

THE GENUS *HYALOMMA* KOCH, 1844: V. RE-EVALUATION OF THE TAXONOMIC RANK OF TAXA COMPRISING THE *H. (EUHYALOMMA) MARGINATUM* KOCH COMPLEX OF SPECIES (ACARI: IXODIDAE) WITH REDESCRIPTION OF ALL PARASITIC STAGES AND NOTES ON BIOLOGY

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ABSTRACT - The systematic morphology of species within the *Hyalomma (Euhyalomma) marginatum* Koch complex of ticks is illustrated and their relationships within this assemblage are discussed. Traditionally this group comprises the extremely polymorphic species *Hyalomma (Euhyalomma) marginatum* Koch, 1844 subdivided into four subspecies, namely *H. (E.) marginatum marginatum* Koch, 1844; *H. (E.) marginatum rufipes* Koch, 1844; *H. (E.) marginatum isaaci* Sharif, 1928 and *H. (E.) marginatum turanicum* Pomerantzev, 1946. A fifth member of the association, namely *H. (E.) glabrum* Delpy, 1949, has recently been re-instated as a full species. The taxonomic rank of the first mentioned four ticks is herein raised to species level. Details on the repositories of type specimens, synonyms, descriptions, variability, hosts, geographic distribution, and disease relationships of these four ticks are provided, and all their developmental stages are illustrated.

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