

A new species of *Acrida* from Uzbekistan (Orthoptera: Acrididae)

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Acrida excentrica sp. n. is described from Uzbekistan.

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Acrida excentrica sp. n. (Figs 1-7, see p. 272)

Holotype. ♂, Uzbekistan, Angrena, Kul'bulak, 21-31.VIII.1995 (L.N. Anisyutkin), kept in the Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg.

Paratypes. 8 ♂, 3 ♀, as holotype.

Description. Male (Fig. 1). Head moderately elongate, robust, with broad basal part; fastigium of vertex short; distance from eye to apex of vertex less than maximum diameter of eye. Metazona of pronotum (Fig. 2) short, scarcely longer than distance between lateral carinae; the latter slightly concave in prozona. Mesothorax (Fig. 3) with widely spaced lateral blades, 2.0-2.3 times as long as its minimum width. Tegmina narrow; their apical third curved backwards; hind border of tegmina arcuately concave in apical part (Fig. 4). Arolium shorter than claws. Genital plate, in profile, as in Fig. 5.

Female. As male, but 6th segment of antennae (Fig. 6) elongate, longer than wide. Median projection of genital plate (Fig. 7) very short, shorter than lateral projections.

Length. Body: ♂ 35.8-41.2, ♀ 54.6-59.1 mm; tegmina: ♂ 27.5-32.5, ♀ 43.8-47.0 mm.

Comparison. The new species is close to the *A. bicolor* group (see Dirsh, 1949, 1954; Mistshenko, 1951; Steinmann, 1963), which includes *A. bicolor* (Thunb.) with the subspecies *A. b. mediterranea* Dirsh, *A. b. straminea* Shug. (= *A. b. caucasica* Dirsh, see Woznessenskij, 1997) and *A. b. anatolica* Dirsh, *A. ungarica* (Herbst) and *A. oxycephala* (Pall.). The males of *A. excentrica* differ from those of *A. oxycephala* in the short metazona of pronotum and great distance between lateral blades of mesothorax; from those of *A. oxy-*

cephala and *A. bicolor* in the narrowed tegmina, apical third of tegmina curved backwards, and hind border of tegmina concave in apical part; from those of *A. ungarica* in the short fastigium of vertex, which in its widest part is 1.25-1.3 times as wide as maximum width of antennae. The females of *A. excentrica* differ from those of other species of this group in the form of the genital plate with short median projection (genital plate of *A. bicolor* and *A. oxycephala* as in Figs 8-9); from those of *A. bicolor* and *A. oxycephala* in the form of the 6th antennal segment.

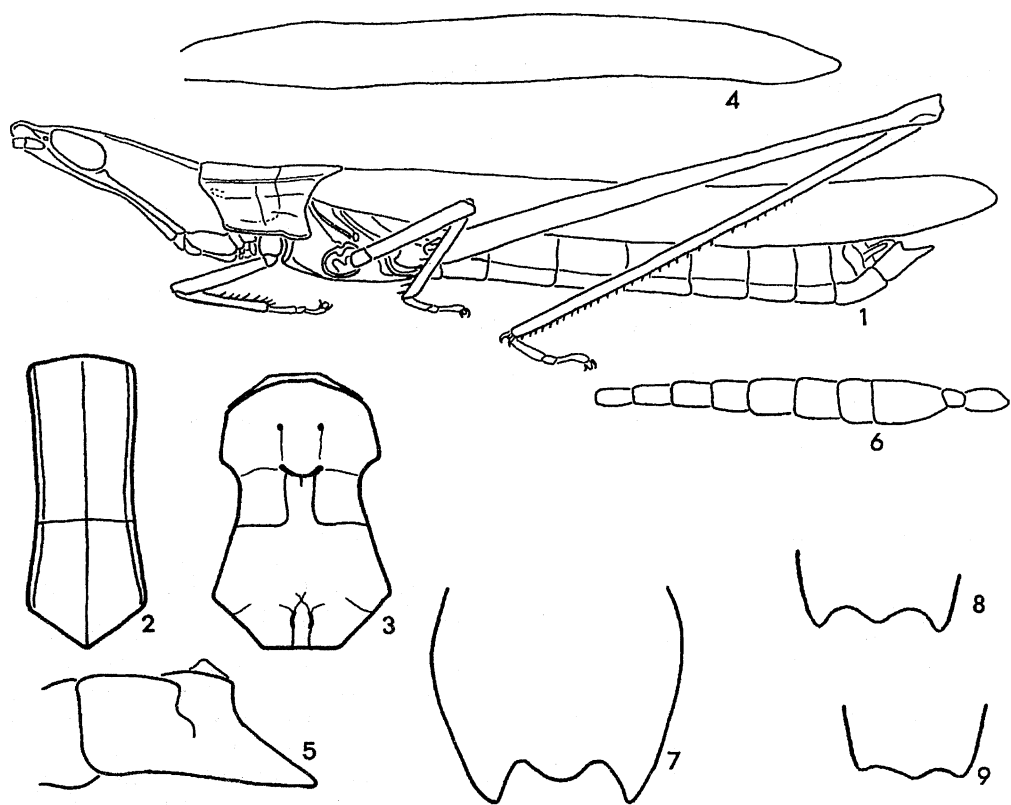
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Figs 1-9. 1-7, *Acrida excentrica* sp. n., ♂ (1-5) and female (6-7): 1, view in profile; 2, pronotum from above; 3, mesothorax; 4, tegmen; 5, genital plate from side; 6, antenna; 7, genital plate from below; 8, *A. oxycephala* (Pall.), ♀, genital plate from below; 9, *A. bicolor* (Thunb.), ♀, genital plate from below.