

***GAEANA CONSORS* (ATKINSON, 1884)  
(HEMIPTERA: CICADIDAE)  
IN THE KUMAON HIMALAYA, UTTARAKHAND, INDIA**

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The cicada *Gaeana consors* (Atkinson, 1884)(Hemiptera: Cicadidae) was described from China and subsequently reported from other parts of South Asia and S.E. Asia (Sanborn, 2014; Thai & Yang, 2009). Within India, it was reported from Sikkim, Assam, Naga and Khasi Hills (Distant, 1906; Sanborn, 2014), equivalent to the hill districts of West Bengal, Assam, Nagaland and Meghalaya in today's terms.

During a survey of the Lepidoptera of Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand, individuals of this species were recorded in the valley of the eastern Dhauliganga river. Material examined: 3 exs.: Baram (29°51'N 80°21'E; 800 m above msl) Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand, India. 15 May, 2012. Length excluding tegumina: 30-37 mm; Expanse of tegumina: 88-96 mm. *Leg. et Coll.* Smetacek, Butterfly Research Centre, Bhimtal, India.

Distant (1906) gave a length excluding tegumina of 35 mm for males and 33 mm for females and a measurement of the expanse of the teguminae of 90-102 mm. of a composite species comprising *Gaeana maculata* and *G. consors*. The present measurements, add to the known

size of the species *G. consors*. For the sake of clarity, the expanse of the teguminae of the 3 specimens under consideration was measured from the centre of the thorax to the apex of the tegumina and the result doubled.

This is a considerable extension westward to their known distribution. The species appears to be well established in the area around Baram, for it was quite common at that season.

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