

## **New Records of Grylloidea from Africa and the Indian Subcontinent (Insecta: Orthopteroidea: Ensifera)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In the last about 40 years 40 species of Grylloidea were collected in Africa, India and Nepal during visits at various institutions and regions. Some of them could be characterized by the male song pattern. The European species, *Gryllus campestris* L. was also recorded from Somalia and *Acheta hispanicus* Rambur India (Aligarh). *Velarifictorus fallax* (Chopard) was sampled the second time in India (Aligarh); from where only the holotype was known till date. For *Acanthogryllus acus* Gorochov the female was found in Ethiopia, near Dire Dawa, about 60 km from the locus typicus (Harer).

*Key words:* Grylloidea, records from Africa, India, Nepal, song pattern, female of *Acanthogryllus acus*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Chopard (1969) summarized the gryllid fauna of India and the adjacent countries. For Africa, Otte & Cade (1983a,b, 1984), Otte (1987) and Otte et al. (1988) started a revision mainly on South African Gryllidae and Townsend (1983) revised the Afrotropical mole-crickets (Gryllotalpidae). Other records are scattered through the literature; no review exists till date.