Occurrence of *Conocephalus (Conocephalus)* bambusanus Ingrish (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae: Conocephalinae) in southern India

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ABSTRACT: *Conocephalus (Conocephalus) bambusanus* Ingrish (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae: Conocephalinae) is reported from southern India for the first time. It was observed in large numbers in Kodagu District of Karnataka of south India. © 2015 Association for Advancement of Entomology

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The cosmopolitan genus *Conocephalus* Thunberg, comprising 156 species (Naskrecki and Otte, 1999), is recognized by the following characters: vertex more or less laterally flat; apex of vertex round, does not surpass the frontal fastigium, and usually higher than head in lateral view; lateral lobes of pronotum oblique triangular shaped, with a translucent gibbons’ area near hind margin above auditory organ; tegmina and hind wings developed or shortened; fore and mid femora usually lack spines on ventral side; hind femora with two spines on knees; fore and mid tibiae without dorsal spurs, with short ventral spurs; tympanum on fore tibiae closed; prosternum with or without two spines; male cercus with inside teeth; ovipositor sword-shaped, brim smooth or with tiny teeth (Zhou *et al*., 2010). *Conocephalus (Conocephalus) bambusanus* Ingrish (Figs. A and B) can be recognized by the following characters: large body (35-45mm with wings spread); mid femora with ventral spines; hind tibiae with two pairs of ventral apical spurs.

The species is distributed in China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia and so far has been known only from a single female specimen from Darjeeling (Ingrish, 2002).