

Opetiidae

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Diagnosis: Small slender bodied, all dark flies (2-5 mm), belonging to single genus *Opetia* formerly placed within family Platypezidae. Eyes holoptic in males, widely separated in females, antenna erect, with two-segmented arista. Wing venation characteristic, with very long narrow M_{1+2} fork, crossvein dm-m absent, no discal cell, cell cup short, tapered apically, anal lobe well developed in male, absent in female. Legs with unmodified tarsi. Immature stages unknown.

Biology: Adults are generally found in wooded habitats and aerial swarms of males have been observed. The only rearing report was from rotten birch wood (Speight et al. 1990).

Nomenclature and classification: According to Chandler (2001).

Number of species: CH: 1 (1998 Checklist: 1),
CZ: 1, DE: 1, ES: 1, FR: 1, GB: 1, IT: 1, FI: 1, SK: 1, Europe: 1, World: 5.

Level of faunistic knowledge in Switzerland: Good.

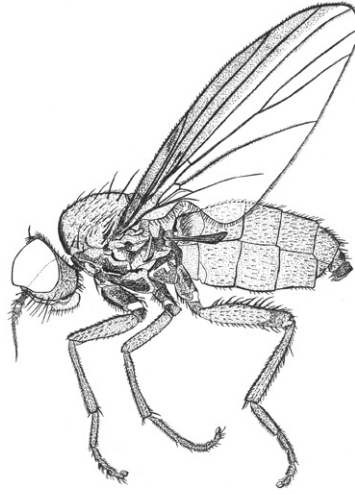
General references: Chandler (1991) [catalogue, Palaearctic species], Chandler (1997) [general], Chandler (2001) [general], Chandler (2005) [Fauna Europaea database].

References to the Swiss fauna: Chandler (1998), Merz (2012).

Checklist

Opetia Meigen, 1830

- *nigra* Meigen, 1830 !



Opetia nigra,
male (CMPD3, p.18).

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