

57. Family MEGAMERINIDAE

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Megamerinidae are an enigmatic family comprising about 11 species in the genera *Gobrya*, *Megamerina* Rondani, and *Texara* Walker. *Syringogaster* Cresson, formerly placed in this family, has been placed in its own family, Syringogastridae (Prado 1969), which is apparently an endemic Neotropical family. The immature biology of Megamerinidae is poorly known, but larvae have been recorded as living under bark or decaying vegetation.

Gobrya, the only representative in the Australasian/Oceanian Regions, is primarily

Oriental with an eastern extension into the Papuan Subregion. Colless & McAlpine (1970: 722) stated that *Gobrya* is erroneously referred to this family, but do not offer an alternative. McAlpine (1982b) ascribes it to the Nothybidae and Ferrar (1987) treats it in the Syringogastridae. Until further phylogenetic studies are done to clarify its family placement, I follow Steyskal (1977b) in placing it within the Megamerinidae.

Refs.: Hendel (1913a, key), Steyskal (1977b, cat. Oriental spp.).

Genus GOBRYA Walker

GOBRYA Walker, 1860b: 166. Type species: *Gobrya bacchooides* Walker, 1860, mon.

SYRITTOMYIA Hendel, 1913a: 90. Type species: *Syrittomyia syrphoides* Hendel, 1913, mon.

cyanea Enderlein, 1920b: 61 (*Syrittomyia*). "Neu Guinea."

cylindrica Walker, 1859a: 124 (*Lissa*). Indonesia (Maluku).