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FIRST RECORD OF *MONTANA TOMINI* (PYLNOV, 1916) (ORTHOPTERA: TETTIGONIIDAE) FROM THE TYVA REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF BURYATIA

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Summary. *Montana tomini* (Pylnov, 1916) is recorded from the Tyva Republic (= Tuva) and the Republic of Buryatia for the first time.

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Резюме. Впервые для фауны Тувы и Бурятии указывается кузнечик *Montana tomini* (Pylnov, 1916).

Platycleis tomini was described from North Mongolia by Pylnov (1916), later it was recorded from Zabaikalskii krai in Russia as *Metrioptera tomini* (Bey-Bienko, 1929), East Mongolia as *Montana tomini* (Chogsomzhav, 1972) and Inner Mongolia in China as *Platycleis tomini* (Kang *et al.*, 1989). In present paper we clarify the north-western boundary of the distribution of this species.

NEW RECORD

***Montana tomini* (Pylnov, 1916)**

MATERIAL. Tyva Republic: Tes-Khem River, 25 km SW Erzin settlement, 50°05'N, 95°21'E, 14–15.VII 2014, 1 ♂ (Storozhenko); Tes-Khem River, 25 km NEE Erzin settlement, 50°21'N, 95°27'E, 1300 m, 16.VII 2014, 5 ♂, 2 ♀ (Storozhenko); Tes-Khem River, 31 km NEE Erzin settlement, 50°21'N, 95°34'E, 1000 m, bottomland meadow, 16.VII 2014, 3 ♀ (Storozhenko); the same locality, 1200 m, depression with *Caragana* bushes, 18.VII 2014, 2 ♂, 3 ♀ (Storozhenko); Dyttyg-Khem River, 12 km SW Samagaltai settlement, 50°38'N, 95°19'E, 17.VII 2014, 4 ♂, 2 ♀ (Storozhenko); NE Uvs-Nuur Internountain Basin, Shivelig River, 50°38'N, 94°28'E, 990–1000 m, dry steppes on piedmont plains and terraces, 28.VI–18.VII 1978, 5 larvae (Sergeev); the same locality, dry steppe along runnel, 30.VIII 1962, 1 ♂, 2 ♀, 1 larva (Stebaev); NE Uvs-Nuur Internountain Basin, Shivelig River, 50°38'N, 94°28'E, 990–1000 m, dry steppes on piedmont plains and terraces, 28.VI–18.VII 1978, 5

larvae (Sergeev); the same locality, dry steppe along runnel, 30.VIII 1962, 1 ♂, 2 ♀, 1 larva (Stebaev); N Uvs-Nuur Internountain Basin, 5 km W Torgalyg settlement, 50°52'N, 92°36'E, 1600 m, dry steppe with *Caragana*, 16.VIII 1985, 9 larvae (Stebaev); 32 km SW Kyzyl City, Elegest River, 580 m, steppe, 22.VII 2014, 1 ♀ (Storozhenko); 25 km SW Kyzyl City, Ulug River, 51°35'N, 94°09'E, 630–650 m, dry steppe, 6.VIII.1978, 1 ♀, 1 larva (Sergeev); 14 km SW Shagonar City, Shagonar River, 51°28'N, 92°44'E, 585 m, dry steppe on piedmont plain, 23.VI 2017, 3 larvae (Sergeev); Chaa-Khol River, 51°34'N, 92°23'E, 570–600 m, dry steppe, 16–18.VII 1962, 1 ♂, 1 ♀ (Stebaev) **Republic of Buryatia**: Selenga River, vicinity of Naushki, 50°23'N, 106°06'E, 650 m, steppe, 30.VII 2007, 1 ♂, 1 ♀ (Storozhenko).

DISTRIBUTION. Russia (South Siberia), China (Inner Mongolia), Mongolia (Storozhenko, 2004). Here it is firstly recorded from Tuva and Buryatia.

ECOLOGY. The species commonly prefers different variants of the dry steppes on the local piedmont plains and river terraces with dominance of grasses (*Stipa* L. and *Festuca valesiaca* Schleich. ex Gaudin), sagebrushes, some forbs (*Potentilla acaulis* L. etc), and often with presence of *Caragana* Lam. bushes and stones. Sometimes it may inhabit meadows and agricultural fields. The level of its abundance is relatively low (up to 12 per hour).

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