



Two new species of the subgenus *Planempis*, with a key to the species of China (Diptera: Empidoidea: Empididae)

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Abstract

Two species, *Empis (Planempis) prolongata* sp. nov. (Hubei, China) and *E. (P.) shennongana* sp. nov. (Hubei, China), are described as new to science. These two new species, which are similar to *E. (P.) dahuriensis* Shamshev, are characterized by veins M_1 and M_2 incomplete and not reaching the wing margin. A key to the known species of the subgenus *Planempis* from China is presented.

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Introduction

Planempis Frey, 1953 is a small subgenus of the genus *Empis* L. with 35 known species, which are distributed in the Palaearctic and Oriental regions (Yang *et al.* 2007). The genus is characterized by the male cercus much enlarged with a flattened dorsal surface and bifurcated into long dorsal and short ventral arms extending beyond the epandrium (Saigusa 1992; Shamshev 2002). Shamshev (2002) described or redescribed six species and proposed a key to all known species except *E. frauscheri* Strobl. The major references dealing with species of *Planempis* are Collin (1941), Frey (1953, 1955), Saigusa (1964, 1992), Daugeron & Chvála (2002), and Shamshev (2002). The following four species of *Planempis* are currently known to occur in China: *Empis (Planempis) freyi* Yang, Zhang *et* Zhang, 2007 (new name for *Empis (Leptempis) quinquelineata* Frey, 1953); *E. (P.) hyalogyne* Bezzi, 1912; *E. (P.) ingrata* Frey, 1953; *E. (P.) mandarina* Frey, 1953.

In the present paper, two new species are added to the fauna of China. These two new species like *E. (P.) dahuriensis* Shamshev are characterized by veins M_1 and M_2 incomplete and not reaching the wing margin, but they are easily distinguished from each other by characters presented in the key. A key to the known species of the subgenus *Planempis* from China is presented.

Material and methods

The type specimens are deposited in the Entomological Museum of China Agricultural University, Beijing. The following abbreviations are used: acr = acrostichal, ad = anterodorsal, av = anteroventral, d = dorsal, dc = dorsocentral, h = humeral, npl = notopleural, oc = ocellar, pd = posterodorsal, presc = prescutellar, psa = postalar, pv = posteroventral, sa = supraalar, sc = scutellar.