

A new species and first record of the subgenus *Forcipomyia* (*Schizoforcipomyia*) Chan & LeRoux from the Neotropical Region (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae)

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Abstract

The biting midge, *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia) harpa* n. sp., is described from adult males and females which are apparently restricted to high elevations in the Talamanca Mountains of Costa Rica. The new species represents the first record of the subgenus from the Neotropical Region. Thirteen species of *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia)* are now known worldwide.

Key words: Biting midge, *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia)*, new species, Costa Rica

Resumen

Sobre la base de adultos machos y hembras se describe a *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia) harpa* n. sp., de Costa Rica, la cual se halla restringida a altas elevaciones en las montañas de Talamanca. Esta nueva especie representa el primer registro del subgénero para la Región Neotropical. Trece especies de *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia)* se conocen ahora para todo el Mundo.

Palabras Clave: Purruja, *Forcipomyia (Schizoforcipomyia)*, especie nueva, Costa Rica

Introduction

The genus *Forcipomyia* Meigen is one of the most diverse genera within the biting midges, with 1029 species belonging to 31 subgenera. One of these subgenera, *Schizoforcipomyia* Chan & LeRoux, includes rather elegantly patterned adults, and there are cur-