

## Corrections and changes to the Diptera Checklist (26) – Editor

It is intended to publish here any corrections to the text of the latest Diptera checklist (publication date was 13 November 1998; the final ‘cut-off’ date for included information was 17 June 1998) and to draw attention to any subsequent changes. All readers are therefore asked to inform me of any errors or changes and I would like to thank all those who have already brought these to my attention. Changes are listed under families; names new to the British Isles list are in bold type. The notes below refer to addition of 7 species, resulting in a new total of **7051** species (of which 34 are recorded only from Ireland).

**Mycetophilidae.** P.J. CHANDLER (2011. *Fungus Gnat Recording Scheme Newsletter* **5**, 1-4. In Bulletin of the Dipterists Forum **72**) added the following species:

*Mycetophila sublunata* Zaitzev, 1998

**Empididae.** The placement of *Dryodromya* Rondani, 1856 in tribe Chelipodini is apparently in error, due to confusion with *Drymodromia* Becker, 1914, which does belong to that tribe. Sinclair and Cumming (2006), who were followed in the higher classification of Empididae, actually regarded *Dryodromya* as incertae sedis in Empididae, in the *Hesperempis* species group, rather than in subfamily Hemerodromiinae (Adrian Plant *pers. comm.*).

**Phoridae.** R.H.L. DISNEY (2011. *Triphleba dentata* Schmitz added to the British list (Dipt., Phoridae). *Entomologist's monthly Magazine* **147**, 125-129) added the following species: *Triphleba dentata* Schmitz, 1943 (= *T. excisa*: Disney, 1983, misident. (male)).

The following species was added by R.H.L. DISNEY (2011. A new sibling species of *Megaselia spinigera* (Wood) (Dipt., Phoridae) from Europe. *Entomologist's monthly Magazine* **147**, 81-67):

*Megaselia basseti* Disney, 2011

The following additions result from R.H.L. DISNEY (2011. A new sibling species of *Megaselia discreta* (Wood) (Dipt., Phoridae) from the British Isles. *Entomologist's monthly Magazine* **147**, 55-60):

*Megaselia crellini* Disney, 2011

*Megaselia nudiventris* (Wood, 1909 – *Phora*) (raised from synonymy with *M. discreta*)

**Syrphidae.** In the present issue and following other recent works **MEGASYRPHUS** Dušek & Láska, 1967 is treated as of generic rank, not a subgenus of *Eriozona*, with one included species *M. erraticus* (Linnaeus, 1758), and *Chamaesyrrhus* is treated as a synonym of *Pelecocera*, with transfer of its species (as *scaevoides* and *caledonica*) to that genus.

**Conopidae.** Usage of the name *Myopa testacea* has been confirmed in a ruling of the Commission (ICZN 2011. Opinion 2268 (Case 3473) *Conops testaceus* Linnaeus, 1767 (Currently *Myopa testacea*; Insecta, Diptera) conserved by the designation of a neotype. *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* **68**(1), 86-89).

**Sciomyzidae.** L.V. KNUTSON and J.-C. VALA (2011. *Biology of snail-killing Sciomyzidae flies*. 550 pp. Cambridge University Press) have used **KNUTSONIA** Verbeke, 1964 as the name for subgenus *Tumidicercus* of *Ilione*, it having priority.

This work also recognised subgenera in *Pherbellia*, *Anticheta*, *Dichetophora*, *Sepedon* and *Tetanocera*, all British species falling in the typical subgenus in each case except in *Pherbellia* and *Tetanocera*. In *Tetanocera* British species belong to *Tetanocera* sensu stricto except for *T. robusta*, which is placed in S. **CHAETOTETANOCERA** Mayer, 1953. In

*Pherbellia* the species are distributed as follows: S. **CHETOCERA** Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830: *albocostata*, *annulipes*, *dorsata*, *dubia*, *griseola*, *nana*, *pallidiventris*, *rozkosnyi*, *scutellaris*, *sordida*, *ventralis*; S. **DITAENIA** Hendel, 1902: *cinerella*; S. **OXYTAENIA** Sack, 1939: *brunnipes*, *knutsoni*, *stackelbergi*; S. **PHORBELLIA** sensu stricto: *schoenherri*. Unplaced: *argyra*, *goberti*.

**Agromyzidae.** The following species were added by K. BLAND (2011). Two new species of Agromyzidae (Diptera) mining the leaves of *Antennaria dioica* in the Scottish Highlands and Northern Ireland. *British Journal of Entomology and Natural History* **24**, 121-126):

*Phytomyza antennariae* Bland, 2011

*Phytomyza heckfordi* Bland, 2011

## **Changes to the Irish Diptera List (16) – Editor**

This section appears as necessary to keep up to date the initial update of the Irish list in Vol. **10**, 135-146 and the recent checklist of Irish Diptera (Chandler *et al.* 2008). Species are listed under families, but with references listed separately. The additions cited below bring the total Irish list to **3352** species.

### **Agromyzidae**

*Phytomyza antennariae* Bland, 2011 (added by Bland 2011: see above under *Corrections and changes to the Diptera Checklist*)