

There is, however, a specimen in the B.M. collection (ex coll. Donisthorpe) from the Nilgiris with a black head. I have been unable to see any marked differences between this and specimens of *cruentatus*, and there is no doubt that Jerdon described a rare variety of the latter with a blackish head. Nevertheless, Jerdon's name must stand for the typical form, as his *saltator* has seven years' priority over Smith's *cruentatus*.

Harpegnathos saltator Jerd. var. *cruentatus* Smith (1858).

Smith described his species with 'head, thorax and peduncle of the abdomen red,' and gives the habitat as 'Hong Kong.' The type is in the B.M. collection and bears a label, '48.60.' In the Museum register 'No. 60, 1848' stands for a number of insects from Hong Kong presented by J. C. Bowring.

Forel (l.c.) says: 'Je doute par contre de la patrie "Hong Kong" indiquée par Smith qui indique tout à côté Madras pour le *venator*. Tous les *venator* que j'ai reçus venaient du nord et des régions montagneuses, et tous les *cruentatus* du sud et de l'ouest. Smith n'aurait-il pas transposé la patrie des deux espèces?' It is possible that Smith put the wrong labels on the two type specimens.

Forel gives the following localities for *cruentatus*: Poona (*Wroughton*), Kanara (*Bell*), Travancore (*Ferguson*), Ceylon (*Yerbury*, and *Sarasin brothers*).

Bingham (1903) gives Western India, Mysore,² and the localities given by Forel; but he credits Wroughton with Kanara [there is a specimen in the B.M. collection (ex coll. Donisthorpe) labelled 'Kanara (Bell),' but of course Wroughton may have taken it there also], and queries China.

He describes *saltator* with a red head, ignoring Jerdon's description, and gives *cruentatus* Smith as a synonym.

Harpegnathos saltator Jerd. var. *taprobanae* Forel (1909).

Forel describes this insect as a var. of *cruentatus* Smith, from which it differs in having two confluent reddish patches at the base of the gaster in the ♀; these patches in the ♂ separated by a black band: Ceylon, ♀ (*Sarasin brothers*); Ceylon, Bambulla, ♂ (*Bugnion*).

There is a ♂ in the B.M. collection labelled '60.15. E.I.C.' from India.

² Jerdon (l.c.) wrote 'It is also found in the Mysore country as I learn from Mr. Hamilton, a most talented and industrious amateur entomologist.'