

Suborder BRACHYCERA

Family ATHERICIDAE

Athericidae is a primitive brachycerous family composed of several genera previously treated within the Rhagionidae. Adults of extant forms feed on nectar with females of some genera feeding on the blood of man and cattle. Larval stages live in the riffles of streams and on aquatic vegetation and are known to be predaceous on chironomid larvae and Ephemeroptera nymphs.

Genus ATHERIX Meigen

***ATHERIX** Meigen, 1803: 271. Type species: *Rhagio diadema* Fabricius, 1775 [misidentification, = *Leptis ibis* Fabricius, 1798], by subsequent designation of Coquillett (1910: 511).

[*Atherix* was originally based on two species, neither of which is currently placed in *Atherix* of contemporary authors. In accordance with stability of nomenclature and usage, application to the I.C.Z.N. is necessary to clarify the type species designation. See Verrall (1909: 284–86) for details on the history of the nomenclature and use of *Atherix*.]

sauneri Théobald, 1937a: 145. PA: France (Oligocene) [C].

Genus ATRICHOPS Verrall

***ATRICHOPS** Verrall, 1909: 291. Type species: *Atherix crassipes* Meigen, 1820, by monotypy.

hesperius Cockerell, 1914a: 101. NE: USA (Oligocene) [C].

Genus SUCCINATHERIX Stuckenberg

SUCCINATHERIX Stuckenberg, 1974: 281. Type species: *Succinatherix setifera* Stuckenberg, 1974, by original designation.

avita Stuckenberg, 1974: 285. PA: Baltic Region (Eocene/Oligocene) [A].

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