

ON TWO NEW RECORDS OF GALL-MIDGES (DIPTERA: CECIDOMYIIDAE) FROM MAHARASHTRA, INDIA.

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During the studies of gall midge fauna carried out during 2015-2018, following two gall midges viz. *Lasioptera* (=Bimba) *nenuae* Grover 1965 & *Contarinia* (=Lobopteromyia) *prosopidis* (Mani) 1938 are reported as new records for Nanded (Maharashtra) India.

***Lasioptera* (=Bimba) *nenuae* Grover 1965**

Order: Diptera

Family: Cecidomyiidae

Subfamily: Cecidomyiinae

Supertribe: Cecidomyiidi

Genus: *Lasioptera* Meigen 1818

Species: *nenuae* Grover 1965

Presently 24 species of genus *Lasioptera* are reported from India (Gagne 2004, & Sharma 2003, 2009). *Lasioptera* (=Bimba) *nenuae* is reported for the first time from Nanded, Maharashtra.

This species is characterized with presence of basal clasp segment with a large basal lobe; ovipositor less than 1/3 the length of body; quadriarticulated palpi; 3rd & 4th antennal segments not confluent and antenna 0.3 the length of body.

5 males and 4 females are reared from stem gall of *Coccinia grandis* (L.) Voigt. They are dissected and mounted on slides and labeled "reared from *Coccinia grandis* (L.) Voigt, (Cucurbitaceae), Nanded & Kinwat, Dist. Nanded, Maharashtra M.S.Siddiqui Coll. 10. 09.2017 & 23.09.2017.

This species was previously reported galling stem of *Luffa angulata* (L.) Roxb, from Allahabad (U.P. 1965) and Aurangabad (M.S. 2000) and is now reported from *Coccinia grandis* (L.) Voigt, a **new host species**.

***Contarinia* (=Lobopteromyia) *prosopidis* 1938 (Mani) Grover**

Order: Diptera

Family: Cecidomyiidae

Subfamily: Cecidomyiinae

Supertribe: Cecidomyiidi

Tribe: Cecidomyiini

Genus: *Contarinia* (=Lobopteromyia) Rondani 1860

Species: *prosopidis* (Mani) 1938

Presently 13 species under this genus are reported from India(Gagne 2004, & Sharma 2003, 2009). *Contarinia prosopidis* (Mani) 1938 is characterized with a) fifth antennal segment 1.5 x as long as thick; b) empodium longer than claw; c) terminal clasp segment with a single dent apically; d) basal stem of fifth antennal segment as long as broad; e) ovipositor less than twice the length of body & f) wings not spotted.

Contarinia (=Lobopteromyia) *prosopidis* 1938 (Mani) Grover was reared from *Prosopis spicigera* L. (Leguminosae) at New Delhi & is now reared from earheads of *Clorides enteria* L. (Poaceae), a **new host grass species** collected from Vishnupuri, Dist. Nanded of Maharashtra state.

Two males and two females were reared, dissected & mounted on slide, labeled as “reared ex earheads of *Clorides enteria* L. (Poaceae), Vishnupuri, Dist. Nanded, Siddiqui.

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