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Figs 1–10. *Pollanisus* spp. and host plant. (1, 2) *P. marriotti* **sp. n.**: (1) male (holotype), dorsal; (2) female (paratype), dorsal. (3, 4) *P. lithopastus*: (3) male, dorsal; (4) female, dorsal. (5) *P. angustifrons* (paratype) male, dorsal. (6, 7) *P. marriotti* **sp. n.**, male: (6) head, ventral; (7) abdomen, dorsal. (8, 9) *P. lithopastus*, male: (8) head, ventral; (9) abdomen, dorsal. (10) *Hibbertia empetrifolia* (DC.) Hoogland, the assumed host plant of *P. marriotti* **sp. n.** at the type locality, Gilwell Park, Gembrook, Victoria.

Figs 1–6. Oncomerinae. (1–4) *Lyramorpha parens*: (1) female and large nymphs feeding at stem internode of *Castanospora alphandii*; (2) female brooding 2nd instar nymphs; (3) gregarious group of 2nd and 3rd instar nymphs on non-food plant, *Passiflora*; (4) adults feeding on *Jagera pseudorhus*. (5, 6) *Oncoscelis australasiae* on *Medicosma cunninghamii*: (5) female brooding egg clutch; (6) eggs in clutch of 14. Photos: A. Gillanders (1, 3), D.C.F. Rentz (2), K. Aland (4), J. Wright (5, 6).

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