMÍNGUEZ *et al.* 2006; MOLINERI *et al.* 2011; SHIMANO *et al.* 2011; BELMONT *et al.* 2015).

Examined Material: 02 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0013), Brazil, Mucajaí municipality, Vicinal Embrapa, 02°24'78" N, 060°58'41.8" W, 31.X.2015, J.A. Cruz col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of both family and species in Roraima state.

#### Family Euthyplociidae Lestage, 1921

*Campylocia demoulini* Gonçalves & Salles, 2017 (Figures 3 and 4)

*Campylocia demoulini* GONÇALVES *et al.* 2017: 11; BOLDRINI & KROSLow 2017: 1.

Diagnosis. Imago: 1) Forewings usually with one ICu vein; 2) Abdominal colour pattern with two pairs of dropshaped spots, one on medioapical region on terga II-IX and one on medial region, narrower and more subtle, on terga II-VIII; 3) Styliiger plate semi-rounded; 4) Penes wide with distal half strongly curved outwards.

Previous distribution. Brazil (Amazonas, Pará, Distrito Federal, Mato Grosso, and Tocantins states), Ecuador and Surinam (BOLDRINI & KROSLow 2017; GONÇALVES *et al.* 2017)

Examined material. 25 males and 10 females imagos (MIRR-EPH 0014), Brazil, Roraima state, Mucajai municipality, Vicinal Sem Terra, 02°19'11.9" N, 060°55'25.8" W, 17.X.2015, J.L. Gama Neto, M.A.B. Passos and J.A. Cruz col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Roraima states.

#### Family Leptophlebiidae Banks, 1900

*Farrodes maculatus* Domínguez, Molineri & Peters, 1996 (Figures 5 and 6)

*Thraululus maculatus* NEEDHAM & MURPHY 1924: 45; ULMER 1943: 28; TRAVER 1947: 149.

*Homothraululus maculatus* TRAVER 1960: 73; PETERS & TSUI 1972: 565; HUBBARD 1982a: 265.

Diagnosis. 1) Forewings with dark pigments, including a dark macula at fork of vein MA; 2) vein MP of fore wings forked asymmetrically to vein MP2 attached to MP1 by a crossvein; 3)

Apex of hind wing obtuse, broadly rounded; 4) Mesonotum with heavy brownish black wash forming marks on anterolateral margins, anterolateral sutures dark brown but not heavily with brownish black; 5) lateral subposterior margins just anterior to lateral subposterior humps washed lightly to heavily with brownish black; 6) terga 3-5 with small median dark marks.

Previous distribution. Argentina (DOMÍNGUEZ 1999).

Examined material. 06 males imago (MIRR-EPH 0015), Brazil, Mucajaí municipality, Vicinal Embrapa, 02°24'08.7" N; 060°58'41.8" W, 31.X.2015, J.A. Cruz col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Brazil.

*Fittkaulus cururuensis* Savage, 1986 (Figures 7-9)

*Fittkaulus cururuensis* SAVAGE 1986: 268; DOMÍNGUEZ *et al.* 2002: 462; BOLDRINI *et al.* 2009: 220.

Diagnosis. Nymphs: 1) labrum with anteromedian emargination without denticles; 2) apex of galea-lacinia with one large, pectinate setae and one large, nonpectinate, curved setae; 3) coxae II and III with brown mark; 4) tergum yellow washed with brown, terga II-VII with sublateral yellow mark, terga VIII with median area yellow, posterior 2/3 of terga IX yellow. Female imagos: 1) fore wing without a dark macula at fork of vein MA; 2) coxae I and II, or II and III with brown mark; 3) abdominal sterna 1-2 with small posteromedian brownish black marks.

Previous distribution. Brazil (Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso, Pará, and Pernambuco states) (SAVAGE 1986; BOLDRINI *et al.* 2009; LIMA *et al.* 2012).

Examined material. 04 female imagos (01 reared) and 03 nymphs (MIRR-EPH 0016), Brazil, Mucajaí municipality, Vicinal Tamandaré, 02°28'51.6" N, 060°55'33.8" W, 18.IX.2015, J.L. Gama Neto, M.A.B. Passos and J.A. Cruz col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Roraima states.

*Fittkaulus maculatus* Savage & Peters, 1978 (Figure 10)

*Fittkaulus maculatus* HUBBARD 1982a: 264; SAVAGE 1986: 262; DOMÍNGUEZ *et al.* 2002: 462.

Diagnosis. 1) Nymphs: anteromedian emargination of labrum well developed with 6 very small apically flattened denticles; 2) Abdominal terga with brownish black markings as Fig. xx; 3) Metanotum with a median longitudinal mark that widens anteriorly, mark often appears as a distinct triangle.

Previous distribution. Brazil (Pará and Bahia states), Surinam (SAVAGE & PETERS 1978; DA-SILVA 1992).

Examined material: 02 nymphs (MIRR-EPH 0017), Brazil, Mucajaí municipality, Vicinal Tamandaré, 02°28'51.6" N, 060°55'33.8" W, 18.IX.2015, J.L. Gama Neto, M.A.B. Passos and J.A. Cruz col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Roraima states.

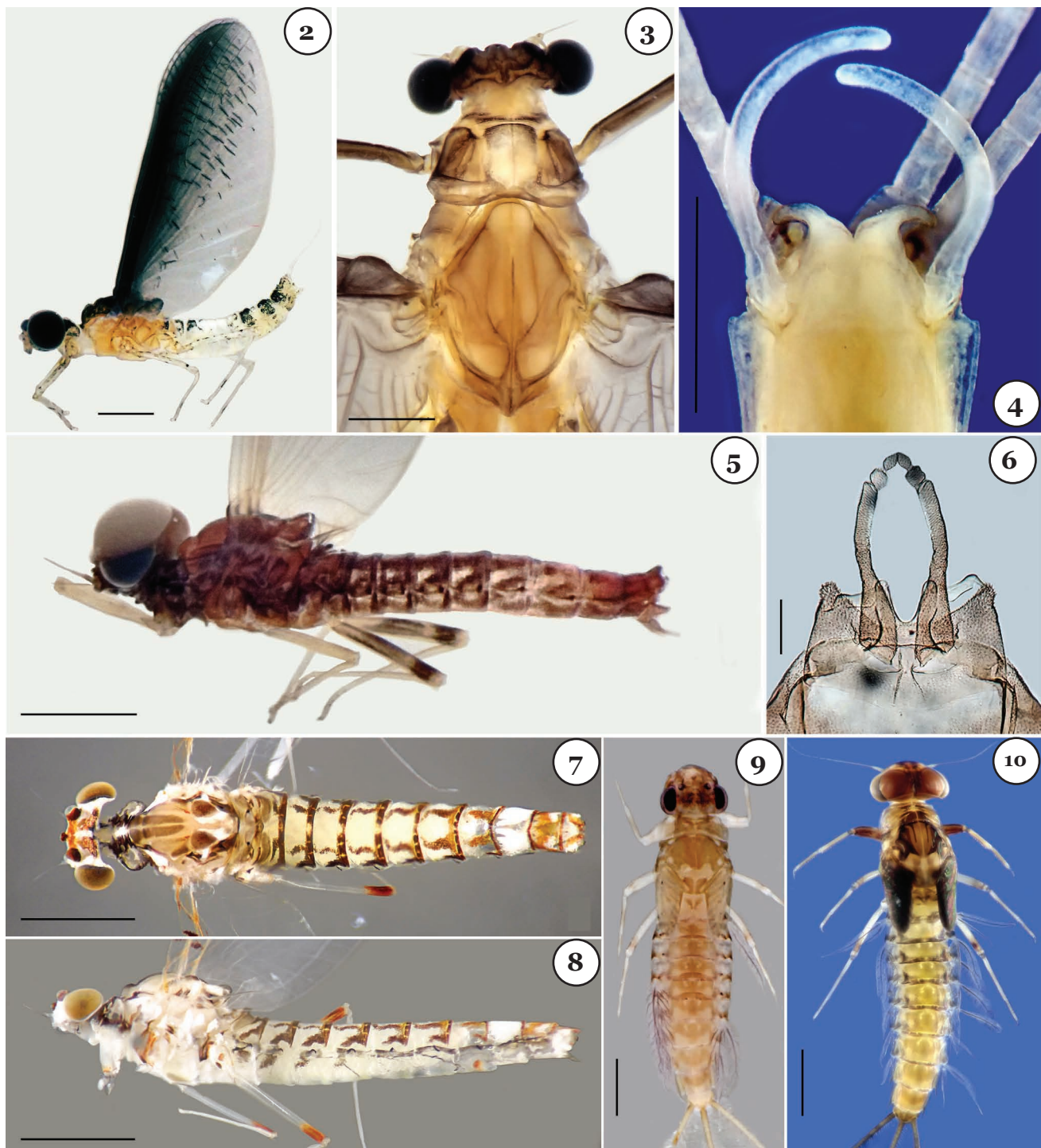
*Hermanellopsis incertans* (Spieth, 1943) (Figures 11 and 12)

*Hermanella incertans* SPIETH, 1943: 9; TRAVER, 1947: 159; DEMOULIN, 1966: 11.

*Hermanella (Hermanellopsis) incertans* DEMOULIN, 1955: 8.

*Hermanellopsis incertans* EDMUNDS, JENSEN & BERNER, 1976: 223; HUBBARD, 1982b: 264; SAVAGE, 1983: 128; SAVAGE & PETERS, 1983: 579.





Figures 2-10. Ephemeroptera species: 2. *Coryphorus aquilus* male imago (Left lateral view). 3-4. *Campylocia demoulini* male imago: 3. Thorax (Dorsal view); 4. Genitalia (Ventral view). 5-6. *Farrodes maculatus* male imago: 5. left lateral view; 6. Genitalia (Ventral view). 7-9. *Fittkaulus cururuensis* female imago: 7. Dorsal view; 8. Left lateral view. 9. *Fittkaulus cururuensis* nymph (dorsal view). 10: *Fittkaulus maculatus* nymph (dorsal view) (Scales = 1 mm, except Figure 6 = 0.1 mm).

Diagnosis. 1) Upper portion of male eyes with 25-31 facets in longest row; and 2) vein MP2 of fore wings joined at base to veins MP1 and CuA by cross veins; 3) Posteromedian margin of male styliger plate gently rounded with a median notch and submedian projections; and (5) Penes long and narrow.

Previous distribution. Guyana and Surinam (DOMÍNGUEZ *et al.* 2006).

Examined material: 10 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0018), Brazil, Normandia municipality, Maú River, 03°57'07.6" N, 059°31'23.2" W, 05.X.2015, N.T. Souza col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Brazil.

*Miroculis (Miroculis) fittkai* Savage & Peters, 1983 (Figures 13 and 14)

*Miroculis (Miroculis) fittkai* SAVAGE 1983: 130; SAVAGE 1987: 103.

Diagnosis. 1) Membrane of wings hyaline to very light brown, fore wings with darker brown clouds around cross veins; 2) ratio of femora to tibiae of male prothoracic legs 0.56-0.61; length of male prothoracic tibiae 1.9-2.2mm; 3) median area of abdominal tergum VI with a brownish-black V-shaped mark, with open end of V directed posteriorly; 4) basal 1/3-1/2 of inner margin of forceps segment I abruptly narrows apically, distal 1/4 of inner margin developed; 5) styliger plate posteromedian margin gently rounded with a shallow median indentation; and 6) penes tubular, scavated apically, 0.9-1.3 length of forceps segment I.

Previous distribution. Brazil (Espírito Santo, Pará, and Pernambuco states), Surinam and Venezuela (SAVAGE & PETERS 1983; DOMÍNGUEZ *et al.* 2006; LIMA *et al.* 2012).

Examined material: 01 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0019), Brazil, Mucajai municipality, Vicinal rufina, 02°25'49.8" N, 60°52'15.5" W, 02.X.2015, J.A. Cruz coll.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Roraima.

*Simothraulopsis (Maculognathus) sabalo* Kluge, 2007 (Figures 15 and 16)

*Simothraulopsis (Maculognathus) sabalo* KLUGE 2007: 389

*Simothraulopsis sabalo* NASCIMENTO *et al.* 2017: 23.

Diagnosis. 1) thorax orangish yellow, abdomen orangish brown; 2) forewing with two costal cross veins basal to bulla; 3) hind wing with costal projection forming an acute angle, located approximately 2/3 distance from base to apex of wing; 4) abdominal segments I-V with translucent white basal bands;



Figures 11-18. Figures on left showing Ephemeroptera male imago habitus (left lateral view) and figures on right showing the species genitalia (ventral view): 11 and 12. *Hermanellopsis incertans*. 13 and 14. *Miroculis fittkaui*. 15 and 16. *Simothraulopsis sabalo*. 17 and 18. *Thraulodes marrerai* (Scales: Figures 11, 13, 15 and 17 = 1 mm; Figures 12, 14, 16 and 18 = 0,1mm).



5) forceps basal region of segment I with a small concavity; 6) penis projection spine-like, of median size (approximately half of the total length of penis lobes) and anteriorly directed; 7) penis lobes fused on basal 1/2; 8) ventral region of penis lobes without a well-marked sclerotized region.

Previous distribution. Brazil (Amazonas and Pernambuco states), Peru (KLUGE 2007; LIMA et al. 2012; NASCIMENTO et al. 2017).

Examined material. 10 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0020), Brazil, Normandia municipality, Maú River, 03°57'07.63" N, 059°31'23.2" W, 05.X.2015, Nascimento col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Roraima.

*Thraulodes marreroi* Chacón, Segnini & Domínguez, 1999 (Figures 17 and 18)

*Thraulodes marreroi* CHACÓN et al. 1999: 255.

Diagnosis. 1) fore wings no crossveins basal to bulla; 2) main longitudinal veins yellowish; 3) abdominal color pattern as in Figures 17 and 18, central area of terga II-IV tinged with reddish; 4) femora I with apical 1/5 covered with a tricolored spot; 5) penes long and stout, spine long and narrow; apicolateral area forming a small "ear"; external margin forming a small lateral pouch; recurved fold slightly angulated.

Previous distribution. Venezuela (CHACÓN et al. 1999).

Examined material: 04 male imago (MIRR-EPH 0021), Brazil, Roraima State, Normandia municipality, Maú River, 03°57'07.6" N, 059°31'23.2" W, 05.X.2015, J.L. Gama Neto col.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of this species from Brazil.

#### Family Leptohiphidae Edmunds & Traver, 1954

*Tricorythodes* sp.

*Tricorythodes* ULMER, 1920: 51; NEEDHAM et al., 1935: 630; TRAVER, 1958: 501; ALLEN, 1967: 369; ALLEN & BRUSCA, 1973: 94; ALLEN, 1977: 431; ALLEN & MURVOSH, 1987: 36; WIERSEMA & McCAFFERTY, 2000: 353; MOLINERI, 2002: 305.

Examined material. 09 male imago, (MIRR-EH 0022), Brazil, Mucajai municipality, Vicinal Embrapa 02°24'8.7" N, 60°58'41.8" W, 31.X.2015, J.A. Cruz coll.

Remarks. Its find in this study represents the first record of the genus in Roraima state. The caught specimens shows no similarity to any described species, and it could be a new species. The species description was not possible because only adults were analyzed, and the association with nymphs is essential for recognition of the species.

#### DISCUSSION

We found 74 Ephemeroptera species in Roraima State through literature review, including members of Baetidae, Caenidae, Euthyplociidae, Leptohiphidae, Leptophlebiidae and Oligoneuriidae families (GAMA NETO & PASSOS 2017; RAIMUNDI et al. 2017; SANTOS et al. 2017). In our study, besides these families, we found the family Coryphoridae which is recorded for the first time in Roraima.

Three species are recorded for the first time in Brazil, before they were known only from Argentina (*Farrodes maculatus*), Guyana and Surinam (*Hermanellopsis incertans*), and Venezuela (*Thraulodes marreroi*), referenced only in their original description. The find of *F. maculatus* in Roraima considerably extends its distribution further north in South America.

We observed variations in the *Thraulodes marreroi* species from Roraima states. In general, specimens collected in Roraima have forceps segments III clearly shorter than forceps segments II, and penes apicolateral area apparently not forming an "ear", while *T. marreroi* specimens from Venezuela have subequal forceps segments II and III, and penis apicolateral area forming a pronounced "ear". We consider it as populational variation because no more relevant differences were found.

The species *Callibaetis cruentus*, *Callibaetis gelidus*, *Campylocia demoulini*, *Coryphorus aquilus*, *Fittkaulus cururuensis*, *Fittkaulus maculatus* and *Miroculis fittkaui*, previously recorded only in Amazonas (*C. cruentus*, *C. gelidus*, *C. demoulini*, and *C. aquilus*), Amapá (*C. aquilus*), Bahia (*F. maculatus*), Distrito Federal (*C. demoulini*), Espírito Santo (*F. cururuensis* and *M. fittkaui*), Mato Grosso (*C. demoulini*, *C. aquilus*, and *F. cururuensis*), Pará (*C. demoulini*, *C. aquilus*, *F. cururuensis*, *F. maculatus*, and *M. fittkaui*), Pernambuco (*F. cururuensis*, *M. fittkaui*), Rondônia (*C. gelidus*) and Tocantins states (*C. demoulini*) (SAVAGE & PETERS 1978, 1983; SAVAGE 1986; DA-SILVA 1992; BOLDRINI et al. 2009, LIMA et al. 2012; CRUZ et al. 2014; GONÇALVES et al. 2017; SANTOS et al. 2017) have their known distributions extended to the far north in Brazil. In addition, the species *Coryphorus aquilus*, *Miroculis fittkaui* and *Thraulodes marreroi* are filling the existing gap in their species' distributions, showing continuity between Brazil and Venezuela.

After our study, the number of known Ephemeroptera species in Roraima has increased from 74 to 86.

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