

Wilson's treatment into question, and it is accepted here. The group, as far as known, is restricted to New Guinea, New Britain and nearby islands of West Irian.

[26] Stitz described *peruanus* as a variety of *O. haematodus*, but there is no reason to believe that he knew what the real *haematodus* was. It seems likely to me that his «Stammform» of *haematodus* was what I here call *O. bauri*, or else a combination of *bauri* and the true *haematodus*. The type of *peruanus*, destroyed in the wartime fire-bombing of Hamburg, was a queen from «Canchamayo», Peru, possibly referring to the Rio Chanchamayo.

According to the brief description, the type was «Etwas robuster als die Stammform». Stitz goes on to say that, while the Stammform has the entire propodeal dorsum transversely striate, in *peruana* only the posterior part of the propodeal dorsum is like this. The anterior part, beginning at the suture with the metanotum, has fanwise, posteriorly diverging striation that recurves on the sides and is finer than the striation of the posterior part.

It may eventually be possible to match this sketchy description with the queen of a known or unknown species from the western Amazon Basin or the eastern slopes of the Andes, but for the time being it does not compare well with the available queens of any of the larger *haematodus*-group species from South America, including *haematodus*, *bauri*, *biumbonatus*, and *caelatus*. Since I have no good idea of what the name represents, it is listed here as *dubium* and excluded from the key and discussions, with the hope that it will eventually find its way onto the List of Officially Rejected Names.

[27] *O. rixosus* is the common species in the forests of tropical southeastern Asia, Sumatra, Java and Borneo. Forel felt that some samples from Burma and Thailand, var. *obscurior*, were smaller and darker than those from Sumatra and Singapore, but the differences are slight and inconstant. Javanese samples are often rather small and dark. The variety *conifera* is another slight variant in nodal form from Java, not worth nomenclatorial distinction. I did not find *O. rixosus* on Celebes, and it is absent from the extensive Chapman Collection of material from Mindanao and those Philippine islands to the north of Mindanao.