

60. Family DIOPSIDAE

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Diopsids, commonly known as stalked flies, are generally distributed throughout the Old World tropics, with 1 species found in North America. Adults are easily identified by their characteristic eye stalks, which are found in all taxa, although the stalk lengths vary considerably. The subfamily Centrioncinae, an Afrotropical group consisting of taxa without eye stalks, has recently been given family status (Feijen 1983). The family is largely African and Madagascan in origin, but considerable speciation has evidently

taken place in the predominantly Oriental *Teleopsis*.

Little is known of their biology. Larvae of some African species have been recorded as shoot borers of rice (Descamps 1957, Morgan & Abu 1973, Scheibelreiter 1974, Feijen 1979).

Refs.: Shillito (1960, 1976, bibliogr.), Tan (1967, *Cyrtodiopsis* immat. biol.), Steyskal (1972a, world cat., key), Ferrar (1987, immat.), Peterson (1987, rev. Nearctic spp.).

Subfamily DIOPSINAE

Genus CYRTODIOPSIS Frey

CYRTODIOPSIS Frey, 1928a: 70. Type species: *Diopsis dalmanni* Wiedemann, 1830, orig. des. *dalmanni* Wiedemann, 1830a: 560 (*Diopsis*). Indonesia (Java); Indonesia (Maluku); widesp. SE Asia.

Genus EURYDIOPSIS Frey

EURYDIOPSIS Frey, 1928a: 70. Type species: *Diopsis subnotata* Westwood, 1847, orig. des. *subnotata* Westwood, 1847: 37 (*Diopsis*). Philippines; Indonesia (Irian Jaya); Indonesia (Sulawesi), Laos, Malaysia (Pen), Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.
argentifera Bigot, 1874c: 112 (*Diopsis*). Indonesia (Sulawesi).

Genus TELEOPSIS Rondani

TELEOPSIS Rondani, 1875: 442. Type species: *Diopsis sykesii* Westwood, 1837, orig. des. Undetermined sp.—Indonesia (Irian Jaya).

Subfamily SPHYRACEPHALINAE

Genus PSEUDODIOPSIS Hendel

PSEUDODIOPSIS Hendel, 1917: 33. Type species: *Sphyracephala cothurnata* Bigot, 1874 [= *Diopsis detrahens* Walker, 1860], orig. des.
detrahens Walker, 1860a: 161 (*Diopsis*). Indonesia (Sulawesi); Indonesia (Irian Jaya), PNG (Bismarck Arch, Bougainville I, PNG), Solomon Is; China (Hainan I), Hong Kong, Laos, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand.
cothurnata Bigot, 1874b: 25 [1874d: xxii] (*Diopsis*). *Nomen nudum*.
cothurnata Bigot, 1874c: 115 (*Sphyracephala*). Indonesia (Sulawesi).