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#### 11) *Aclista alticollis* (Thomson, 1859) (Hymenoptera Diapriidae)

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1 (housed in collection of Angelo Ditta)

**Site location:** Bosco di Alcamo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 1.III.2021

**Records validated by:** Jan Macek

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record from Sicily.

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*Aclista alticollis*, Private collection of A. Ditta, 1.III.2021 (Photo A. Ditta)

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**12) *Mycomya (Mycomya) prominens*, (Lundström, 1913) (Diptera Mycetophilidae)**

**Source:** Facebook group Ditteri italiani  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Ditteri/permalink/2322355171222020/>  
**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area  
**Number of individuals:** 1 (housed in collection of Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht)  
**Site location:** Nature Reserve Preola Lake and Gorgi Tondi (Trapani)  
**Date of observation:** 5.I.2021  
**Records validated by** Paul Beuk  
**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record from Sicily.  
**Resource link:** <http://www.faunaeur.org>;  
<http://www.faunaitalia.it/checklist/>



*Mycomya (Mycomya) prominens*, Collection Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht, 5.I.2021 (Photo A. Ditta)

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**13) *Empis (Leptempis) confusa*, Loew, 1865 (Diptera Empididae)**

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1 female (housed in collection of Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht)

**Site location:** Nature Reserve Preola Lake and Gorgi Tondi (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 23.V.2020

**Records validated by** Paul Beuk

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record from Sicily.

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*Empis (Leptempis) confusa*, Collection Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht, 23.V.2020 (Photo A. Ditta)

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14) *Sciapus platypterus*, (Fabricius, 1805) (Diptera Dolichopodidae)

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1 female (housed in collection of Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht)

**Site location:** Nature Reserve Preola Lake and Gorgi Tondi (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 15.V.2021

**Records validated by** Paul Beuk

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record from Sicily.

**Resource link:** <http://www.faunaeur.org>;  
<http://www.faunaitalia.it/checklist/>



*Sciapus platypterus*, Collection Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht, 15.V.2021 (Photo A. Ditta)

15) *Myopa picta* Panzer, 1797 (Diptera Conopidae)

**Source:** Facebook group Ditteri italiani

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/Ditteri/permalink/2577906669000201/>

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1 male and 1 female (housed in collection of D. Clements)

**Site location:** Nature Reserve Preola Lake and Gorghetti Tondi (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 18.IV.2021

**Records validated by** Marcello Consolo

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record from Sicily.

**Resource link:** <http://www.faunaeur.org>;

<http://www.faunaitalia.it/checklist/>

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RIVOSECCHI L., 1996. Chiavi analitiche illustrate sui Conopidae (Diptera) della Fauna Italiana. *Boll. Mus. civ. St. nat. Verona*, 20: 135-151.



*Myopa picta*, Nature Reserve Preola Lake and Gorghetti Tondi (Trapani), 18.IV.2021 (Photo A. Ditta)

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16) *Diaea dorsata* (Fabricius, 1777) (Araneae Thomisidae)

**Source:** Author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1

**Site location:** Monte Salto del Cane, Pedara (Catania)

**Date of observation:** 9.VIII.2017

**Notes of the observer:** an adult male (housed in collection of A. Dentici)

**Records validated** by Antonino Dentici

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record of Genus and species for Sicily (PANTINI & ISAIA, 2019).

**Reference**

PANTINI P. & ISAIA M., 2019. Araneae.it: the online Catalog of Italian spiders with addenda on other Arachnid Orders occurring in Italy (Arachnida: Araneae, Opiliones, Palpigradi, Pseudoscorpionida, Scorpiones, Solifugae). *Fragmenta Entomologica*, 51(2): 127-152. Online at [www.araneae.it](http://www.araneae.it), accessed on {10.09.2022}.

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17) *Franklinothrips megalops* Trybom, 1912 (Thysanoptera Aeolothripidae)

**Source:** Author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 1

**Site location:** River Mazaro, Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 9.I.2021

**Notes of the observer:** an adult female (housed in collection of G. Degabriele)

**Records validated** by Rita Marullo

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record of Genus and species for Italy.

**References**

MARULLO R. & DE GRAZIA A., 2013. Territorial distribution, classification and relationships amongst Italian Thysanoptera. *Bulletin of Insectology*, 66 (1): 127-134.



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*Franklinothrips megalops*, Private collection G. Degabriele, 9.I.2021 (leg. Angelo Ditta)

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**18) *Dasyhelea bilineata* Goetghebuer, 1920 (Diptera Ceratopogonidae)**

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 14 female and 14 male (housed in collection of Patrycja Dominiak)

**Site location:** Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 24.XII.2020 (1f); 24.XII.2021 (1m); 23 (2m & 1f), 24 (2f), 26 (1m) and 28.II.2022 (1m); 3 (1f), 5 (1f), 6 (3f), 13 (3m & 1f), 15 (1m) and 25.III.2022 (1f); 5 (2m & 1 f) and 14.IV.2022 (1m & 2f); 4.V.2022 (2 m)



**Notes of the observer:** specimen sent to Patrycja Dominiak for identification

**Records validated by** Patrycja Dominiak

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record for Sicily. In Italy the species is reported from Caserta with the synonym *D. saxicola* (SZADZIEWSKI & DOMINIAK, 2006; DOMINIAK & SZADZIEWSKI, 2010) and with the synonym *D. tecticola* (SANNINO & ESPINOSA, 2004).



*Dasyhelea bilineata* female abdomen. Private collection Patrycja Dominiak, 24.XII.2020 (leg. Angelo Ditta)

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- SANNINO L. & ESPINOSA B., 2004. The ceratopogonid *Dasyhelea tecticola* Remmert (Diptera, Nematocera) new for Italy damages tobacco in seedbed. *Informatore Fitopatologico*, 3: 32-34.

SZADZIEWSKI R. & DOMINIAK P., 2006. New synonyms of European Ceratopogonidae (Diptera). *Annales Zoologici*, 56: 139-146.

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19) *Forcipomyia (Synthridomyia) murina* (Winnertz, 1852) (Diptera Ceratopogonidae)

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

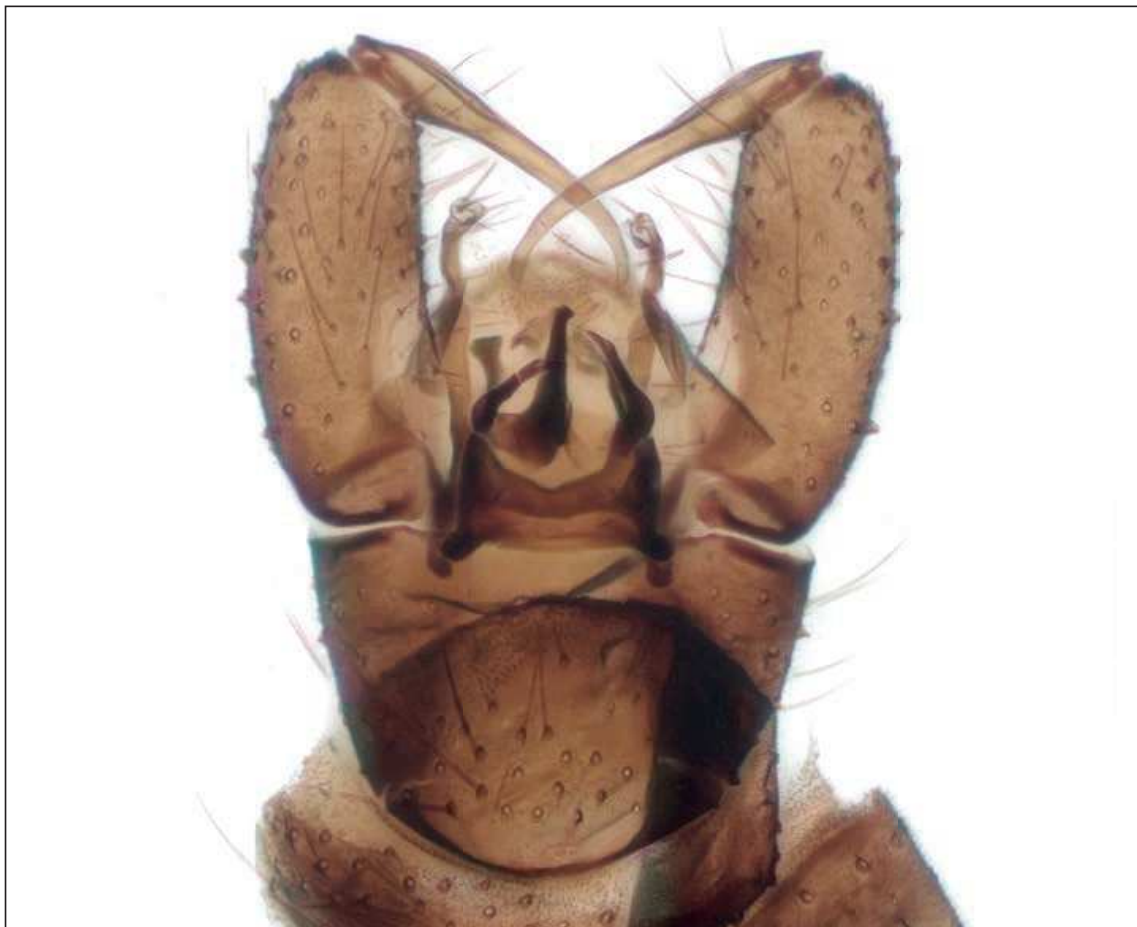
**Number of individuals:** 1 male (housed in collection of Patrycja Dominiak)

**Site location:** Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 23.II.2022

**Notes of the observer:** specimen sent to Patrycja Dominiak for identification

**Records validated by** Patrycja Dominiak



*Forcipomyia murina* male genitalia Private collection Patrycja Dominiak, 23.II.2022 (leg. Angelo Ditta)

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record for Sicily (NAVAI & SZADZIEWSKI, 2016).

**Reference**

NAVAI S. & SZADZIEWSKI R., 2016. Biting modges of the genus *Forcipomyia* Meigen (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). *Studia Dipterologica*, 21: 65-95.

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**20)** *Forcipomyia (Euprojoannisia) psilonota* (Kieffer, 1911) (Diptera Ceratopogonidae)

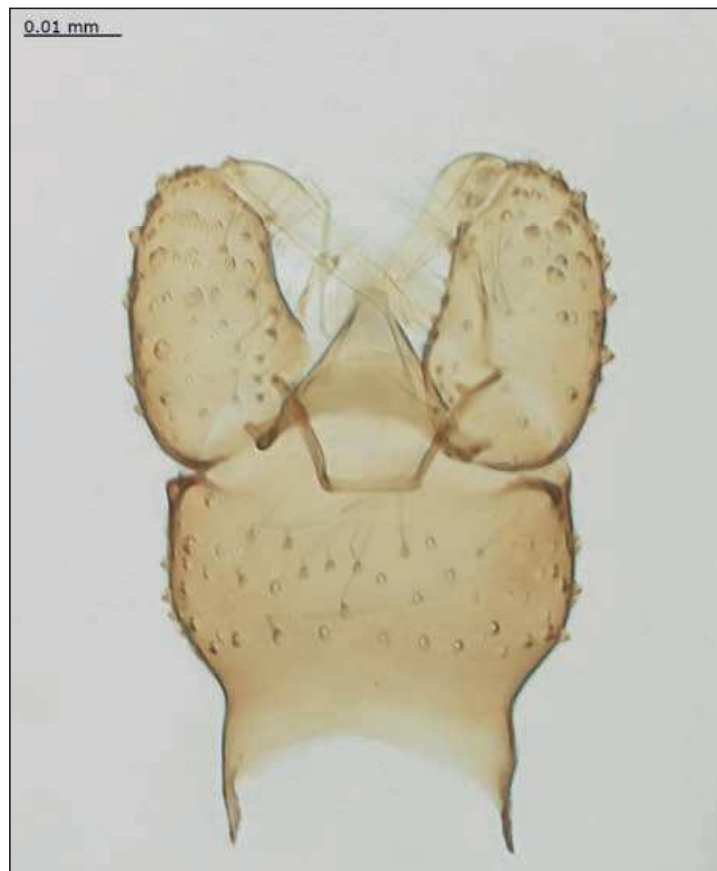
**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area

**Number of individuals:** 3 male (housed in collection of Patrycja Dominiak)

**Site location:** Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 15.I.2021; 26.II.2022 (2m)



*Forcipomyia psilonota* male genitalia Private collection Patrycja Dominiak, 15.I.2021 (leg. Angelo Ditta)

**Notes of the observer:** specimen sent to Patrycja Dominiak for identification

**Records validated by** Patrycja Dominiak

**Reasons of interest:** This is the first record for Sicily.

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ALWIN-KOWNACKA A., SZADZIEWSKI R. & SZWEDO J., 2016. Biting midges of the subfamily *Forcipomyiinae* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) from the Middle East, with keys and descriptions of new species. *Zootaxa*, 4173(4): 351-378. doi: 10.11646/zootaxa.4173.4.2. PMID: 27811827.

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**21)** *Incertana drepanensis* (Massa, Fontana & Buzzetti, 2006) (Orthoptera Tettigoniidae)

**Source:** author

**Category:** Species of unusual occurrence for a given area



*Incertana drepanensis* female, 8.IX.2021 (leg. Angelo Ditta)



**Number of individuals:** 1 female (housed in collection of B. Massa)

**Site location:** Contrada Santa Maria - Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)

**Date of observation:** 8.IX.2021 (f); 20.VIII.2022 (m)

**Notes of the observer:** specimens identified by Bruno Massa

**Records validated by** Bruno Massa

**Reasons of interest:** The species is reported for Sicily only from three localities. It is the fourth locality for this local endemism. The observation took place next to a stream suggesting a predilection by this species for humid environments.

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