New record of *Apsilops scotinus* (Tosquinet) (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae: Cryptinae) from India

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**ABSTRACT:** Incidence of a species of *Apsilops* was noted as a parasitoid of rice case worm *Parapoynx stagnalis* (Zeller), in Pattambi, Kerala, India, in large numbers. It was a larval-pupal parasitoid attacking 4th to 5th instar larvae. This species has been identified as *A. scotinus* (Tosquinet) and is new record from India. © 2014 Association for Advancement of Entomology

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*Apsilops* Förster is a small genus of the subfamily Cryptinae with eight known species. The species are known from North America, Europe, and Asia (Indonesia and Japan). Available reports indicate species of this genus parasitize aquatic or semi aquatic moths of the families Crambidae and Noctuidae (Yoshida et al., 2011). From India, undetermined species of *Apsilops* have been reported as larval parasitoids of rice yellow stem borer, *Scirpophaga incertulas* (Walker) and rice caseworm, *Parapoynx stagnalis* (Zeller), both belonging to Crambidae (Rao et al., 1968, 1969).

Sinu et al. (2007) reported a species of Cryptinae identified as nr. *Litochila* as a pupal parasitoid of rice caseworm and studied its host searching behavior and reported its ovipositing under the water. Yoshida et al. (2011) surmised that this is probably a species of *Apsilops* based on this behavior.

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