

KEY TO SPECIES

GENUS ACROCASSIS

1. Base of pronotum on sides shallowly emarginate, basal corners distinctly angulate. Elytral disc usually with conical postscutellar tubercle and well developed longitudinal costae or wrinkles (subgenus *Acrocassis*).
..... 2.
- Base of pronotum on sides not emarginate, basal corners rounded. Elytral disc slightly angulate in profile, but without postscutellar tubercle and without longitudinal costae (subgenus *Bassamia*).
..... ***A. (Bassamia) paeminosa***
2. Large species, length 7.2-9.5 mm.
..... 3.
- Smaller species, length below 7.2 mm.
..... 5.
3. Postscutellar elevation lower, in profile only postscutellar area appears conical. Larger, length usually exceeds 7.3 mm. Tarsal claws with small basal tooth.
..... 4.
- Postscutellar elevation very high, in profile almost whole elytral disc appears conical. Smaller, length never exceeds 7.3 mm. Tarsal claws simple.
..... ***A. gibbipennis*** (large specimens)
4. Slimmer species, Le/Wi 1.43-1.54. Postscutellar elevation low, with obtuse top. Metathorax partly black.
..... ***A. zavattarii***
- Stouter species, Le/Wi 1.27-1.33. Postscutellar elevation high, conical, with acute top. Metathorax uniformly yellow.
..... ***A. flavescens***
5. Postscutellar elevation lower, in profile only postscutellar area appears conical or angulate.
..... 6.
- Postscutellar elevation very high, in profile almost whole elytral disc appears conical.
..... ***A. gibbipennis*** (small specimens)
6. Postscutellar elevation higher, in profile appears conical.
..... 7.
- Postscutellar elevation low, in profile disc appears angulate, not conical.
..... ***A. sudanensis***
7. Punctuation of elytra fine, sculpture of disc forming longitudinal costae and few wrinkles but surface not appearing unduliform. Species from West, East and Central Africa south to Zimbabwe.
..... 8.
- Punctuation of elytra coarse, sculpture of disc forming irregular folds and wrinkles, surface appearing unduliform. Namibia.
..... ***A. undulatipennis***
8. Smaller species, Le below 6 mm. Explanate margin of elytra unicolours or with spots. Widespread species.
..... 9.
- Larger species, Le 6.0-6.7 mm. Explanate margin of elytra always unicolours. Angola (Kabinda) only.
..... ***A. intermedia***
9. Explanate margin of elytra with darker humeral and posterolateral part and in middle with paler "window" (the "window" sometimes visible only on underside of the explanate margin). Slightly larger and slimmer species, common in western and eastern, rare in central Africa.
..... ***A. roseomarginata***
- Explanate margin of elytra without paler window, uniformly pale or dark, with darker punctuation but without humeral and posterolateral spots. Slightly smaller and stouter species, common in central, rare in western and eastern Africa.
..... ***A. rufula***