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## Miscellanea.

### *Docophorulus prinia*, a new species of Mallophaga from *Prinia flavicans* (Priniidae, Aves).

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*Docophorulus prinia* sp. n. (Phloptoridae) (Coll. No. 690).

Type host: *Prinia flavicans* (Black-breasted Prinia).

Specimens examined: 2 ♀ and 1 ♂ from Matopos, Southern Rhodesia. Collected by Mr. D. C. H. Plowes, Matopos, Pasture Research Station (near Bulawayo) Southern Rhodesia, June 16th, 1951.

#### *Females* (Fig. 1):

Total length: 1.71 mm. Head length: 0.45 mm., breadth: 0.49 mm.

Brief description: a small sized, rather robust, dark and well sclerotised form. Head wider than long, roughly triangular shape, mouth-parts well sclerotised.

Prothorax well separated from Mesothorax.

Well chitinised segments, of dark brown colour.

Stomata very bright. Setae of the segments long and thin.

#### *Male* (Fig. 2).

Total length: 1.50 mm. Head length: 0.45 mm., breadth: 0.45 mm.

Very similar to the females, but of smaller size. Head as wide as long, also roughly triangular.

Mouth-parts dark and well sclerotised.

Prothorax well separated from Mesothorax and wider than long.

Genitalia of type common to *Docophorulus* (Fig. 3). Characteristics of abdomen similar to female: stomata very bright, segments with long setae.

The specimens have been mounted in Canada balsam and are in my own collection at Rheinfelden (Switzerland).

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