

Superfamily TEPHRITOIDEA

62. Family LONCHAEIDAE

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There are about 500 described species of Lonchaeidae, or lance flies, recorded from all major forested land masses of the world except New Zealand. A total of 55 species in 4 genera and 2 subfamilies are known from the Australasian/Oceanian Regions.

The immature stages of most species are secondary invaders in diseased or injured plant material. Many species, particularly in *Dasiops* and *Lonchaea*, live under bark of dead and dying trees, or in injured, overripe, or decaying fruits or vegetables. A large number of *Silba* species live in association with members of the family Tephritidae. A few species are primary invaders of

certain fruits and vegetables. *Lampronchaea smaragdi*, the metallic green tomato fly, is very common in Australia; its larvae live in damaged tomatoes.

McAlpine & Steyskal (1982) provided a key to the 10 world genera. McAlpine (1975) provided a key to the males of the *impressifrons* group of *Lonchaea* (which includes *cuneifrons*, *dasyctella*, *iridala*, and *megacera* from the Australasian/Oceanian Regions).

Refs.: Kertész (1901b, PNG spp.), Malloch (1928d, Australian spp.; 1930p, Samoan spp.). McAlpine (1964a,b, world spp.).

Subfamily DASIOPINAE

Tribe DASIOPINI

Genus DASIOPS Rondani

DASIOPS Rondani, 1856: 120. Type species: *Lonchaea latifrons* Meigen, 1826, des. I.C.Z.N., 1963a: 114. *DASIOPA*, *DASYOPS*, errors for *Dasiops*.

phrikosifrons McAlpine, 1964a: 678. Australia (NSW).

ruidifrons McAlpine, 1964a: 678. Australia (NSW); Australia (Qld).

spathistilus McAlpine, 1964a: 672. Australia (NSW).

Subfamily LONCHAEINAE

Tribe EAROMYIINI

Genus LAMPROLONCHAEA Bezzi

LAMPROLONCHAEA Bezzi, 1920: 199 (*Lonchaea* subg.). Type species: *Lonchaea aurea* Macquart, 1851 [= *Notiphila smaragdi* Walker, 1849], orig. des.

badiceps McAlpine, 1964a: 694. Northern Marianas; Australia (NSW, Vic), Guam.

brouniana Bezzi, 1919a: 246 (*Lonchaea*). Australia (NSW). [Proposed (incorrectly) as a n. n. for

splendida sensu Broun, 1904b: 307; made available by back reference to Broun (1905a).]

rugosifrons Bezzi, 1923e: 183. Australia (NSW). N. syn.

splendida, authors, not Loew, 1873, misid.

- bruneata** McAlpine, 1964a: 697. Micronesia.
- candidula** McAlpine, 1964a: 699. American Samoa; Western Samoa.
- conchapinna** McAlpine, 1964a: 696. American Samoa; Western Samoa.
- cuprea** Becker – not Australasian/Oceanian.
- fulgida** McAlpine, 1964a: 695. Australia (WA).
- gilvipata** McAlpine, 1964a: 698. Fiji.
- lustrata** McAlpine, 1964a: 700. Vanuatu.
- metatarsata** Kertész, 1901b: 86 (*Lonchaea*). PNG (PNG); widesp. Pacific; widesp. Oriental Reg.
- aurea*, authors, not Macquart, 1851, misid.
- micantella** McAlpine, 1964a: 695. Micronesia.
- nigritarsata** McAlpine, 1964a: 694. Guam.
- photinia** McAlpine, 1964a: 699. Vanuatu.
- scintilla** McAlpine, 1964a: 696. Micronesia.
- smaragdi** Walker, 1849: 1098 (*Noiphila*). Sierre Leone; widesp. S Pacific Islands to Australia (Qld); Bermuda, Philippines, Mediterranean area, widesp. Afrotrop. Reg. (incl. Madagascar, St. Helena).
- aurea* Macquart, 1851: 273(300) (*Lonchaea*). "Afrique."
- splendida* Loew, 1873c: 292 (*Lonchaea*). Sicily & Corfu.
- ustulata** McAlpine, 1964a: 695. Northern Marianas.

Tribe LONCHAEINI

Genus LONCHAEA Fallén

- LONCHAEA** Fallén, 1820c: 25. Type species: *Musca chorea* Fabricius, 1782, des. Westwood, 1840: 150.
LONCHOEA, error for *Lonchaea*.
- apricaria** McAlpine, 1964b: 749. Australia (NSW).
- belua** McAlpine, 1964b: 754. Micronesia; Belau.
- choreoides** Bezzi, 1923e: 184. Australia (NSW).
- cuneifrons** McAlpine, 1964b: 748. Australia (Qld).
- cyaneonitens** Kertész, 1901b: 86. PNG (PNG); Fiji; Taiwan.
- dasyiscutella** McAlpine, 1964b: 747. Australia (Qld).
- hilli** Malloch, 1928d: 306. Australia (NT).
- iridala** McAlpine, 1964b: 747. Vanuatu.
- linefacies** McAlpine, 1964b: 752. Fiji.
- megacera** Kertész, 1901b: 83. PNG (PNG); Indonesia (?Java).
- politina** Say, 1830: 188. USA; Hawaiian Is; widesp. N. Am.
- sabroskyi** McAlpine, 1964b: 753. Belau; Micronesia.
- striatifrons** Malloch, 1920: 246. USA; Hawaiian Is; Mexico.
- uniseta** Malloch, 1930p: 243. American Samoa; Western Samoa.

Genus SILBA Macquart

- SILBA** Macquart, 1851: 277(304). Type species: *Silba virescens* Macquart, 1851, orig. des.
- CARPOILONCHAEA** Bezzi, 1920: 199 (*Lonchaea* subg.). Type species: *Lonchaea plumosissima* Bezzi, 1919, orig. des.
- adelosa** McAlpine, 1964b: 701. Australia (NSW).
- albisquama** Kertész, 1901b: 84 (*Lonchaea*). PNG (PNG).
- biroi* Kertész, 1901b: 85 (*Lonchaea*). PNG (PNG).
- atratula** Walker, 1860a: 146 (*Lonchaea*). Indonesia (Sulawesi); Australia (Qld), PNG (PNG); Indonesia (Java), Philippines, Singapore.
- obscuripennis* de Meijere, 1910a: 117 (*Lonchaea*). Indonesia (Java).
- zopherosa* McAlpine, 1964b: 704. Australia (Qld).
- calva** Bezzi, 1914: 320 (*Lonchaea*). Philippines; Fiji; India.

- citicola* Bezzì, 1914: 319 (*Lonchaea*). Philippines; Australia (NT, Qld).
consentanea Walker, 1860a: 146 (*Lonchaea*). Indonesia (Sulawesi); Indonesia (Maluku).
dispalata McAlpine, 1964b: 705. Solomon Is.
emulata McAlpine, 1964b: 707. Solomon Is.
excisa Kertész, 1901b: 87 (*Lonchaea*). Singapore; Australia (Qld), Guam, Northern Marianas, PNG (PNG), Solomon Is; Seychelles, Oriental Reg.
horridomedea McAlpine, 1964b: 711. Australia (Qld).
imitata McAlpine, 1964b: 708. Australia (Qld).
neozopherosa McAlpine, 1964b: 704. Solomon Is.
nigritella Malloch, 1930f: 241 (*Lonchaea*). Western Samoa; American Samoa. N. comb.
nudoscutella McAlpine, 1964b: 702. Australia (NSW).
perplexa Walker, 1860a: 161 (*Lauxania*). Indonesia (Maluku); Australia (Qld), Fiji, Guam, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, PNG (PNG), "Samoa," Solomon Is, Tonga, Vanuatu; E Oriental Reg.
filifera Bezzì, 1914: 320 (*Lonchaea*). Philippines.
pollinosa Kertész, 1901b: 86 (*Lonchaea*). PNG (PNG).
ramuseula McAlpine, 1964b: 710. Australia (Qld).
septuosa McAlpine, 1964b: 702. Australia (Qld).
setifera de Meijere, 1910a: 119 (*Lonchaea*). Indonesia (Java); Australia, Fiji, PNG (PNG), "Samoa"; E Oriental Reg.
taciturna Walker, 1859a: 127 (*Ephydra*). Indonesia (Maluku).
uniformis Malloch, 1930f: 242 (*Lonchaea*). Western Samoa. N. comb.
vanemdeni McAlpine, 1975: 998. Malaysia (Pen); Australia (NSW, Qld), PNG (PNG).
atratula, McAlpine, 1956, not Walker, 1860, misid.