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Abstract

Triphleba schistoceros sp. nov. is described and illustrated from Japan. The species is very unique in its bifurcate 3rd antennal segments. A short comment on the systematic position of *Triphleba nipponica* Schmitz is also included.

In recent years the senior author have had a good opportunity to examine the phorid flies in the collection of the Hikosan Biological Laboratory, Kyushu University and he found a remarkable new species of the subfamily Phorinae among them. It is represented by 3 males and 1 female, which were collected by the junior author (KT) with a Malaise trap set up on the slope of Mt. Hikosan, Fukuoka Pref., Kyushu.

In the keys to the genera of Phorinae (Schmitz, 1929, 1941; Borgmeier, 1963), this species runs to the genus *Triphleba* Rondani, 1856 on the basis of the venation and chaetotaxy of legs. The male of the species is, however, quite different from those of the genus in having the bifurcate 3rd antennal segment and strongly widened and shortened frons. Particularly the furcation of 3rd antennal segment is a very unique feature in the Phoridae. Such morphological differences from *Triphleba* appear to give warrant for the erection of a new genus in the present classification of the Phoridae. But it is

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preferable to place the new species in the genus *Triphleba* (including *Citrago*)* because it is identical with the known species of the genus in the basic structure of the male genitalia which sharply distinguishes *Triphleba* from its allied genera.

The genus *Triphleba* contains more than 70 species at present and is widely distributed in the world except for the Neotropical and Afrotropical Regions. In Japan *Triphleba nipponica* Schmitz, 1951 from Tokyo is only one known species of the genus. It is, however, distinctly different from the other *Triphleba* species in having the short haired vein Rs, the articulated right surstylus and the bridge beneath the anal tube ("Brücke" of Schmitz 1951, see his Fig. I, 2-B) in the male genitalia. Hence reference to *Triphleba* would appear doubtful. Although the authors have not examined its type-specimen, *T. nipponica* appears to be an *Anevrina* species, judging from the above referred features.

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Triphleba schistoceros sp. nov.

Male. Head black, compressed, as wide as thorax. Compound eye minutely haired. Frons black, thinly grayish brown pollinose, very widened and shortened, at the level of mediolateral seta 0.66-0.70 of head width, 4.2-4.6× as wide as long, without median furrow. Chaetotaxy: Anterolateral seta absent; preocellar seta slightly ventral to mediolateral, distance between preocellar setae about 1/2 of that between preocellar and mediolateral ones; posterolateral seta inserted slightly inwardly to mediolateral, in one specimen an extra seta present just outside posterolateral (see Fig. 1, A); preocellar, mediolateral and posterolateral setae subequal in length to each other; antial seta ventral to preocellar and slightly shorter than it; supra-antennal seta weak, 1/3 of antial in length, in one specimen a pair of bristly hairs recognizable just above supra-antennal (see Fig. 1, A); several fine frontal setulae scattered. Face distinctly produced between antennal sockets. Gena with several bristly hairs. Occiput bearing many bristly hairs on its lateral por-

* The genus *Citrago* Schmitz, 1924 was synonymized with *Triphleba* by Disney (1982). The authors follow his treatment.

tion. Lower postocular seta differentiated. Antenna dull black, slightly tinged with brown; 1st antennal segment distinctly elongated, 3x as long as basal (largest) width, obliquely truncate at apex. Third antennal segment characteristic, enlarged, 1.6x as long as head height, furcated into a pair of haired long processes on distal 7/10, outer one of which bears a pubescent arista at its proximal 1/3; the proximal portion of the segment except for the processes semicircular in lateral view, as long as wide, compressed laterally, thus somewhat rectangular in ventral or dorsal view, entirely long haired, on its inner surface carrying about 7 annular organs measuring 20–25 μ in diameter. Palpus dull black, grayish brown pollinose, parallel-sided, 6x as long as wide, with about 15 short bristles on its ventral portion. Epistoma produced forward to form a narrow rectangular plate. Proboscis of ordinary type; clypeus articulated with epistoma on its anterior margin, weakly membranized on median portion; labrum triangular in shape; labellum large, with 6 pairs of pseudotracheae; prementum quadrate in shape.

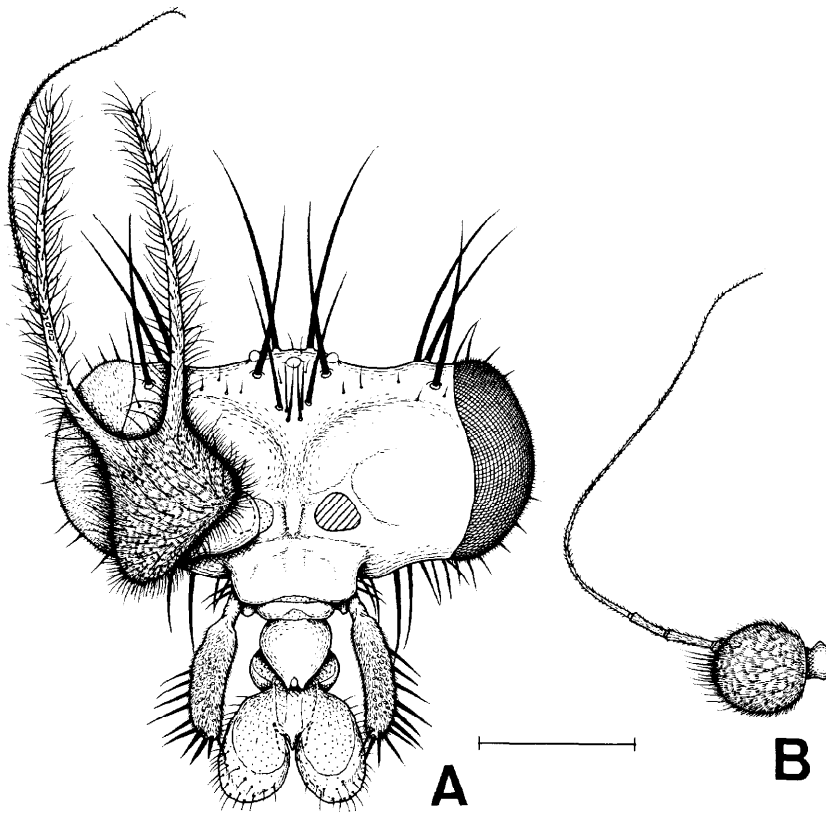


Fig. 1. *Triphleba schistoceros* sp. n. ov. A: Male head in frontal view. B: Female antenna in lateral view. Scale: 0.3 mm.

Thorax blackish brown, thinly grayish brown pollinose except for polished mesokatepisternum and ventral 1/3 of mesoanepisternum; scutum sparsely short setulose except for a bare narrow longitudinal area on each side of a median row of hairs, with a pair of dorsocentral setae; scutellum bearing a pair of long setae, without any other hairs.

Wing hyaline, slightly tinged with brown, all veins yellowish brown. Costa long, costal index 0.61-o. 64; combined length of 2nd and 3rd costal sectors shorter than 1st, 0.84-o. 93x as long as 1st; 3rd costal sector 0.77-o. 86 of 2nd in length. First costal sector narrow, 1/2 of 2nd one in width. Vein Rs forked. Vein M_1 starting beyond Rs fork, weakly deflected at its base, curved on proximal 1/3, then nearly straight to tip. Vein M_2 weakly curved. Vein M_{3+4} distinctly bisinuate. Vein A, complete, weakly curved. Costal cilia short, 1.8x as long as width of 2nd costal sector. Vein Rs subbasally with a short hair opposite to base of vein M_{3+4} . Axillary margin with 6-8 long hairs. Wing membrane trichose. Vein R carrying a group of 10 annular organs at its base and 5-8 ones arranged in a transverse row on its proximal 1/2. Halter yellowish brown. Wing length 3.53-3.94 mm, width 1.64-1.77 mm.

Legs dark brown. Fore tibia slightly shorter than 1st to 4th tarsomeres together, without a dorsal seta; all tarsomeres longer than wide, equal to each other in width, narrower than tip of fore tibia. Mid tibia bearing 2 weak anterior setae, one of which is inserted at proximal 1/3 and slightly longer than width of the tibia, the other at distal margin and shorter than width of the tibia; the tibia bearing an end-spur and 2 short bristly hairs ventrodistally. Hind femur thickest at its proximal 1/5 in lateral view, then gradually narrowed distally, pilose on ventroproximal portion of its anterior surface; hind tibia bearing 2 weak anterior setae, one of which is at proximal 3/7 and as long as width of the tibia, the other at apex.

Table 1. Relative lengths of leg segments of *Triphleba schistoceros* sp. nov. ♂.

	Femur	Tibia	Tarsus				
			1	2	3	4	5
Fore leg	118	100	51	20	18	16	20
Mid leg	122	111	56	22	22	16	18
Hind leg	164	156	71	40	31	20	18

Abdomen black, grayish white pollinose, parallel-sided in dorsal view. All terga wider than long; 1st tergum short, gradually narrowed toward middle, furnished with erect long bristly hairs on its lateral portions; 2nd and 3rd terga longest, with same length; 4th and 5th terga equal to each other in length, shorter than 6th; 2nd to 6th terga bearing sparse and suberect bristly hairs.

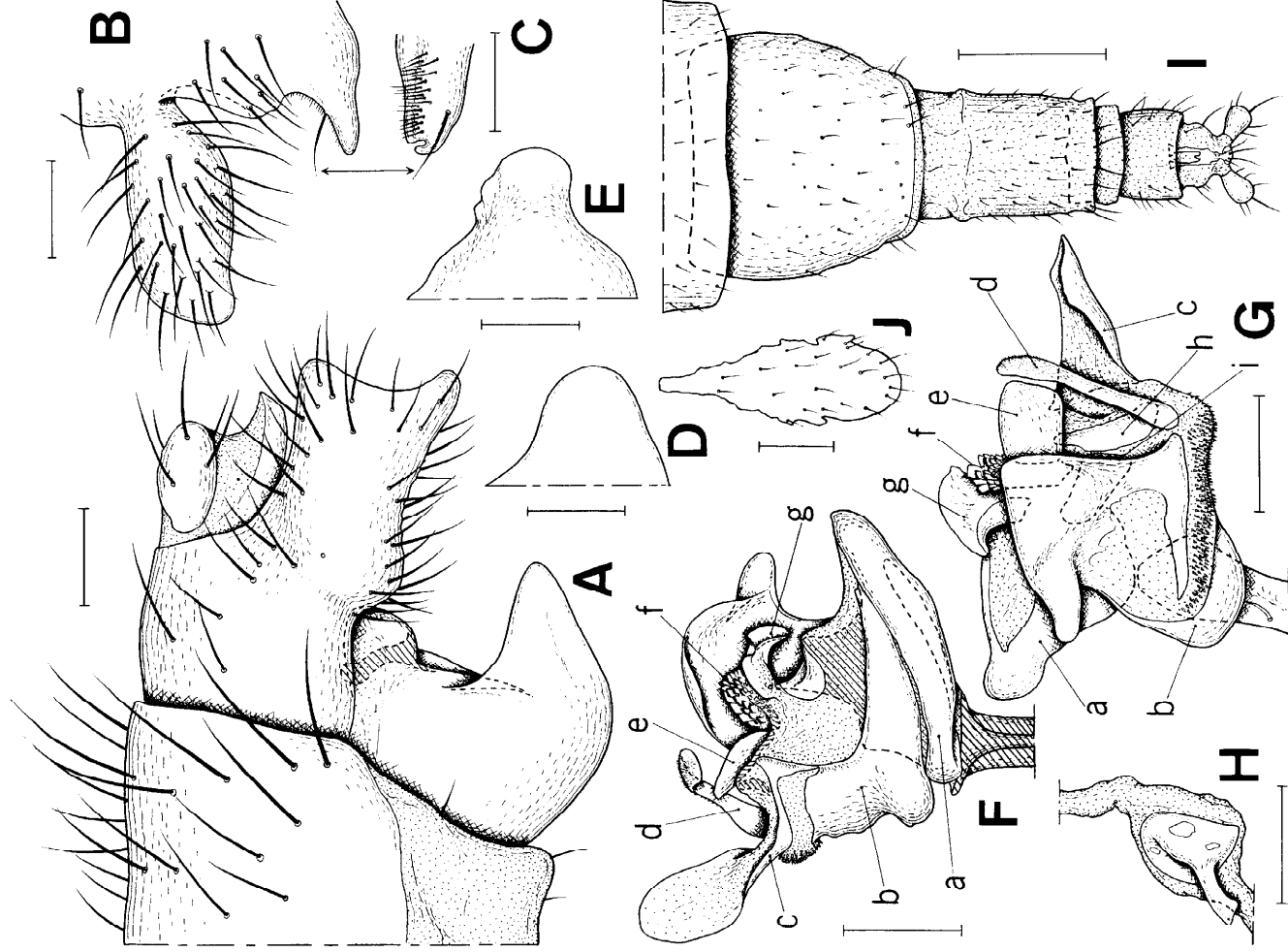


Fig. 2. Male genitalia and female terminalia of *Triphleba schistoceros* sp. nov. A: Male genitalia in lateral view. B: Epandrium in right lateral view. C: Process at right posterior-ventral corner of epandrium in dorsal view. D: Distal portion of left lobe in shape. E: Distal portion of right lobe in shape. F: Aedeagus in dorsal view. G: Ditto in posterior view, somewhat ventrolaterally. H: Ejaculatory apodeme. I: Female terminalia in dorsal view. J: Female 7th sternum. Scale: A-G, J=0.1 mm; H=0.025 mm; I=0.3 mm.

Male genitalia brown. Epandrium grayish white pollinose, large, produced into a short slender process on its right posteroventral corner; the process pointed distally in lateral view, curved inwardly to form a hook-like projection on distal portion, bearing many short hairs on its inner surface. Hypandrium blackish, shining, fused with epandrium on proximal portion, produced into 2 lobes which are membranous on their proximal portions; right lobe larger than left one, arched, narrowed on transparent distal portion; left lobe flat, rounded on posterior margin. A pair of surstyli completely fused with epandrium, subequal in length to each other; left surstylus rectangular in lateral view, weakly emarginate on posterior margin, produced into a small triangular process on posteroventral corner, the surstylus bearing many bristly hairs on marginal portion and hairs on inner surface; right surstylus slenderer than left one, constricted on proximal portion, bearing many bristly hairs on outer surface and hairs on inner surface. Aedeagus highly asymmetrical in structure, composed of 9 sclerites and bearing minute spinules on its ventral membranous area; each of the sclerites is here designated by alphabet for description as in Fig. 2 F & G; sclerite *a* ringed in structure, its posteroventral portion produced into a flat plate which is curved dorsally on its distal portion; sclerite *b* produced into a broad flat plate on its ventral portion, the plate curved dorsally and bearing a short process on its distal portion; sclerite *c* being a flat process membranous on inner surface; sclerite *d* attaching with membrane on its base, the rest free, pilose on distal 1/3 of outer surface; sclerite *e* attaching with membrane on its left lateral margin, the rest free, quadrate in shape; sclerite *f* squamose in structure. Ejaculatory apodeme with a slender process on its median portion. Gonopore opening on membranous area just at right side of base of sclerite *d*.

Body length : 3.2-3.7 mm.

Female. Differing from male as follows : Compound eye distinctly smaller than in male, 0.60 of head height. Frons 0.66 of head width, longer than in male, 3.1 \times as wide as long. Chaetotaxy : Right one of antial setae absent in the specimen; several short hairs arranged in 2 rows instead of supra-antennal setae. First antennal segment shorter, 1/2 \times as long as 3rd; 3rd antennal segment of ordinary type, globular, as long as wide, with long hairs on distal portion. Arista subapical.

Wing more roundish, more distinctly tinged with brown on marginal portions in cells r5, m1 and m2. Vein M_{3+4} of right wing of the only examined specimen aberrantly forked on its distal portion. Costal index 0.61; combined length of 2nd and 3rd costal sectors 0.71 of 1st in length; 3rd costal sector 0.78 of 2nd in length. Wing length 3.94 mm, width 1.86 mm. Hind femur slender, unlike male, without pilose area.

Abdomen parallel-sided; 1st tergum longer than in male; 2nd, 3rd and 6th terga subequal in length; 4th as long as 5th, both shorter than 6th; 6th

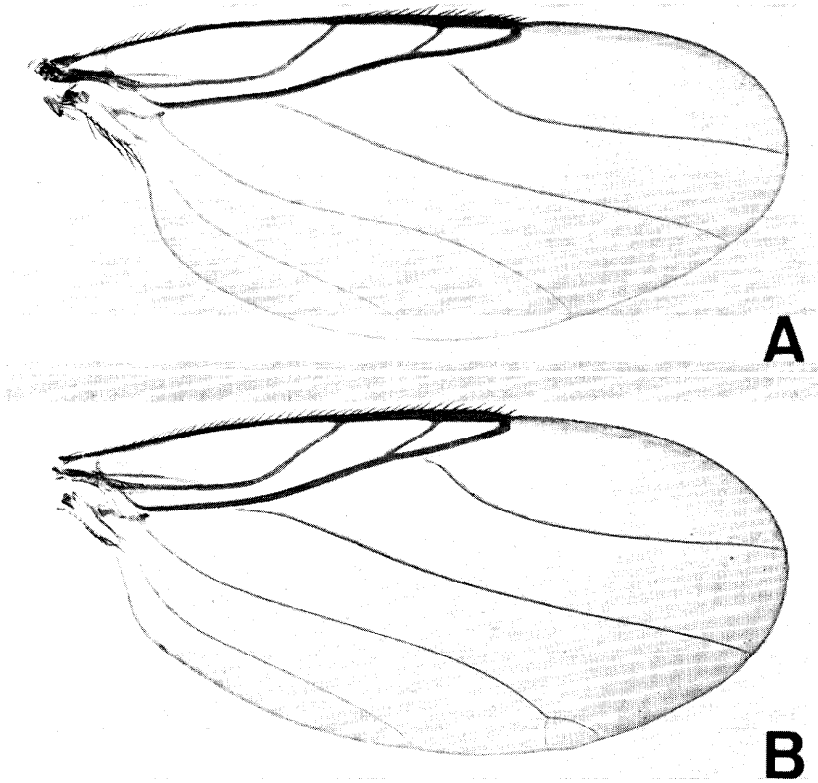


Fig. 3. Wings of *Triphleba schistoceros* sp. nov. A: Male wing. B: Female wing.

tergum as long as wide, trapezoidal in dorsal view, with weakly rounded lateral margins. Terminalia : Seventh segment membranous except for sclerotized sternal portion, 7th sternum ovate in shape, with rounded posterior margin ending at posterior margin of the segment ; 8th segment membranous, lacking tergum and sternum, sparsely short haired; 9th sternum oval; cercus short, thick.

Body length: about 3.2 mm.

HOLOTYPE: Male (Type No. 2426, Kyushu Univ.), Mt. Hikosan, Fukuoka Pref., Kyushu, 5. xii. 1969, K. Takeno leg. (Malaise trap).

PARATYPES: 1♂, 16-18. xi. 1968; 1♀, 8. xii. 1968; 1♂, 27. xi. 1969. All were collected by K. Takeno at the same locality as holotype.

REMARKS. This new species is easily distinguished from the known species by the bifurcate 3rd antennal segments. It is also characteristic in lacking the anterolateral setae on the head and the dorsal setae on the fore and mid tibiae. So far as we know, these setae are absent only in *T. admirabilis* Schmitz in the genus *Triphleba* (Schmitz, 1943, 1949). *T. schistoceros* is known

from the type-locality only, where it appears in early winter.

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