

83. Family TERATOMYZIDAE

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Teratomyzidae are small, slender, yellow to blackish flies. The wings are rather narrow and elongate with the crossveins very close together near the wing base and the anal vein almost always very long and oblique (probably secondarily elongate). Most species lack palpi. Larvae have been found on the surface of bracken ferns (*Pteridium* sp.) in Australia (Ferrar, 1987).

Although only 3 species have been described (1 from New Zealand, 2 from Chile), more than 20 occur in Australia (D.K. McAlpine, *in litt.*) and several others in New Guinea, Philippines, China, Nepal, Brazil, and Ecuador.

Ref.: Ferrar (1987, immat. biol.).

Genus TERATOMYZA Malloch

TERATOMYZA Malloch, 1933e: 113. Type species: *Teratomyza neozelandica* Malloch, 1933, orig. des. **neozelandica** Malloch, 1933e: 114. NZ (NZ).

Genus TERATOPTERA Malloch

TERATOPTERA Malloch, 1933j: 387 (*Teratomyza* subg.). Type species: *Teratomyza chilensis* Malloch, 1933, orig. des.
Undescribed sp.—Australia (NSW) (Shuter & McAlpine, 1985: 26).