

## 41. Family ACROCERIDAE

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The family Acroceridae (Cyrtidae *olim*) is cosmopolitan, except for true oceanic islands, and contains 520 species in 3 subfamilies and 50 genera. Members of all 3 subfamilies occur in these regions, though most species have a quite limited distribution. The Philopotinae and Acrocerinae are represented here by only 1 genus each. In contrast, the most primitive subfamily, Panopinae, has 7 genera reported. *Panops* is recorded here only from Australia, however, Osten Sacken (1881a) lists an undetermined species from New Guinea. Endemicity in the family is 100% for species and 77% for genera in these areas. Altogether, 52 valid species in 10 genera and subgenera are listed.

All known species are internal parasitoids of true spiders (Araneae). They are either solitary or gregarious, with up to 14 larvae occurring per spider. Acrocerid eggs are tiny (microtype) and are usually deposited in high numbers (up to 5,000 per female). Eggs may be laid in flight (as in *Eulonchus* Gerstäcker), deposited on dead twigs (*Ogcodes*), on grass stems (*Acrocera* Meigen), or on tree trunks (some *Pterodontia*), but always away from the intended hosts. The 1st instar planidium actively seeks out and burrows inside the spider. There are 4 instars. The mature larva usually emerges posteriorly from the spider's epigastric

furrow area. It pupates free from the host inside a protective webbing prepared by the spider before its death. The life span of the short lived, adult acrocerids ranges from 1 (commonly) to 6 (rarely) weeks. Mating occurs in flight or on dead twigs (*Ogcodes*) or at flowers (*Eulonchus*), usually from 1 to 2 days after emergence. Adults of *Leucopsina*, *Mesophysa*, *Panops*, and *Helle* are active nectar (flower) feeders. Adults of *Ogcodes*, *Pterodontia*, and *Neopanops* have small or mostly nonfunctional mouthparts and must be carefully looked for in meadows, forests, or other vegetated areas. Little is known about the biology and host relationships of acrocerid flies from these regions although Maskell (1888), Dumbleton (1941), and Plomley (1947a,b) figured and discussed several species of *Ogcodes*. Humphreys (1976) discussed parasitism by *Pterodontia* and *Ogcodes*. Schlinger (1987) reviewed the biology and host relationships of the Acroceridae of the world, including new records for these regions.

*Refs.*: Miller (1950, cat. NZ spp.), Paramonov (1955a, 1957e, rev. Australian spp.), Schlinger (1960, rev. world *Ogcodes*; 1981, world family characteristics; 1987, world biol., host relationships), Neboiss (1971, rev. Australian Panopinae).

### Subfamily PANOPINAE

#### Genus APSONA Westwood

**APSONA** Westwood, 1876b: 510. Type species: *Apsona muscaria* Westwood, 1876, mon.

*APSOMA*, error for *Apsona*.

**muscaria** Westwood, 1876b: 510. "Novâ Zelandiâ."

#### Genus LEUCOPSINA Westwood

**LEUCOPSINA** Westwood, 1876b: 510. Type species: *Leucopsina odyneroides* Westwood, 1876, mon.

**burnsi** Paramonov, 1957e: 529 (*Panops flavipes* var.). Australia (Vic).

**odyneroides** Westwood, 1876b: 510. "Novâ Hollandiâ," [= Australia (NSW); see Paramonov, 1957e: 525]; Australia (Vic).

**Genus MESOPHYSA Macquart**

- MESOPHYSA** Macquart, 1838b: 166 [1839b: 282]. Type species: *Mesophysa scapularis* Macquart, 1838 [= *Panops flavipes* Latreille, 1812], des. Brunetti, 1926: 580.  
**flavipes** Latreille in Olivier, 1812: 710 (*Panops*). Australia (NSW) [neotype locality]; Australia (Qld).  
*scapularis* Macquart, 1838b: 167 [1839b: 283]. "Patrie inconnue" [= Australia].  
**ilzei** Neboiss, 1971: 218. Australia (Vic); Australia (NSW).  
**tenaria** Neboiss, 1971: 218. Australia (ACT); Australia (NSW, Vic).  
**ultima** Neboiss, 1971: 219. Australia (Qld); Australia (NSW).

**Genus NEOPANOPS Schlinger**

- NEOPANOPS** Schlinger, 1959: 157. Type species: *Neopanops boharti* Schlinger, 1959, orig. des.  
**boharti** Schlinger, 1959: 157. Indonesia (Irian Jaya).

**Genus PANOPS Lamarck**

- PANOPS** Lamarck, 1804: 263. Type species: *Panops baudini* Lamarck, 1804, mon.  
**EPICERINA** Macquart, 1850: 410(97). Type species: *Epicerina nigricornis* Macquart, 1850, mon.  
**austrae** Neboiss, 1971: 209. Australia (NT).  
**baudini** Lamarck, 1804: 265. Australia (NSW) [neotype locality]; Australia (Qld, Tas, Vic, WA).  
*marginata* Macquart, 1838b: 168 [1839b: 284] (*Mesophysa*). "Patrie inconnue" [= Australia].  
*nigricornis* Macquart, 1850: 402(98) (*Epicerina*). Australia (Tas) & "côte orientale."  
*australiae* Thomson, 1869: 475 (*Mesophysa*). Australia (NSW).  
*lamarckianus* Westwood, 1876b: 508 (*Panops*). Australia (NSW).  
*lamarkanus*, error for *lamarckianus*.  
**conspicuus** Brunetti, 1926: 579 (*Epicerina*). Australia (WA); Australia (Qld, Vic).

**Genus PANOCALDA Neboiss**

- PANOCALDA** Neboiss, 1971: 212. Type species: *Panocalda grossi* Neboiss, 1971, orig. des.  
**grossi** Neboiss, 1971: 214. Australia (NT).

**Genus PTERODONTIA Gray**

- PTERODONTIA** Gray in Griffith & Pidgeon, 1832: 779. Type species: *Pterodontia flavipes* Gray, 1832, mon.  
**NOTHRA** Westwood, 1876b: 515. Type species: *Nothra bicolor* Westwood, 1876 [= *Pterodontia mellii* Erichson, 1840], mon.  
**davisi** Paramonov, 1957e: 531. Australia (NSW); Australia (Qld).  
**longisquama** Sabrosky, 1947b: 74. PNG (PNG).  
**mellii** Erichson, 1840: 163. Australia (NSW); Australia (ACT, Qld, SA, Vic, WA).  
*macquarti* Westwood, 1848b: 97 (unnec. n. n. for *flavipes* Macquart).  
*bicolor* Westwood, 1876b: 515 (*Nothra*). "Novâ Hollandiâ."  
*flavipes*, Macquart, 1838, not Gray, 1832, misid.  
*mellii*, error for *mellii*.  
**variegata** White, 1914b: 68. Australia (Tas).

**Subfamily PHILOPOTINAE****Genus HELLE Osten Sacken**

- HELLE** Osten Sacken, 1896: 16. Type species: *Acrocera longirostris* Hudson, 1892, orig. des.  
**longirostris** Hudson, 1892: 56, pl. vii, fig. 4 (*Acrocera*). NZ (NZ).  
**rufescens** Brunetti, 1926: 572. NZ (NZ).  
*megalyboides* Brunetti, 1926: 573. NZ (NZ).

## Subfamily ACROCERINAE

## Genus OGCODES Latreille

**OGCODES** Latreille, 1796: 154. Type species: *Musca gibbosa* Linnaeus, 1758, subs. mon. Latreille, 1802: 432 (as *Syrphus gibbossus* Fabricius).

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**ONCODES** Meigen, 1822: 99 (unjust emend. of *Ogcodes*).

**HENOPI**S, authors, not Illiger, 1798, misid.

**ACRODES**, **OGEODES**, **OGKODES**, errors for *Ogcodes*.

**argigaster** Schlinger, 1960: 260. NZ (NZ).

**armstrongi** Paramonov, 1957e: 537. Australia (NSW).

**ater** White, 1914b: 72. Australia (Tas); Australia (Vic).

**basalis** Walker, 1852: 203 (*Henops*). Australia (NSW); Australia (ACT, Qld, SA, Tas, Vic, WA).

*darwinii* Westwood, 1876b: 516. Australia (SA).

*darwini*, error for *darwinii*.

**brunneus** Hutton, 1881: 24 (*Henops*). NZ (NZ).

**canberranus** Paramonov, 1957e: 544. Australia (ACT).

**castaneus** Brunetti, 1926: 605. Australia (Qld).

**consimilis** Brunetti, 1926: 603. NZ (NZ).

**deserticola** Paramonov, 1957e: 538. Australia (Qld).

**doddi** Wandolleck, 1906: 131. Australia (Qld).

**flavescens** White, 1914b: 70. Australia (Tas).

**fortnumi** Westwood, 1876b: 516. Australia (SA); Australia (ACT, NSW, Qld, Tas, Vic, WA).

**fratellus** Brunetti, 1926: 604. Australia (Vic); Australia (Tas).

*fraternus*, error for *fratellus*.

**froggatti** Schlinger, n. n. Australia (NSW).

*fumatus* Froggatt, 1907: 298. Australia (NSW). [Preocc. Erichson, 1846.]

**glomerosus** Paramonov, 1957e: 544. Australia (NSW).

**gressitti** Schlinger, 1972: 96. PNG (PNG).

**ignavus** Westwood, 1876b: 516. "Novâ Hollandiâ."

**insignis** Brunetti, 1926: 601. Australia (WA).

**leptisoma** Schlinger, 1960: 259. NZ (NZ).

**lucidus** Paramonov, 1957e: 545. Australia (NSW).

**nigrinervis** White, 1914b: 71. Australia (Tas).

**nitens** Hutton, 1901: 29 (*Henops*). NZ (NZ).

**pusillus** Paramonov, 1957e: 539. Australia (Qld).

**pygmaeus** White, 1914b: 72. Australia (Tas); Australia (Vic).

**similis** Schlinger, 1960: 258. NZ (NZ).

**tasmannicus** Westwood, 1876b: 516. Australia (Tas).

**tenuipes** Paramonov, 1957e: 542. Australia (Vic); Australia (NSW, Qld).

**trifasciatus** de Meijere, 1913c: xl [1915a: 109]. Indonesia (Irian Jaya).

**variegatus** Brunetti, 1926: 594. Australia (Qld).

**victoriensis** Brunetti, 1926: 594. Australia (Vic); Australia (NSW, Qld).

**waterhousei** Paramonov, 1957e: 537. Australia (NSW).

**wilsoni** Paramonov, 1957e: 538. Australia (WA).

## Subgenus PROTOGCODES Schlinger

**PROTOGCODES** Schlinger, 1960: 247. Type species: *Ogcodes paramonovi* Schlinger, 1960, orig. des.

**hirtifrons** Paramonov, 1957e: 543. Australia (NSW); Australia (ACT, Tas).

**paramonovi** Schlinger, 1960: 247. NZ (NZ).