

Family PROTEMPIDIDAE

The family Protempididae was originally proposed by Ussatchev (1968) based on the single specimen of *Protempis antennata* Ussatchev. Much import has been placed upon the existence of this fossil with regard to the phylogeny and putative sister-group of the Empididae. The wing has characters of primitive Empididae, but also is reminiscent of such orthorrhaphous fly genera as *Apystomyia* Melander and *Hilarimorpha* Schiner. A reexamination of the type specimen of *Protempis* and comparison with these two and other asilomorph genera should be conducted before any conclusions about its putative phylogenetic relationships with the Empididae are made.

Ref.: Chvála (1983, review and classification).

Genus PROTEMPIS Ussatchev

PROTEMPIS Ussatchev, 1968: 623 (382). Type species: *Protempis antennata* Ussatchev, 1968, by original designation.

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