Classification of the genus *Matrona*

**Genus Matrona** Selys, 1853

– de Selys Longchamps, 1853: 17. – *Matrona*, defined as subgenus of *Calopteryx* Leach [1815]. Type species: *Matrona basilaris* Selys, 1853, as the only species.
– Kirby, 1890: 100. – *Matrona* upgraded to genus.

**Generic diagnosis:** Rather large demoiselle damselflies with brilliant metallic green, slender body and long broad wings with rounded apices; male wings either wholly dark opaque or pale to medium brownish, lacking pterostigma; female wings brownish with creamy white pseudopterostigma. Median space with partly reticulated cross-veins, a morphological synapomorphy that separates the genus both from *Calopteryx* Leach, 1815 and *Atrocalopteryx* Dumont et al., 2005. Vein IA bifurcated, producing a branch basally. After diverging from RP3 (R4+5) the vein IR2 runs parallel to RA. Nodus situated nearer the base of wing than the apex. Wings with numerous intercalated veins. Legs long with slightly curved middle and hind tibiae.

**Subgenus Matrona** Selys, 1853

**Generic diagnosis:** Male wings uniformly dark blue opaque or reddish brown with a distinctive area of the wing base, of variable size, which appears milky when viewed from an oblique angle, owing to the presence of bluish white cross-veins. The reticulation of the wings is dense to very dense, especially in the hind wings (Fig. 6a, b). Median space usually with 5–7 reticulated cross-veins.

**Subgenus Divortia** Yu, Xue & Hämäläinen subgen. nov.

**Type species:** *Matrona oreades* Hämäläinen et al., 2011.

**Generic diagnosis:** Male wings variably pale to medium brown without any milky reticulation at the wing base. Wing apices either slightly darkened or subhyaline. The wing reticulation (Fig. 6c, d) is distinctly sparser than in subgenus *Matrona*. Median space with 1–5 reticulated cross-veins. Species included: *M. oreades*, *M. corephaea* and *M. taoi*.

**Etymology:** Divortia, a noun derived from the Latin *divortium*, signifying the generic separation of these species from the remainder of *Matrona*.

**Relevant references**


Figure 6. Right wings of males of _Matrona_ species: a) _M. basilaris_ (Qingliangfeng, Zhejiang); b) _M. mazu_ sp. nov. (Baisha, Hainan; paratype, HaNBS02); c) _M. oreades_ (Emeishan, Sichuan); d) _M. taoi_ (Xuan Son, Vietnam; paratype).