

Some remarks on Empididae (Diptera, Brachycera)

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Empis bicuspidata Collin (female)

Mr. G. DOORMAN collected the female of this species; this sex was not known by COLLIN (1961). The specimen agrees with the characters mentioned in COLLIN's "Table of British subgenera and species of *Empis*, sens. lat."

Some additional characters are:

f_1 with anterodorsal and anteroventral row of hairs, those on middle part of f_1 a little flattened.

f_2 and f_3 with dorsal and ventral row of flattened hairs, about half as long as the width of the femur; these hairs are small ventro-basally and dorso-apically.

t_1 with a dense row of rather short posterodorsal hairs, those in the middle a little flattened; on the ventral side with a dense pubescence.

t_2 with about 4 anterodorsal and 3 posterodorsal short and thin bristles.

t_3 with a posteroventral dense row of hairs, those on the basal half flattened and with 5 rather strong anterodorsal bristles and 5 thin anteroventral ones.

all metatarsi with rather dense ventral pubescence and some small but strong ventral bristles.

Platypalpus doormani nov. spec.

Related to *P. ater* Wahlberg and *P. cinereovittatus* Strobl, but differing by the following characters.

♀. Face white dusted, frons and occiput yellow-grey dusted. Thorax shiny black, a yellowish-grey dusted stripe between the acr only in front, also along the disc from shoulder till scutellum; hinder part of thorax and scutellum dusted yellowish. Pleura polished black with fine silver-whitish hairs on propleura, along the underside of the mesopleura and on the metapleura.

Coxae brownish-yellow, fore coxae with fine whitish hairs on anterior side. Femura brown with yellow base, tibiae and tarsi yellowish-brown. f_1 thickened in basal part; f_2 strongly thickened, about three times as thick as t_2 , and with postero-ventral row of about 8 long yellow hairs.

Abdomen polished black.

Wings with cubital and discal vein parallel, diverging only a little apically. Only the female is known.

Holotype: ♀, Wassenaar, 1.VIII.1951, leg. G. DOORMAN in coll. THEOWALD, Amsterdam.

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