

NEW TAXA OF MITES ASSOCIATED WITH AUSTRALIAN TERMITES (ACARI: MESOSTIGMATA)

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ABSTRACT - New species, genera, and families of Mesostigmata are described from the nests of Australian termites - *Laelaptonyssus lacticolus* **n. sp.** (Laelaptonyssidae) from *Coptotermes lacteus*; *Teranyssus howardensis* **n. gen., n. sp.**, (Teranyssidae **n. fam.**) from *Mastotermes darwiniensis*; *Uronyssus milleri* **n. gen., n. sp.** (Uronyssidae **n. fam.**) from *Nasutitermes graveolus*, and *U. watsoni* **n. sp.** from *Nasutitermes exitiosus*. The ecological role of these species is not clear, but they may be parasites of termites.

Key words - Acari, Mesostigmata, Laelaptonyssidae, Teranyssidae **n. fam.**, Uronyssidae **n. fam.**, *Laelaptonyssus*, *Teranyssus*, *Uronyssus*, mites associated with termites.

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