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# GENERA OF THE DIPTEROUS TRIBE SARCOPHAGINI.

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The Sarcophaga type is most nearly related on the one hand with the Muscidae (Calliphoridae) and on the other hand with the Miltogramma and Metopia types. Through the Muscidae it is next related with the Stomoxydidae (Muscinae auct.) and through the Miltogramma type with the Calirrhoidae (Dexiinae auct.) and the Dexiidae (Pseudodexiidae BB). Brachicoma, Amobia and Tephromyia are types of tribes which belong in the family with Sarcophaga, and it is probably taxonomically expedient to include the Miltogramma and Metopia types in the same family.

Sarcophaga has long functioned as a catch-all generic name. As such, it means little. A genus can not be conceded by elimination, but must be recognized by definition. Sarcophaga has thus grown to be a taxonomic complex which demands untangling. The genitalic method of distinguishing the species has worked well in Europe, where the forms have been under observation long enough to link both sexes in most cases. In attacking the mass of comparatively unknown species in America, however, the task of separating them is better begun at the female end. Gravid females, captured in the open, will furnish larvae for the study of the three stages and rearing to the adults of both sexes. At one stroke this plan yields characters of all stages and both sexes. Study of the total characters for the species shows natural groups of species in this tangled mass of unlike forms.

The real problem which confronts us in the Sarcophaga complex is the elucidation of species groups or genera. It is first all-important to know what species belong together. When these groups are properly segregated, the species can be studied to advantage. The elucidation of the genera carries with it a knowledge of both sexes of the component species, which is the necessary antecedent to the male genitalic separation of the forms. In the light of such study it is found that the complex has lodged many forms which can not be admitted to the tribe Sarcophagini.

# GENERA OF SARCOPHAGINI.

### MALES.

Abdomen absolutely devoid of pollinose covering, polished
and shining
Abdomen always with more or less pollinose covering, not
wholly shining 2
2—One pair of proclinate fronto-orbitals
No proclinate fronto-orbitals
3—Parafacialia with at most a single row of fine hairs. Sarcophagula Wp.
Parafacialia with two or more irregular rows of fine hairs
Sarothromyia BB.
4—All tibiae long-villous
None of tibiae long-villous
At least the hind tibiae long-villous, either thickly or thinly,
but the front ones not
5—First vein bare
First vein bristled about half way <b>Tulacopoda</b> , gen. nov.
6—First vein bristled about half way
First vein bare
7—Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae 8
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae 10
8—No median marginal macrochaetae on segment III
Andinoravinia, gen. nov.
Median marginals present on segment III
9—Parafacialia as broad as clypeus Argoravinia, gen. nov.
Parafacialia not as broad as clypeus Chaetoravinia, gen. nov.
10—Strong, long, erect median marginals on segment II (patch of
thickly-placed hairs on edge of scutellum on each side in
genotype)
No median marginals on segment II
11-Outer vertical developed Sarcodexiopsis, gen. nov.
Outer vertical not sufficiently developed to contrast with
occipito-orbital fringe
12—Frontals stopping practically at base of antennae, not diver-
gent except as they follow frontalia
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae 17

13-Frontalia much narrowed posteriorly
Frontalia not or but very slightly narrowed posteriorly 14
14-Vertex as wide as eye Miltoravinia, gen. nov.
Vertex at most scarcely over two-thirds as wide as eye
15—Postsuturals three
Postsuturals four
16—Median marginals absent or vestigial on segment III
Punasarcophaga T.
Median marginals present on segment III . Euravinia, gen. nov. 17—Postsuturals three
17—Postsuturals three
Postsuturals four, the front two more or less reduced 19
18—Fifth sternite swollen and projected in profile like a button
Hypopelta Ald.
Fifth sternite normal
19—Outer verticals well developed ; forceps minute (hind femora
and tibiae normally specialized for grasping the female in
the genotype)
Outer verticals not well differentiated from occipito-orbital
20-Preacrostichals well developed, strong Kellymyia, gen. nov.
Preacrostichals not well developed, at most very small or
vestigial
21—Frontalia not narrowed posteriorly
Frontalia more or less narrowed posteriorly
22-Strong median marginals on segment III Peltopyga, gen. nov.
No median marginals on segment III
23-Cheeks over two-fifths of eye-length I rixosarcophaga, gen. nov.
Cheeks not over one-fourth of eye-length
24-Hypopygium small; forceps elongate and tapering Sarcodexia T.
Hypopygium rather large; forceps shortened and broadened
apically, usually with a dorsal preapical spur
Oxysarcodexia, gen. nov.
25-Preacrostichals present, well developed
Preacrostichals not well developed, at most very weak, small
or vestigial
26-Frontals not divergent, stopping close to base of antennae.
Sarothromyiops, gen. nov.
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae 27
27-Hypopygium wide, flattened, boxlike, the second segment
very elongate; forceps very short Zygastropyga, gen. nov.
Hypopygium not flattened and boxlike, the second segment
not unusually long
28-Strong erect median marginals on segment II Mulsantia RD.
No median marginals on segment II
29-Facio-orbital row including 3 to 5 strong bristles below; ver-
tex about one-half eye; cheeks about one-third eye-length,
parafacialia about one-half width of clypeus; long strong
macrochaetae in median longitudinal row on outside of
hind femora

Facio-orbital row consisting of a bristle or two without hairs above; vertex but little over one-fourth eye-width; cheeks about one-fourth eye-length; parafacialia not one-third width of clypeus; at most a few median macrochaetae dis- tally on hind femora exteriorly <b>Parasarcodexia</b> , gen. nov.
30—Postsuturals three
Postsuturals two, with or without two more or less developed
additional ones in front
31—Strong median marginals on segment II (the front side of
middle femora with a patch of yellow hairs distally in the
genotype)
No median marginals on segment II
32-Outer verticals developed, strong
Outer verticals not developed Bercaeopsis, gen. nov.
33—Parafacialia broader than clypeus; no facio-orbital row to be
distinguished from the other hairs Wohlfahrtiopsis T.
Parafacialia not as wide as clypeus
34-Facio-orbital row including several strong bristles below 35
Facio-orbital row consisting only of hairs at the most 36
35-Vibrissal axis nearly equalling head-height; epistoma well
projected beyond vibrissae; facialia bristled about half-
way at most; cheeks over one-half eye-length . Sarcophaga Mg.
Vibrissal axis not over three-fourths of head-height; epistoma
only slightly projected; facialia normally bristled well over
half-way; cheeks little over two-fifths eye-length
Sarraceniomyia, gen. nov.
36-Vertex about two-thirds as wide as eye Bercaea RD.
Vertex at most but little exceeding one-half eye-width 37
37-Outer vertical strong Prosthetocirca, gen. nov.
Outer vertical not developed, vestigial Gigantotheca, gen. nov.
Females.
Abdomen wholly shining and without pollen Peckia RD.
Abdomen more or less pollinose
2—Only one pair of proclinate fronto-orbitals
Two or more pairs of proclinate fronto-orbitals
3—First hypopygial tergite retractile Sarcophagula Wp.
First hypopygial tergite modified into a non-retractile perma-
nent fifth visible segment of the abdomen <b>Prosthetocirca</b> , gen. nov.
4-No reclinate fronto-orbitals, usually three proclinates Agria RD.

At least one reclinate fronto-orbital always present, procli-	
nates two	5
5-First vein bristled about half way	6
First vein bare	12
6-Strong, long and erect median marginals on segment II	
(sides of scutellum with thick patches of hairs on edge be-	
tween lateral bristles in genotype)	а Т.
Median marginals absent, vestigial or weak on segment II.	7

7—Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae	8
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	10
8—First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,	
the hind edge of segment forming a wide vertical slit bor-	
dered with partly decussate bristles; parafacialia rather	
broader than clypeus	. nov.
First hypopygial tergite entire, not forming a vertical slit,	
parafacialia not as broad as clypeus	9
9—Vibrissal axis not over two-thirds of head-height	Ŭ
Chaetoravinia, gen.	nov
Vibrissal axis fully three-fourths of head-height	
Andinoravinia, gen.	nov
10—Vibrissal axis only a little shorter than head-height	110 .
Tulaeopoda, gen.	nov
Vibrissal axis about or but little over two-thirds of head-height	11
11—Two reclinate fronto-orbitals	Coq.
	. nov. 13
12—Postsuturals three	15 20
Postsuturals two or four	
13-Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae	14
Frontals diverging at least one or two bristles below base of	1.5
antennae	15
14—Costal spine strong	I BB.
Costal spine absent	
15—First hypopygial tergite excised or scooped out on disk	16
First hypopygial tergite not excised or scooped out on disk .	17
16-Strong median marginals on segment II (yellow hair patch	
on outside of middle femora distally in genotype) Sarcotachine	
No median marginals on segment II	i RD.
17-Two reclinate fronto-orbitals; costal spine strong, longer	
than small crossvein	Ald.
Only one reclinate fronto-orbital; costal spine weak, short or	
vestigial, not as long as small crossvein	18
18-First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,	
the hind edge of segment forming a vertical slit bordered	
with partly decussate bristles Bercaeopsis, gen.	nov.
First hypopygial tergite entire	19
19-Facio-orbitals consisting of row of fine hairs; lateral scutel-	
lars two; median longitudinal row of macrochaetae on	
outside of hind femora reduced to small bristles on basal	
half	nov.
Facio-orbital row including several strong bristles below;	
lateral scutellars three; normally a median longitudinal	
row of long strong macrochaetae on outside of hind femora	
for most of its length	Park.
20—Preacrostichals present, well developed	21
Preacrostichals absent or vestigial, not well developed	24

21—Frontals not diverging, stopping practically at base of antennae	22
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	23
22-Cheeks well over one-half eye-length in breadth	
Miltoravinia, gen. :	nov.
Cheeks less than one-half eye-length in breadth	
Euravinia, gen.	nov.
23-First hypopygial tergite entire, the disk with a double im-	
pression as though scooped out on each side of median	
line in a subtransverse oval Kellymyia, gen.	nov.
First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,	
without discal excavation or impression Zygastropyga, gen.	
24-First hypopygial tergite entire, neither incised nor excised .	25
First hypypygial tergite either incised or excised	30
25—Facio-orbital row including coarse strong hairs or weak bris-	
tles below, contrasted with the hairs in line above them	
Spirobolomyi	а Т.
Facio-orbital row consisting entirely of short or weak hairs,	26
or vestigial	20
26-First hypopygial tergite transversely dished like a wide shal-	27
low groove	27
First hypopygial tergite not dished	28
27—Theca immensely broad as well as elongate, nearly as broad	
basally as long; palpi greatly swollen apically Gigantotheca, gen.	nov
Theca not unusually broad; palpi normal Umbelusía, gen.	
28—Strong median marginals on segment III; first hypopygial	1104.
tergite shield-like, broad, with disk directed posteriorly.	
Peltopyga, gen.	nov.
Median marginals absent or vestigial on segment III	29
29—Parafacialia about or nearly as wide as clypeus; first hypo-	-0
pygial tergite strongly crescentic in outline, not flattened	
Trixosarcophaga, gen.	nov.
Parafacialia only a little over half as wide as clypeus; first	•
hypopygial tergite more or less flattened and concealed.	
Oxysarcodexia, gen.	nov.
30-Parafacialia broader than clypeus Wohlfahrtiops	is T.
Parafacialia not as wide as clypeus	31
31—Arista long-plumose nearly or practically to tip; or, if some-	
times short of tip, the eyes large and cheeks scarcely ex-	
ceeding at most one-fourth eye-length in breadth	32
Arista plumose not over three-fourths way, the cheeks fully	
or over one-third eye-length	33
32-Frontalia broader than parafrontalia in middle; cheeks	
nearly one-half eye-length in width; first hypopygial ter-	
gite showing posteriorly a vertical slit bordered with partly	
decussate spines, its disk broadly scooped out . Paraphrissopo	da T.
Frontalia scarcely as wide as parafrontalia in middle; cheeks	
about one-fourth eye-length; first hypopygial tergite folded	
but not slit on median line Sarcodex	ia T.

- 33—Facio-orbital row consisting only of hairs . . . . . . . . Bercaea RD.
  Facio-orbital row including three to five strong bristles below
  34
- 34—Vibrissal axis nearly equal to head-height; epistoma well projected beyond vibrissae; cheeks over one-half eye-length; parafacialia only a little narrower than clypeus . Sarcophaga Mg. Vibrissal axis not over three-fourths of head-height; epistoma but little projected; cheeks only about one-third of eyelength; parafacialia at most little over half width of clypeus

### Sarraceniomyia, gen. nov.

#### GENOTYPES OF THE NEW GENERA.

Andinoravinia, A. rufipes, n. sp.

Argoravinia, Sarcophaga argentea T., Proc. U. S. N. M., vol. 43, 358 (1912).

Bercaeopsis, Sarcophaga tetra Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 89 (1916).

Chaetoravinia, Helicobia quadrisetosa Coq., Ent. News, XII, 17 (1901).

Euravinia, Ravinia communis Park., Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H., vol. 35, 55 (1914).

Fletcherimyia, Sarcophaga fletcheri Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 96 (1916). Gigantotheca, G. galapagensis, n. sp.

Kellymyia, Sarcophaga kellyi Ald., Jn. Ag. Res., II, 443.

Miltoravinia, Sarcophaga planifrons Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 249 (1916).

Oxysarcodexia, Sarcophaga peltata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 216 (1916).

Parasarcodexia, Sarcophaga parkeri Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 78 (1916).

Peltopyga, Sarcophaga celarata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 242 (1916).

Prosthetocirca, P. cana, n. sp.

Sarcodexiopsis, Sarcophaga biseriata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 153 (1916). Sarothromyiops, S. cinctus, n. sp.

Sarraceniomyia, Sarcophaga sarraceniae Riley, Tr. Ac. Sc. St. L., III, 238.

Trixosarcophaga, Sarcophaga aurigena T., Proc. U. S. N. M., vol. 43, 357-8 (1912).

Tulaeopoda, Sarcophaga pervillosa Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 92 (1916).

Umbelusia, U. analis, n. sp.

Zygastropyga, Z. aurea, n. sp.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE NEW SPECIES.

#### Zygastropyga aurea, new species.

Length of body, 8 to 9 mm.; of wing, 6.75 to 7 mm. One male and one female. Tempe, Arizona; Webster, No. 11,942 (V. L. Wildermuth). The female bears label "Allotype No. 20,550 U. S. N. M.," referred to by Aldrich as single female of S. sulculata Ald. from Kansas (Sarc. & Allies, 225). Holotype, No. 21,574 U. S. N. M., male.

Differs from sulculata Ald. by the broader abdomen; broader male hypopygium, the deeper median fossa of second hypopygial segment; the distinctly golden pollen of head, and the brassy shade to pollen of rest of body.

#### Andinoravinia rufipes, new species.

Length of body, 8 to 9 mm.; of wing, 7.5 to 8 mm. One female, Huariaca, canyon of the Rio Huallaga, Peru, 10,750 ft., December 20, 1913 (Townsend). One male and one female, Matucana, Peru, 8,000 ft., May 1, 1914 (Townsend). Holotype, No. 21,575 U. S. N. M., being the female from Huariaca.

Blackish; rather densely clothed with old-gold pollen, except the tarsi, head appendages, frontalia and abdominal marmoration. Legs rufous, except the black tarsi. Frontalia black, parafrontals blackish posteriorly. Antennae blackish, first two joints rufous. Palpi rufous-yellow. Thoracic vittae brown, changing to brownish-gold when their pollinose covering is viewed from the front. Marmorate markings of abdomen black, in form of broken narrow median vitta and oblique curved marks on each side. Hypopygium rufous. Tegulae whitish-tawny, faintly yellowish infuscate. In the male the median abdominal vitta is entire.

### Prosthetocirca cana, new species.

Length of body, 5 to 8.5 mm.; of wing, 4 to 7 mm. One male and one female, Narborough Is., Galapagos, January 13 and 26, 1899; two males and two females, Albemarle Is., Galapagos, January 1 to 18, 1899. Holotype, No. 21,576 U. S. N. M., female from Narborough Is. Allotype, male from Albemarle Is.

Blackish, densely ash-silvery pollinose. Frontalia and thoracic vittae black to brown. Antennae blackish. Palpi rufous, shaded with black. Hind edge of abdominal segments black, rather shining; in the male the black shows a median vitta, and a linking of the lateral markings on last two segments. Hypopygium black. Tegulae rather infuscate, the front scale whitish.

#### Gigantotheca galapagensis, new species.

Length of body, 6.5 to 9.5 mm.; of wing, 5.5 to 8.5 mm. Two males and two females, Albemarle Is., Galapagos, January 18, 1899. Holotype, No. 21,577 U. S. N. M.; female.

Coloring very similar in general effect to the preceding species, differing as follows: Palpi black, the extreme base rufous. Hypopygium rufous. Tegulae white. The lateral abdominal markings are more distinctly linked up into lateral vittae of irregular outline, the curved links especially definite in male.

#### Sarothromyiops cinctus, new species.

Length of body, 10 mm.; of wing, 8.5 mm. One male, Culpepper Is., Galapagos, December 10, 1898. Holotype, No. 21,578 U. S. N. M.

Black; densely silvery pollinose, the pollen with less of an ashy shade. Palpi faintly rufous. Antennae and frontalia blackish. Thoracic vittae black to brown. Hind margins of abdominal segments and narrow median vitta black, brown pollinose. Hypopygium black, silvery pollinose, tawny at base of forceps and in middle of hind margin of first segment. No linking of marginal black into lateral abdominal vitta, but a faint darker shade shows laterally under the thick silvery pollen. Tegulae white.

I can identify none of the above Galapagos forms with Sarcophaga inoa Walker, List IV, 832.

#### Umbelusia analis, new species.

Length of body, 10.5 mm.; of wing, 9 mm. One female, Umbelusi, East Africa, "5. 3. 09" (C. W. Howard). Holotype, No. 21,579 U. S. N. M.

Black, including antennae, palpi, frontalia, vittae, abdominal markings, and legs. Hypopygium reddish-yellow. Pollen silvery-ashy. Besides the abdominal marmorations, deep black shows in narrow median vitta and in heavy broken lateral vittae. Parafrontals blackish posteriorly. Parafacials transversely corrugated. Tegulae white.

