A New Species of Dettopomyia (Diptera, Drosophilidae) from the Philippines

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Synopsis. Description is given of a small new species of drosophilid fly from the Philippines, which belongs to the genus Dettopomyia.

In these years the geneticists in the Philippines have collected drosophilid flies inhabiting that country. During September 21, 1973, to Sept. 20, 1974, Messrs. G. K. Law and L. S. Cuy, Department of Zoology, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, made surveys on Mt. Makiling, Los Banos, Laguna. Their collection contained a Dettopomyia species found around "Balakunac" fruits, which seemed hitherto unknown. It will be described in the present paper.

The type-series of the new species is deposited in the Biological Laboratory, Sapporo University, Japan.

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Dettopomyia lambs


Dettopomyia philippina Takada, n. sp.

(Fig. 1)

Male & female. Body about 1.3 mm in dried specimens, greyish yellow with dark stripes. Wings about 1.4 mm. Arista 4-3/2; ocellars much longer than postverticals; orbital bristles placed far forward, anterior reclinate small and thin, situated slightly before proclinate. Cheeks about 4/9 as broad as the greatest diameter of eye. Frons flat, yellow; orbits creamy white; a pair of brown stripes between ocelli and orbits are elongate above 1st antennal joint; ocellar triangle, black. Palpi brown with numerous setae.

Mesonotum piceous with 2 pairs of brownish longitudinal stripes, inner one anteriorly fused at apex and posteriorly elongated above scutellum (Fig. 1 A). Acre-
stichal hairs in 2 rows, often with a pair of enlarged bristles: dorsocentrals in three pairs, middle ones near suture; anterior scutellars divergent. Halteres yellow with brown spot at lateral surface. Abdomen tan, each tergite with a pair of lateral dark spots.

Wings hyaline, distal costal incision deep, lappet black and much swollen, cross-veins slightly clouded; C–1 bristles two, long; small blackish clouds on and below Radius 1. Costal index about 1.3; 4C-index about 2.3; 4V-index about 2.8; 5x-index about 2.0; AC-index about 3.0 and C3 fringes on basal 0.4

Legs grey, femora and tibiae with 2 dark spots each.

Periphalic organs (Fig. 1 f): Genital arch broad, tapering below, and with about 5 upper marginal and 3 lower marginal hairs. Clasper broad and somewhat square, vertical row of primary teeth about 6; secondary teeth about 25, distributed on upper and lower portions of clasper. Anal plate separated, oval, and with numerous hairs.

Phallic organs (Fig. 1 g & h): Aedeagus rod-like, lightly sinuate in lateral aspect, dorsally with numerous hairs, dorsoapically serrated and pointed at tip. Anterior parameres fused to novasternum, without sensillum. Phallosomal index about 2.1.

Egg-guide (Fig. 1 d). Lobe yellow and slender, with about 13 marginal brownish short teeth and 2 discal yellowish spines.

Spermatheca (Fig. 1 e): Hemispherical, dark brown.

Holotype: Male, collected along the way to mud spring, Mt. Makiling, Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines, by Messrs. Law & Cuy (Sept. 21, 1973).

Allotype: Female, collected together with the holotype.

Paratype: Many specimens, collected together with the holotype.

Distribution. Philippines.

Feeding habits. Balakunag fruits.

Relationship. Closely related to Detropsomyia nigrorvittata (Malloch) from Japan, but clearly differs in having dorsal hairs of aedeagus, many teeth of clasper and with hemispherical spermathecae.
Fig. 1. *Dettopsomyia philippina* n. sp. —— a, Body, dorsal aspect; b, head, lateral aspect; c, wing; d, egg-guide; e, spermatheca; f, periphallic organs, lateral aspect; g, aedeagus, lateral aspect; h, phallic organs, ventral aspect.