

Short Communication

NEW RECORD OF *HYDROBASILEUS CROCEUS* (BRAUER) AND *BRACHYDIPLAX CHALYBEA* BRAUER (INSECTA : ODONATA : LIBELLULIDAE) FROM THE STATE OF ORISSA, INDIA

In the days of March 24 and 28 of 1997, when we were passing through a watery land of Satapaḍa (Puri), Orissa, we have collected two female specimens of the species *Hydrobasileus croceus* (Brauer) and *Brachydiplax chalybea* Brauer, which are not reported from Orissa before.

Fraser (1936) reported *H. croceus* only from western and southern India and later Lahiri (1987) and Srivastava and Sinha (1995) also confirmed its distribution in Assam and Meghalaya. *B. chalybea* was reported earlier only from Assam (Guahati) (Fraser, 1936) and Meghalaya (Srivastava and Sinha, 1995) within the Indian territory. Fraser and Dover (1922), Srivastava and Das (1987) and Prasad and Ghosh (1988) have not mentioned the presence of these two species in Orissa.

So it is the first record of *H. croceus* from the state, Orissa and second record from eastern India. At the same time the present collection of *B. chalybea* is a new record from Orissa.

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