

A. lamata Mori² which Grice³ considers as probably same as *A. fossae*. But the males of the two species differ significantly. Ur 2, Ur 3 and Ur 4 of *A. ducepi* each bear a row of small spinules at their posterior margins while in *A. fossae* these spinules are few and discontinuous in Ur 2 and Ur 4 and totally absent in Ur 3. The second segment of the left P5 of *A. ducepi* has a small spine on the lateral side at the distal end which is lacking in *A. fossae*. The last segment bears a single strong spine at the tip in *A. ducepi* as different from *A. fossae* which has two spines one starting about the middle and the other at the tip.

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