



New species of *Oropezella* Collin (Diptera, Hybotidae, Ocydromiinae) from Brazil and Costa Rica, with comments on the relationships among species-groups

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Abstract

The following sixteen new species of *Oropezella* from Brazil and Costa Rica are described and illustrated: *Oropezella aquila* sp. nov., *O. arcuata* sp. nov., *O. bicolor* sp. nov., *O. bipunctata* sp. nov., *O. clavata* sp. nov., *O. costaricensis* sp. nov., *O. falcata* sp. nov., *O. flavida* sp. nov., *O. granulosa* sp. nov., *O. longifrons* sp. nov., *O. planti* sp. nov., *O. plaumanni* sp. nov., *O. rafaelli* sp. nov., *O. spathula* sp. nov., *O. uncata* sp. nov. and *O. undulata* sp. nov. A new combination is proposed: *Oropezella amazonica* (Rafael & Ale-Rocha, 1990) is transferred from *Ocydromia*. Additionally, an identification key to all 25 Neotropical and Andean species of *Oropezella* is provided. A cladistic analysis of *Oropezella* using 29 species from the Neotropical, Andean, Palearctic and Neozelandic regions is performed and its results and implications discussed.

Key words: Empidoidea, predacious flies, phylogeny, Neotropical Region, Chile, Amazonia

The results show that a full analysis including all genera of Ocydromiinae is required to better assess the scope of *Oropezella*, as well as elucidate its relationship with the other genera of Ocydromiinae. In order to preserve the stability of the genus, we consider it is best at this time do not propose any change in the classification or status of *Oropezella* until the relationship among the genera of the entire Ocydromiinae are more clearly understood.

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- abdominalis* Collin, 1933: 4—Chile (Peulla).
- amazonica* (Rafael & Ale-Rocha, 1990: 739)—Brazil (Amazonas, Roraima).
- annulitarsis* Smith, 1962: 222—Brazil (Santa Catarina).
- antennata* Collin, 1928: 9—New Zealand (Otago, Manawatu-Wanganui, Waikato).
- aquila* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná, São Paulo).
- arara* Smith, 1962: 222—Brazil (Santa Catarina).
- arcuata* sp. nov.—Costa Rica (Heredia).
- bicolor* sp. nov.—Brazil (Amazonas).
- bifurcata* Collin, 1928: 11—New Zealand (Canterbury, Manawatu-Wanganui, Mt. Grey, Otago, Waikato).
- biloba* Smith, 1962: 220—Brazil (Santa Catarina, São Paulo).
- bipunctata* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná).
- clavata* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná, Santa Catarina).
- costaricensis* sp. nov.—Costa Rica (Puntarenas).
- diminulorum* Plant, 1989: 237—New Zealand (Canterbury, Gisborne, Manawatu-Wanganui, Waikato).
- falcata* sp. nov.—Costa Rica (San José).
- flavida* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná).
- granulosa* sp. nov.—Costa Rica (Puntarenas)
- longifrons* sp. nov.—Brazil (Amazonas).
- loripes* Plant, 1989: 235—New Zealand (Bay of Plenty, Little Barrier Is., Waikato).
- marginata* Smith, 1962: 221—Brazil (Santa Catarina).
- metallica* Smith, 1962: 221—Brazil (Santa Catarina).
- nigra* (Miller, 1923: 447)—New Zealand (Otago).
- planti* sp. nov.—Brazil (Goiás).
- plaumanni* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná, Santa Catarina).
- pseudotetraocellata* Ale-Rocha, 2001: 85—Brazil (Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina, São Paulo).
- rafaeli* sp. nov.—Brazil (Paraná, Santa Catarina).
- spathula* sp. nov.—Brazil (Minas Gerais).
- sphenoptera* (Loew, 1873: 215)—Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech, Denmark, England, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*cit.* Yang *et al.* 2007).
- taquara* Smith, 1962: 219—Brazil (São Paulo).
- tanycera* Collin, 1928: 11—New Zealand (Chatham Is., Manawatu-Wanganui, Mt. Grey, Otago, Waikato).
- trucispicata* Plant, 1989: 232—New Zealand (Waikato).
- uncata* sp. nov.—Brazil (Amazonas).
- undulata* sp. nov.—Brazil (Amazonas).