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臺灣美綏蟎科一新種和五新紀錄種 (蜱蟎亞綱：中氣門目) 【研究報告】

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摘要

記述臺灣美綏蟎科Ameroseiidae (Berlese, 1919) 一新種和五新紀錄種。新種肛小非曲厲蟎*Afrocypholaelaps analicullus* sp. nov.及新紀錄種耶娃新曲厲蟎*Neocypholaelaps ewae* Haitlinger, 1987 採自蜜蜂 (*Apis mellifera* L.)。其餘4新紀錄種巨毛美綏蟎 *Ameroseius magnisetosa* Ishikawa, 1972、力狄美綏蟎 *Ameroseius lidiae* Bregetova, 1977、松田氏美綏蟎 *Ameroseius matsudai* Ishikawa和越南美綏蟎*Ameroseius vietnamensis* Micherdzinski, 1965 採自土壤。文中列舉台灣、大陸、日本及越南的美綏蟎以比較共同分布種類，並提出非曲厲蟎屬*Afrocypholaelaps*之全球種類索引。

Key words: Ameroseiidae, *Afrocypholaelaps*, *Neocypholaelaps*, *Ameroseius*, Taiwan

關鍵詞: 美綏蟎科、非曲厲蟎屬、美綏蟎屬、新曲厲蟎屬、臺灣。

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ABSTRACT

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Introduction

Mites of the family Ameroseiidae (Berlese, 1919) were collected from store products, soil, decomposing organic matter, flower and flower visiting animals, rodents. Seven genera, *Afrocypholaelaps*, *Ameroseius*, *Brontispalaelaps*, *Epicriopsis*, *Hattena*, *Sertitympanum*, and *Sinoseius*, and 110 species are recognized in the family.

In the 1970s, three ameroseiid species from Taiwan were recorded, *Ameroseius*

plumosus (Oudemans), 1902 and *Ameroseius plumigera* Oudemans, 1930 from stored grains (Tjying, 1972), and *Neocypholaelaps indica* Evans, 1963 from honeybee (Lo and Chao, 1975). This article adds one new species and five newly recorded species to the list of ameroseiid mites from Taiwan. Two of these species, including the new species, were collected from a feeble looking honeybee, *Apis mellifera* L., resting on a wall. The other species were collected from soil and leaf

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litter samples from mountainous areas.

For identification of genus the key to the genera was adopted from Halliday (1997). Dorsal setae were nominated in accordance with Lindquist and Evans (1965).

Afrocypholaelaps analicullus sp. nov.

肛小非曲厲蠭 (Figs. 1-2)

Female

Idiosoma elliptic, length 409 (364-436) μm , width 243 (216-279) μm . Dorsal shield entire, very weakly sclerotized with faint margin, often only recognizable by bordering longitudinal cuticular striae; lateral area faintly reticulate. Dorsal shield with 29 pairs of setae, all dorsal setae much shorter than one half the distance to next setae, smooth, except posterior 6 pairs (*J*4, *Z*4, *Z*5, *S*3, *S*4, *S*5) serrated. Sternal shield margin barely recognizable, anterior lined with many striations and hard to distinguish the border, posterior margin too faint to recognize, width at *st*2 level 72 (66-76) μm ; sternal region with 4 pairs of setae. *st*1 and *st*2 on sternal shield, *st*3 on small platelets, *st*4 in cuticular striae; with 3 pairs of faint hard to see lyrifissures. Genital shield margin faint but recognizable, length 112 (106-120) μm , width at genital setae level 54 (47-61) μm , with one pair of genital setae, anterior-central genital folds can extend to or close to *st*2 level. Anal shield quite small, posterior half expanded, width at widest part 61 (54-65) μm , length 57 (53-61) μm , only with circum anal setae, para-anal setae at mid level of anus, slightly shorter than anus, postanal seta approximately as long as para-anal setae; cribium V-shaped, extend anteriorly to or beyond para-anal setae. Six pairs of setae around anal shield, *JV*1, *JV*2, *JV*3, and *ZV*2 between genital shield and anal shield, *JV*4 laterad of and *JV*5 postero-laterad of anal shield, *JV*5 serrate in some specimens. Peritreme reaching anteriorly to the middle of coxa I. Tectum bowl shape and finely dentate, with two dorsal rows of

denticles. Deutosternum narrow, hypostome with five short rows of denticles on each side of deutosternum, 3 rows posterior to palpal trochanter, one row above and one row behind hypostomal setae 4. Cheliceral chela short, movable digit with one small, non-prominent tooth, fixed digit with 2 teeth and a membranous lobe-like pilus dentilis.

Coxae formula: 2, 2, 2, 1; setae formula of femur, genu, tibia of leg I: 2 3/1 2/2 2, 2 3/2 2/1 2, 2 3/2 2/1 2; leg II: 2 2/1 2/1 1, 1 3/1 2/1 1, 1 2/1 2/1 1; leg III: 1 2/1 2/0 0, 1 2/1 2/1 1, 1 1/1 2/1 1; leg IV: 1 2/1 2/0 0, 2 2/1 3/0 1, 2 1/1 3/1 1. Length of leg I 384 (382-389), leg II 298 (262-323), leg III 283 (272-307), leg IV 368 (340-387). Tiny claws observable at 1000X.

Material examined

Holotype ♀ and paratype 3 ♀ (2 on the same slide), CHIAYI: Fenchihu 奮起湖, 2007-VII-20, Lucia Liu Severinghaus, ex *Apis mellifera* L.. Holotype will be deposited in the National Museum of Natural Science, Taichung, Taiwan. Paratypes are deposited in the personal collection of C. C. Ho.

Remarks

Though tiny claws can be seen at 1000X, femur II, genu II-III, and tibia II-III of the new species are in the typical chaetotaxy of the genus *Afrocypholaelaps*. Also, the dorsal chaetotaxy and the shape of the ventral shield of the new species closely resembles those of *A. lindquisti* (Prasad, 1968) and *A. africana* (Evans, 1963). Thus we assigned the new species to the genus *Afrocypholaelaps*.

The new species is similar to *A. lindquisti*, having dorsal shield with 29 pairs of short setae of which posterior 6 pairs are serrated; lacking *v*3 on femur II, *al*2 on genu II, and *pl*2 on tibia II. However, it differs from *A. lindquisti* in that hypostomal setae 2 and 3 are of similar length, hypostome with five short rows of denticles on each side, anal shield expanded posteriorly, with V-shaped cribium, *JV*4 and *JV*5 located close to the anal

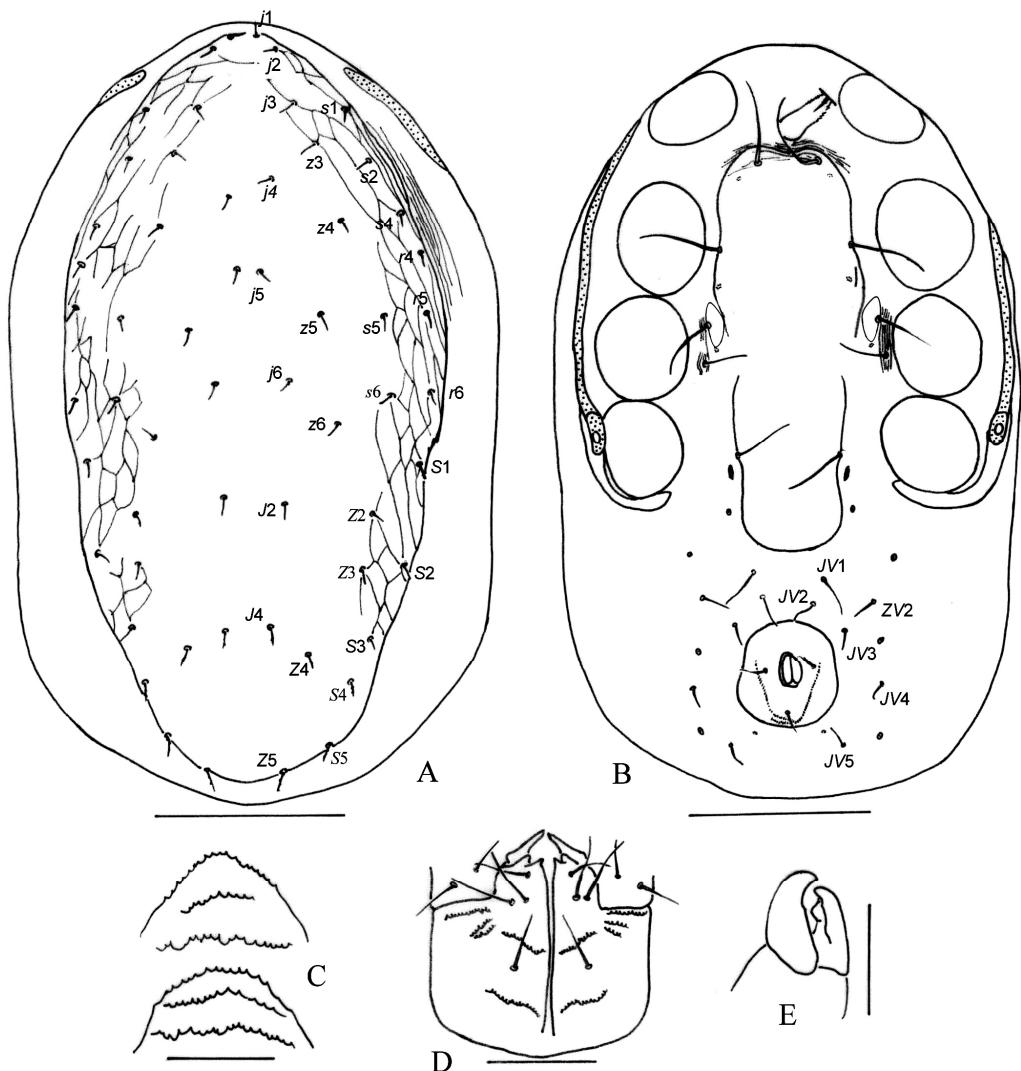


Fig. 1. 肛小非曲厲蟎 *Afrocypholaelaps analicullus* sp. nov. adult female: A. dorsal view, B. ventral view, C. tectum, D. hypostome, E. chelicerae. Scale: 100 μm (A-B), 40 μm (D), 20 μm (C, E).

shield, whereas in *A. lindquisti*, hypostomal setae 2 is distinctly longer than hypostomal setae 3, hypostome with two long and one short rows of denticles; anal shield rounded, cribium U-shaped, and JV4 and JV5 distant from the anal shield.

A. analicullus has cuticular striae among shields but not in the area between sternal shield and genital shield. We could

not recognize the posterior margin of the sternal shield and neither the platelets that *st3* insert on. However, one paratype shows the platelets after remounting the specimen.

Due to the very weak sclerotization of this species, the margin of shields, the dorsal reticulation, the denticles on tectum and hypostome, and the setae serration can only be observed at 1000X.

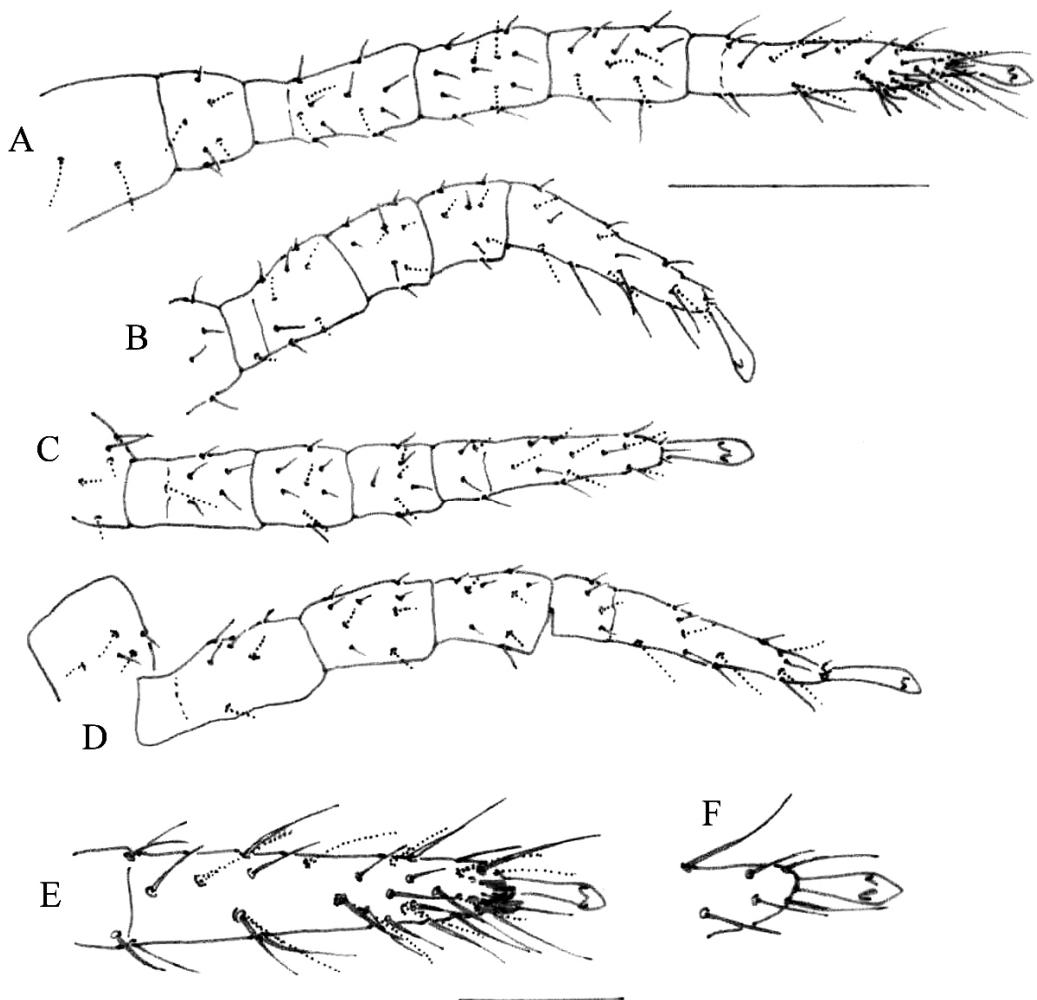


Fig. 2. 肛小非曲屬蟠 *Afrocypholaelaps analiculus* sp. nov. adult female: A: leg I, B: leg II, C: leg III, D: leg IV, leg I, III in dorsal view, leg II, IV in posterolateral view, E: tarsus I dorsal view, F: proximal venter of leg I. Scale: 100 μm (A-D), 40 μm (E-F).

Etymology

The new species is named after the small anal shield.

Key to world species of *Afrocypholaelaps*

1. Dorsal shield with 28 pairs of setae, integument around anal shield with 4 pairs of setae.....*A. ranomafanaensis*
- Dorsal shield with 29 pairs of setae, integument around anal shield with 6 pairs of setae
2. Opisthosomal dorsal with 3 pairs of serrate setae, femur II with 3 ventral setae.....*A. africana**
- Opisthosomal dorsal with 6 pairs of serrate setae, femur II with 2 ventral setae..... 3
3. Setae JV4 and JV5 distant from anal shield, anal shield rounded with U-shaped cribium, hypostomal setae 2

- distinctly longer than setae 3 *A. lindquisti*
- Setae JV4 and JV5 close to anal shield, anal shield expanded posteriorly, with V-shaped cribum, hypostomal setae 2 and setae 3 similar in length *A. analicullus*

*. Chaetotaxy of *A. africana* is based on Halliday (1997).

***Neocypholaelaps ewae* Haitlinger, 1987**

耶娃新曲虧蟎

Material examined

CHIAYI: Fenchihu 奮起湖, 1♀, 2007-VII-20, Lucia Liu Severinghaus, bee.

Distribution

Vietnam, phoretic on butterfly; Taiwan.

Remarks

This mite species is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

***Ameroseius magnisetosa* Ishikawa, 1972 巨毛美綏蟎**

Material examined

TAICHUNG: Tungshih 東勢, 1♀, 1988-III-31, C. C. Ho, soil, with spall, under *Amischotolype chinensis* (N. E. Br.) E. H. Walker ex Hatusima 中國穿鞘花. NANTOU: Guohsing 國姓, Dahanpinshan 大橫屏山, 232556/2660971/522m, 1♀, 2006-VIII-02, C. C. Ho, soil, with spall, under *Bidens parviflora* 小花鬼針草.

Distribution

Japan, Taiwan.

Remarks

This mite species is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

***Ameroseius lidiae* Bregetova, 1977 力狄美綏蟎**

Material examined

TAICHUNG: Tungshih 東勢, Shihchen 石城, 227990/2686725/280m, 1♀, 2003-XI-24, C. C. Ho, soil.

Distribution

Ukraine, Moldavia, Tajikistan, inhabiting tree hole, nest or body of rodents and insectivores; Taiwan.

A female specimen was obtained from a quarantine sample that was taken from *Solvia officinalis* 鼠尾草 imported from USA, 2006-VII-06.

Remarks

This mite species is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

***Ameroseius matsudai* Ishikawa, 1977**

松田氏美綏蟎

Material examined

MIAOLI: Kongguan 公館, Fayun temple 法雲寺, 236769/2705169/416m, 2♀, 2004-XI-28, C. C. Ho, soil in woods. NANTOU: Hsinyi 信義, Tatajia 塔塔加, Lulin pass 鹿林步道, 237789/2596524/2711m, 2♂, 2005-III-07, C. C. Ho, soil under *Yushania niitakayamensis* 玉山箭竹, Tatajia, Gigantic hemlock fir 大鐵杉, 238950/2597194/2684m, 1♂, 2005-III-09, C. C. Ho, soil under mixed *Yushania niitakayamensis* and *Tsuga* sp. 鐵杉, Guohsing 國姓, Dahanpin Shan 大橫屏山, 232101/2661572/794m, 1♂, 2006-VIII-02, C. C. Ho, soil. PINTUNG: Manzhou 滿州, Nanren Shan 南仁山, beside a lake, 235372/2443053/353m, 2♀, 2005-II-16, C. C. Ho, soil.

Distribution

Japan, Taiwan.

Remarks

This mite species is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

***Ameroseius vietnamensis* Micherdzinski, 1965 越南美綏蟎**

Material examined

CHIAYI: Alishan 阿里山, Eryu Shan 兒玉山, 2588m, 2♀, 2003-X-26, ex soil with thick litter under *Yushania niitakayamensis* 玉山箭竹; NANTOU: Hsinyi 信義, Tatajia 塔塔加, Gigantic hemlock fir 大鐵杉, 238950/2597194/2684m, 1♀, 2004-XII-10, ex soil under *Tsuga* sp. 鐵杉 and *Yushania niitakayamensis*; Tatajia 塔塔加, Lulin pass 鹿林步道, 237589/2596650/2650m, 1♀, 2005-I-07, ex soil under *Pinus taiwanensis* 二葉松 and *Yushania niitakayamensis*; TAICHUNG: Hoping 和

平, Shaoshueshan Trail 小雪山步道, 248089/2682576/2057m and 248089/2682576/2157m, 2♀, 2005-VIII-11, ex litter in broad-leave forest; MIAOLI: Taian 泰安, Henlounshan 橫龍山. 246562/2710629/1467m, 2♀, 2005-XII-25, ex soil. All specimens were collected by C. C. Ho.

Distribution

Vietnam, in cave, leaf litter, moss; Taiwan.

Remarks

This mite species is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

Ameroseiid mites have been recorded from several countries neighboring Taiwan. Six species have been reported from Vietnam including *Afrocypholaelaps lindquisti* Prasad, 1968, *Ameroseius decemsetosus* Mrcherdzlnski, 1965, *Ameroseius halongica* (Haitlinger, 1987), *Amesoseius vietnamensis* Mrcherdzlnski, 1965, *Neocypholaelaps ewae* Haitlinger, 1987, and *Neocypholaelaps indica* Evans, 1963 (Mrcherdzlnski, 1965; Haitlinger, 1987). Twenty-seven species have been recorded from China including *Afrocypholaelaps lindquisti* Prasad, 1968, *Ameroseius crassisetosus* Ye et Ma, 1993 (= *Ameroseius qinghaiensis* Li et Yang, 2000, syn. (Ma, 2006b)), *Ameroseius cuiqisheng* Ma, 1995, *Ameroseius curvatus* Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989, *Ameroseius denticulatus* Gu et Guo, 1997, *Ameroseius furcatus* Karg, 1971, *Ameroseius guyiming* Ma, 1997 (= *Ameroseius qinghaiensis* Ma, 2008, syn. (Ma, L. M., unpublished data)), *Ameroseius lanceosetis* Livshitz et Mitrofanov, 1975, *Ameroseius longisetosus* Ye et Ma, 1993, *Ameroseius longitrichus* Hirschman, 1963, *Ameroseius magnisetosa* Ishikawa, 1973, *Ameroseius marginalis* Fan et Li, 1993, *Ameroseius multus* Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989, *Ameroseius pavidus* (C. L. Koch, 1839), *Ameroseius pinicola* Ishikawa, 1972, *Ameroseius plumigera* Oudemans, 1930, *Ameroseius plumosoides* Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989, *Ameroseius plumosus* Oudemans, 1902, *Ameroseius pulcher* Westerboer,

1963, *Ameroseius sichuanensis* Fan et Li, 1993, *Ameroseius submagnisetosus* Ma et Lin, 2005, *Ameroseius taoerhensis* Ma, 1995, *Epicriopsis jilinensis* Ma, 2002, *Epicriopsis stellata* Ishikawa, 1972, *Neocypholaelaps indica* Evans, 1963, *Neocypholaelaps hongkongensis* Mo, 1969, *Sinoseius lobatus* Bai, Gu, et Fang, 1995 (Bai et al., 1995; Bei et al., 2009; Fan and Li, 1993; Gu and Bai, 1995; Gu and Guo, 1997; Gu et al., 1989; Guo, 1999; Haitlinger, 1987; Li and Yang, 2000; Ma 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006b; Ma and Lin, 2005; Ma, Y. 2008; Mo, 1969, 1971, 1972; Piao, 1990; Wang et al., 1995; Ye and Ma, 1993; Yan et al., 1999; Ye et al., 2000). The name *Ameroseius qinghaiensis* has been used twice on two species differing in morphology and habitat by Li and Yang (2000) and Ma (2008). Ishikawa (1968, 1972, 1977, 1979, 1984) recorded ten ameroseiid species from Japan including *Ameroseius elegantissimus* Ishikawa, 1984, *Ameroseius magnisetosa* Ishikawa, 1972, *Ameroseius matsudai* Ishikawa, 1977, *Ameroseius pinicola* Ishikawa, 1972, *Ameroseius plumosa* (Oudemans, 1902), *Ameroseius pulcher* Westerbaer, 1963, *Epicriopsis stellata* Ishikawa, 1972, *Ameroseius variolarius* Ishikawa, 1972, *Neocypholaelaps africana* Evans, 1963, *Neocypholaelaps favus* Ishikawa, 1968.

Three ameroseiid mites from Taiwan were recorded previously. This paper adds 6 more species making the number of ameroseiid species in Taiwan a total of nine species. Considering the small area of Taiwan, the bio-diversity in mite fauna of Taiwan is relatively high.

Three species of ameroseiid mites are common between Taiwan and Vietnam, *A. vietnamensis*, *N. ewae*, *N. indica*, 3 species are common between Taiwan and Japan, *A. magnisetosa*, *A. matsudai*, *A. plumosus*, and 4 species are common between Taiwan and China, *A. magnisetosa*, *A. plumigera*, *A. plumosus*, *N. indica* (Table 1). Three species were recorded from three countries,

Table 1. Ameroseiid species found from Taiwan, China, Japan, and Vietnam

	Taiwan	China	Japan	Vietnam
<i>Afrocypholaelaps analicullus</i> sp. n.	v			
<i>Afrocypholaelaps africana</i> Evans, 1963			v	
<i>Afrocypholaelaps lindquisti</i> Prasad, 1968		v		v
<i>Ameroseius crassisetosus</i> Ye et Ma, 1993		v		
<i>Ameroseius cuiqishengi</i> Ma, 1995		v		
<i>Ameroseius curvatus</i> Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989		v		
<i>Ameroseius decemsetosus</i> Mrcherdzlnski, 1965				v
<i>Ameroseius denticulatus</i> Gu et Guo, 1997		v		
<i>Ameroseius furcatus</i> Karg, 1971		v		
<i>Ameroseius elegantissitnus</i> Ishikawa, 1984			v	
<i>Ameroseius guyiming</i> Ma, 1997		v		
<i>Ameroseius halongica</i> (Haitlinger, 1987)				v
<i>Ameroseius lanceosetis</i> Livshitz et Mitrofanov, 1975		v		
<i>Ameroseius lidiae</i> Bregetova, 1977	v			
<i>Ameroseius longisetosus</i> Ye et Ma, 1993		v		
<i>Ameroseius longitrichus</i> Hirschman, 1963		v		
<i>Ameroseius magnisetosa</i> Ishikawa, 1972	v	v	v	
<i>Ameroseius marginalis</i> Fan et Li, 1993		v		
<i>Ameroseius matsudai</i> Ishikawa, 1977	v		v	
<i>Ameroseius multus</i> Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989		v		
<i>Ameroseius pavidus</i> (C. L. Koch, 1839)		v		
<i>Ameroseius pinicola</i> Ishikawa, 1972		v	v	
<i>Ameroseius plumigera</i> Oudemans, 1930	v	v		
<i>Ameroseius plumosoides</i> Gu, Wang, et Bai, 1989		v		
<i>Ameroseius plomosus</i> (Oudemans), 1902	v	v	v	
<i>Ameroseius pulcher</i> Westerbaer, 1963		v	v	
<i>Ameroseius sichuanensis</i> Fan et Li, 1993		v		
<i>Ameroseius submagnisetosus</i> Ma et Lin, 2005		v		
<i>Ameroseius taoerhensis</i> Ma, 1995		v		
<i>Ameroseius variolarius</i> Ishikawa, 1972			v	
<i>Ameroseius vietnamensis</i> Micherdzinski, 1965	v			v
<i>Epicriopsis jilinensis</i> Ma, 2002		v		
<i>Epicriopsis stellata</i> Ishikawa, 1972		v	v	
<i>Neocypholaelaps ewae</i> Haitlinger, 1987	v			v
<i>Neocypholaelaps favus</i> Ishikawa, 1968			v	
<i>Neocypholaelaps indica</i> Evans, 1963	v	v		v
<i>Neocypholaelaps hongkongensis</i> Mo, 1969		v		
<i>Sinoseius lobatus</i> Bai, Gu, et Fang, 1995		v		

A. magnisetosa and *A. plomosus* from Taiwan, China, and Japan; *N. indica* from Taiwan, China, and Vietnam. Studies on ameroseiid mites are not prevalent. Most ameroseiid species of China are collected from the northern or southwest part of

China, and many are from rodents. There likely will be more common species between China and Taiwan if the ameroseiid mites from central and southern China are studied. Likewise, more species should be found that are

common among the countries in the Far East.

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臺灣美綏螨科一新種和五新紀錄種（蜱螨亞綱：中氣門目）

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摘要

記述臺灣美綏螨科 Ameroseiidae (Berlese, 1919) 一新種和五新紀錄種。新種肛小非曲屬螨 *Afrocypholaelaps analicullus* sp. nov. 及新紀錄種耶娃新曲屬螨 *Neocypholaelaps ewae* Haitlinger, 1987 採自蜜蜂 (*Apis mellifera* L.), 其餘 4 新紀錄種巨毛美綏螨 *Ameroseius magnisetosa* Ishikawa, 1972、力狄美綏螨 *Ameroseius lidiae* Bregetova, 1977、松田氏美綏螨 *Ameroseius matsudai* Ishikawa 和越南美綏螨 *Ameroseius vietnamensis* Micherdzinski, 1965 採自土壤。文中列舉台灣、大陸、日本及越南的美綏螨以比較共同分布種類，並提出非曲屬螨屬 *Afrocypholaelaps* 之全球種類索引。

關鍵詞：美綏螨科、非曲屬螨屬、美綏螨屬、新曲屬螨屬、臺灣。

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