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UNDESCRIBED SPECIES OF ANISOPODIDAE FROM NEW ZEALAND

(Diptera)

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The new species of *Trichocera* described in this paper were included in collections of crane-flies received from Mr. W. George Howes, to whom my sincere thanks are extended for the privilege of retaining the types. The family name Anisopodidae is used instead of Rhyphidae, the genus *Anisopus* Meigen (1804) having undoubted priority over the genus *Rhyphus* Latreille (1805). This usage of the family name has been adopted by Knab, Edwards and other students.

Genus Trichocera Meigen

Trichocera howesi, new species.

Male.—Length about 2.6 mm.; wing 3.3-3.4 mm. Female.—Length about 2.8 mm.; wing 3.5 mm.

General coloration dark brown, the pleural region a little paler. Halteres elongate, the knobs dark brown. Wings with a pale gray tinge, the veins slightly darker brown. Venation: Sc relatively short, ending near midlength of the basal section of R_2 , the latter more than three times R_{2+3} ; r-m short, transverse, near midlength of cell *1st* M_2 ; m about one-half the petiole of cell M_1 ; m-cu about two-thirds the basal deflection of Cu_1 . In the left wing of the type, vein R_2 just before its tip bends caudad and fuses with R_3 , completely closing cell R_2 .

Male hypopygium with the pleural appendage on the mesal face at about one-third its length produced into a slender, subacute, glabrous lobe; mesal face of the appendage distad of this with abundant microscopic setulae. Gonapophyses of the same general nature as in *T. maori*, forming large cushions, the armature reduced to abundant microscopic spinules.

Habitat.—New Zealand (South Island).

Holotype, &, Leith Valley, Dunedin, Otago, August 1, 1922 (Geo. Howes).

Cataloguel

This very interesting crane-fly is named in honor of the collector, Mr. W. George Howes, to whom I am greatly indebted for many kind favors.

Trichocera lyrifera, new species.

Male and Female.—Length about 2.5 mm.; wing 3.6 mm.

Rostrum, palpi and antennae brownish black. Mesonotum dark brown, the pleura more brownish testaceous. Halteres with the knobs dark brown. Legs brown, the terminal tarsal segments darker. Wings faintly tinged with brown; stigma faintly indicated; veins darker brown. Venation: Sc relatively short, Sc_1 ending a short distance beyond the origin of R_2 ; basal section of R_2 about two and one-half times R_{2+3} ; r-m perpendicular, inserted just before midlength of cell Ist M_2 ; petiole of cell M_1 nearly three times m.

Abdomen dark brown, the sternites paler. Male hypopygium with the pleural appendage cylindrical, slightly dilated on the mesal face at the base but not produced into a lobe, the entire mesal surface of the appendage provided with abundant, erect setae. Gonapophyses taken together lyriform, each a slender, strongly curved rod. Above the genitalia lies a microscopic, shagreened structure, deeply emarginate caudally, each lateral lobe thus formed produced into a needle-like point.

Habitat.-New Zealand (South Island).

Holotype, ♂, Leith Valley, Dunedin, Otago, July 20, 1922 (Geo. Howes).

Allotopotype, ♀.

Paratopotypes, 1 &, 1 \,\text{2}.