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Восемь новых видов рода *Camellocossus* Yakovlev, 2011 (Lepidoptera: Cossidae) из Северной и Восточной Африки

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ABSTRACT. The paper presents new data on the systematics and the distribution of species of the genus *Camellocossus* Yakovlev, 2011 (Lepidoptera: Cossidae). Eight new species are described. The descriptions of all the new species (the adults and male genitalia) are illustrated. A distribution map of the species of *Camellocossus* is given. It is established that the genus *Camellocossus* is a common component of East Africa, and the deserts of North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.

РЕЗЮМЕ. Представлены новые сведения по систематике и распространению видов рода *Camellocossus* Yakovlev, 2011 (Lepidoptera: Cossidae). Описано восемь новых видов. Описания всех новых видов проиллюстрированы (габитус, гениталии самцов). Приведена карта распространения рода *Camellocossus*. Установлено, что *Camellocossus* — общий компонент фауны Восточной Африки, пустынь Северной Африки и Аравийского полуострова.

Introduction

Cossidae are a family of ditrysian lepidoptera including about 1000 species [Yakovlev, 2015] distributed worldwide except for the Polynesian islands and high latitudes. Cossidae are most widespread in the Paleotropical Region [Yakovlev, 2011, 2015]. An analysis of the distribution of known Cossidae species from arid and sub-arid regions of the Palearctic and Afrotropics including the Sahara is given by Yakovlev and Dubatolov [2013] and Yakovlev [2015]. One of the typical eremic genera is *Camellocossus* Yakovlev, 2011. The genus *Camellocossus* was established for *Cossus abyssinica* (Hampson, 1910) [Yakovlev, 2011]. A brief revision of the genus *Camellocossus* was published recently [Yakovlev et al., 2015]. Currently, the genus *Camellocossus* includes four species [Yakovlev et al., 2015]: *C. abyssinica* (Hampson, 1910) (Figs 1, 22) (Northern Ethiopia), *C. henleyi* [Warren, Rothschild, 1905] (Figs 2, 22) (Sudan, Egypt), *C. osmanya* Yakovlev, 2011 (Figs 3, 22) (Somalia), and *C. sindbad* Yakovlev et Saldaitis, 2015 (Figs 4, 22) (S. Oman).

Studying new material of Cossidae from Morocco, Algeria, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in the Museum Witt (Munich) and in the collection of M. Ströhle (Weiden), eight new species of the genus *Camellocossus* were discovered. Their descriptions and diagnoses are given below.

Material and methods

All specimens were collected using light traps. The preparation of genitalia is necessary for the identification of Cossidae. Dissections were performed with standard methods. Male genitalia were mounted in euparal on slides following Lafontaine [2004]. The genitalia slides were examined with the use of the Zeiss Stemi 2000 C microscope, the images were taken with the Olympus XC 50 camera and processed in Corel PHOTO-PAINT 11 Windows® software. Photos of imago where taken using the camera Canon PowerShot SX50HS.

Results

*Camellocossus aladdin* Yakovlev et Witt, sp. n.
Figs 5, 13, 21, 23.

MATERIAL. Holotype, ♂, Morocco, W. Goulmin, 483 m, N29°07.655’/W10°01.476’, leg. H. Sulak (Museum Witt, Munich; GenPr Heterocera MWM 25.275). Paratypes: 3 ♀, same data as holotype (Museum Witt, Munich).

DESCRIPTION. Length of fore wing 14 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of forewing costal margin. Head,
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Thorax and abdomen densely covered with brown scales. Forewing dark grey with thin undulated pattern; basal area grey with single black transverse strokes, two thin black transverse bands converging to rear margin of wing in discal area; brown portion in cubital region; in submarginal area thin black band curved in cubital region; fringe grey unicolorous. Hind wing pale ochre with poorly expressed grey sputter.

Male genitalia. Uncus elongated with rounded apex; tegumen of medium size; gnathos arms thin, of medium length; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide with parallel margins, long poorly expressed crest with practically even edge at costal margin, thin transverse rib on inner surface of valve in preapical area, sacculus large, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process very long, thin, bent at an angle of 90° in its middle third, narrowed sharply in its proximal third, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized, with two leaf-like lateral processes widening to apex and diluted at an angle of 90°; inner surface of lateral process of juxta with two transverse sclerotized folds;
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Saccus of medium size, semicircular; phallus thick, straight, in length about 4/5 of valve, vesica aperture in dorsal-apical position, in length about 2/3 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *C. aladdin* sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: dark background of the fore wing upper side; practically even long crest on the costal margin of the valve; one thin transverse rib on the inner surface of the valve; the lateral process of the transtilla is sharply narrowed in its proximal third; the lateral process of the juxta is leaf-like, apically widened, with two ribs on the inner side.

**ETYMOLOGY.** The new species is named after Aladdin — a character of Arabian tales.

Figs 13–16. Male genitalia of *Camellocossus* species: 13 — *C. aladdin* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 14 — *C. roc* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 15 — *C. jinn* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 16 — *C. ifrit* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.

Рис. 13–16. Гениталии самцов видов *Camellocossus*: 13 — *C. aladdin* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 14 — *C. roc* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 15 — *C. jinn* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 16 — *C. ifrit* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.
Camellocossus roc Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.
Figs 6, 14, 23.

DESCRIPTION. Length of fore wing 17 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of fore wing costal margin. Head, thorax and abdomen densely covered with ocher scales. Fore wing ocher with thin undulated pattern rather uniformly spread throughout wing; blunted brown portion in discal area; thin black band in submarginal area; fringe pale brown, unicolorous. Hind wing pale ocher with poorly expressed grey sputter and single dark transverse strokes.

Male genitalia. Uncus thick, short with wide rounded apex; tegumen large; gnathos arms thick, of medium size; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide with parallel margins, on costal margin long poorly expressed crest with small process on its inner surface in the distal third, sacculus of medium size, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process of medium size, uniformly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized with leaf-like lateral processes with parallel edges dilated at an angle of 100º; saccus of medium size, semicircle; phallus thick, straight, in length about 4/5 of valve, vesica aperture in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/2 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

DIAGNOSIS. C. roc sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: the pale coloring of fore wing with evenly spaced line strokes; the long poorly expressed crest with a small process on its inner surface in the distal third on the costal margin of the valve; the short thick uncus.

ETYMOLOGY. The new species is named after Roc — a legendary huge predatory bird.

Camellocossus jinn Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.
Figs 7, 15, 22–23.

DESCRIPTION. Length of fore wing 15 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of fore wing costal margin. Head, thorax and abdomen densely covered with dark grey scales. Fore wing dark grey with thin undulated pattern developed throughout wing; undulated pattern thickens in postdiscal area, poorly expressed blunted brown portions in cubital area, thin transverse dark grey band from costal margin to vein M1, in submarginal area; fringe dark grey, unicolorous. Hind wing grey with hardly expressed singular dark transverse strokes.

Male genitalia. Uncus elongated, relatively thin with tapered apex; tegumen of medium size; gnathos arms thin, of medium length; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide with smoothly rounded costal margin and even lower margin, on costal margin weakly expressed crest with poorly expressed battalion along the edge in distal third, sacculus of medium size, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process relatively short, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized, in form of cone with apex directed to saccus, with wide leaf-like lateral processes with parallel edges dilated at an angle of 170º; saccus of medium size, semicircular; phallus thick, straight, in length equal to valve, vesica aperture in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/2 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

DIAGNOSIS. C. jinn sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: the dark color of the wings; the valve with a smoothly rounded costal margin and even lower margin; the costal margin of the valve with a weakly expressed crest slightly serrated along the edge in distal third; the juxta in the form of a cone with the apex directed to the saccus.

ETYMOLOGY. The new species is named after Jinn — a character of Arabian tales.

Camellocossus strohleii Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.
Figs 9, 17, 23.
MATERIAL. Holotype, ♂, Ethiopia, Arba Minch, 06°07’48”N/37°34’41”E, 1465 m, 22.02.2010, leg. Ströhle (collection of M. Ströhle, Weiden, Coss-MSW/2015/12). Paratypes; 1 ♂, Ethiopia, same data as holotype (collection of M. Ströhle, Weiden); 7 ♂, Ethiopia, Turmi, Mango Lodge, 04°32’0/03°54’E, 920 m, 21-24.01.2015, leg. Ströhle (collection of M. Ströhle, Weiden, Coss-MSW/2015/11).

DESCRIPTION. Length of fore wing 13 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of fore wing costal margin. Head and patagia brown from above; thorax and abdomen densely covered with pale brown scales. Fore wing pale brown with thin undulated pattern more developed in postdiscal and submarginal areas; in postdiscal area two uneven broken bands with brown portion between them, brown portion contrasting to the thorax and abdomen (the head and patagia brown; the thorax and abdomen pale ocher, almost white); the costal margin of the valve with a large pyramidal crest with three transverse crests on its inner surface in the distal third; the semicircular upper edge and the even lower edge of the lateral process of the juxta.

ETYMOLOGY. The new species is named after Strohle — a character of Arabian tales.
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along hind margin; fringe pale grey, unicolorous. Hind wing pale ocher with hardly expressed singular dark transverse strokes and pale ocher unicolorous fringe.

Male genitalia. Uncus short, relatively wide with blunt apex; tegumen of medium size; gnathos arms thick, of medium length; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide, strongly concave, cupped, costal margin curved in basal third, hind margin curved in middle third, medium semicircular crest with one transverse crest on its inner surface on costal margin of valve in distal third, sacculus of medium size, apex of valve slightly tapered; transtilla process of medium length, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large heavily sclerotized with relatively narrow leaf-like lateral process-

Figs 17–20. Male genitalia of *Camellocossus* species: 17 — *C. strohlei* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 18 — *C. lalibela* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 19 — *C. snizeki* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 20 — *C. ngai* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.

Рис. 17–20. Гениталии самцов видов *Camellocossus*: 17 — *C. strohlei* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 18 — *C. lalibela* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 19 — *C. snizeki* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 20 — *C. ngai* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.
es with almost parallel edges, dilated at an angle of 100°; saccus large, semicircular; phallicus thick, slightly curved in proximal third, in length about 4/5 of valve, vesica aperture in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/3 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *C. strohleii* sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: the uncus with a blunt apex; the cupped valve with the costal margin curved in its basal third and the hind margin curved in its middle third; the costal margin of the valve in the distal third with a medium semicircular crest with one transverse crest on its inner surface.

**ETYMOLOGY.** The new species is named after the German lepidopterist Manfred Ströhle (Weiden).

**Camellocossus lalibela** Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.

**Figs 10, 18, 23.**


**DESCRIPTION.** Length of fore wing 18 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of fore wing costal margin. Head, thorax and abdomen densely covered with brown scales. Fore wing dark grey with thin undulated pattern more developed in postdiscal and submarginal areas; brown portion from wing base to border of discal and postdiscal areas, thin transverse dark grey band from costal margin to vein M1 in submarginal area; fringe dark grey, unicolorous. Hind wing pale grey with dense dark transverse strokes.

**Male genitalia.** Uncus elongated, thick, apex tapered; tegmen of medium size; gnathos arms thin, of medium length; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide with almost parallel margins, costal margin with strongly expressed sclerotized even crest (from base to distal third), costal margin of valve in distal third with strongly expressed semicircular crest, its inner surface with large sclerotized obliquely positioned rib, sacculus strongly expressed, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process long, thin, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized, in form of cone with apex directed to saccus, with wide leaf-like lateral processes dilated at an angle of 120°; saccus large, semicircular; phallus thick, slightly curved in medial third, in length equal to 4/5 of valve, vesica apertura in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/2 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *C. lalibela* sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: relatively large size (length of fore wing 12 mm); the costal margin of the valve (in distal third) with a strongly expressed crest with serrated edge and four sclerotized ribs on inner surface, sacculus of medium size, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process long, thin, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized in form of cone with apex directed to saccus, with wide leaf-like lateral processes dilated at an angle of 120°; saccus large, semicircular; phallus thick, slightly curved in medial third, in length equal to 4/5 of valve, vesica apertura in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/2 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.

**ETYMOLOGY.** The new species is named after the Czech coleopterist Miroslav Snížek.

**Camellocossus ngai** Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.

**Figs 12, 20, 23.**


**DESCRIPTION.** Length of fore wing 19 mm. Antennae short, in length equal to 1/3 of fore wing costal margin. Head, thorax and abdomen densely covered with pale grey scales. Fore wing grey with thin undulated pattern more developed in postdiscal and submarginal areas; in postdiscal area pattern thickens forming undulated band from costal to hind margin; brown portion developed along hind margin; thin transverse dark grey band from costal margin to vein M1 in submarginal area; fringe pale grey, unicolorous. Hind wing pale grey with dense dark transverse strokes.

**Male genitalia.** Uncus relatively long, of medium thickness, apex tapered; tegumen of medium size; gnathos arms thin, of medium length; gnathos of medium size, densely covered with small spikes; valve wide, costal margin curved in medium third, hind margin practically even, on costal margin of valve (in distal third) strongly expressed crest with serrated edge and four sclerotized ribs on inner surface, sacculus of medium size, apex of valve rounded; transtilla process long, thick, heavily sclerotized, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized, with wide leaf-like lateral processes dilated at an angle of 180°, lateral processes triangle, evenly curved, gradually narrowing from base to apex, apex tapered; juxta large, heavily sclerotized in form of cone with apex directed to saccus, with wide leaf-like lateral processes dilated at an angle of 120°; saccus large, semicircular; phallus thick, slightly curved in medial third, in length equal to 4/5 of valve, vesica apertura in dorso-apical position, in length about 1/2 of phallus; vesica without cornuti.
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Figs 21–22. Type localities of *Camellocossus* species: 21 — *C. aladdin* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 22 — *C. jinn* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n. Photo by H. Sulak.

Рис. 21–22. Типовая местность видов *Camellocossus*: 21 — *C. aladdin* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n.; 22 — *C. jinn* Yakovlev et Witt, sp.n. Фото Н. Sulak.
DIAGNOSIS. *C. ngai* sp.n. is distinctive by the following characteristic features: relatively large size (length of the fore wing 19 mm); the costal margin of the valve (in distal third) with a strongly expressed crest with a serrated edge and three sclerotized ribs on its inner surface; the triangle lateral processes of the juxta, evenly narrowing from the base to the apex.

ETYMOLOGY. The new species is named after Ngai — the supreme deity in the beliefs of the Masai tribe.

Discussion

*Camellocossus* includes 12 widespread species of the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa (Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Egypt, Sudan) and East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia). *Camellocossus* is one of the Cossidae genera (except for *Aethalopteryx* Schoorl, 1990 (type species *Phragmatocia atrireta* Hampson, 1910), *Afroarabiella* Yakovlev, 2008 (type species *Cossus tahamae* Wiltshire, 1949), *Afrikanetz* Yakovlev, 2009 (type species – *A. inkubu* Yakovlev, 2009), *Mormogystia* Schoorl, 1990 (type species *Cossus reibellii* Oberthür, 1876), widespread in Arabia, Africa and the Sahara. Apparently the Sahara has not been a barrier to the dispersal of these Cossidae genera [Yakovlev, Dubatolov, 2013; Yakovlev, 2015]. Ten species of the genus *Afroarabiella* are found in different regions of Africa (1 species in West Africa, 6 species in East Africa, 2 species in South Africa, 1 species in Sahel) and one (*A. tahamae*) in South and Central Arabia. The genus *Aethalopteryx* includes 24 species; 23 of them are widespread in Africa (9 in East Africa, 5 in South Africa, 3 in Central Africa, 1 in Sahel, 4 – all over Africa), one species (*A. diksami* Yakovlev et Saladaitis, 2010) in Socotra, and one (*A. wiltshirei* Yakovlev, 2009) in Central Arabia. A similar situation is apparent in the genus *Afrikanetz* Yakovlev, 2009. Among its three described species, *A. inkubu* is found in West Congo (the Republic of Congo), *A. bugvan* Yakovlev, 2009 is recorded for several countries in West Africa, *A. makumazan* Yakovlev, 2009 was described from the Western Kingdom of Saudi Arabia [Yakovlev, 2009]. In the genus *Mormogystia* three species are known. *M. reibellii* Oberthür, 1876 is recorded from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, UAE, Yemen, Israel, Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Mauritania, Niger, Chad [Yakovlev, 2011]; *M. brandstetteri* Saladaitis, Ivinskis et Yakovlev, 2011 is widespread on Socotra; *Mormogystia equatorialis* (Le Cerf, 1933) is described from the environs of lake Turcan (North Kenya). The question of the origin of these genera (Palaearctic or Palaetropic) is unresolved until a phylogenetic analysis is completed.

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Fig. 23. Map of *Camellocossus* species distribution.

Рис. 23. Карта распространения видов рода *Camellocossus.*
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