



Morphology and Cytology of Oriental *Chironomus* species

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This version is updated from the previous version (v0220) particularly by additional information on the genus *Einfeldia* but is still far from complete and the number of valid species from the region is still uncertain.

It is also a compromise between the species of the genus *Chironomus* recorded and those for which cytological confirmation exists, found in India, South East Asia, China and Japan, i.e. the Oriental region as used here largely corresponds to that defined by Heiser and Schmitt (2013) on the basis of the distribution of Odonata.

Also included are two genera that have been considered as subgenera of *Chironomus*, with most known species originally described in that genus. These genera are *Einfeldia* and *Benthalia*, with much confusion as to which genus the species actually belong.

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thummi-cytocomplex species

- C. (Lobochironomus) dorsalis* Meigen (as *C. longipes* Staeger)
- C. javanus* Kieffer 1924
- C. novosibiricus* Kiknadze, Siirin, Kerkis & Aimanova 1993
- C. pulcher* (?) Weidemann 1830
- C. riparius* Meigen 1804
- C. salinarius* Kieffer 1915
- C. sinicus* Kiknadze *et al.* 2005
- C. stigmaterus* (not Say) – misidentification by Chavan *et al.* 2013
- C. suwai* Golygina & Martin 2003

pseudothummi-cytocomplex species

- C. acerbiphilus* Tokunaga 1939
- C. alpestris* Goetghebuer 1934
- C. apicatus* Johannsen 1932
- C. circumdatus* (Kieffer 1916)
- C. costatus* Johannsen 1932
- C. crassiforceps* Kieffer 1916

- C. flaviplumus* Tokunaga 1940 (*C. flaviplumus* Type A)
C. flaviplumus Type B
C. flaviplumus Type C (from China) [see 'C. orientalis'](#)
C. nr flaviplumus (from India)
C. incertipennis Chaudhuri & Das 1996 (formerly *C. niger* Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992)
C. incertipennis auctt. nec Chaudhuri & Das 1996 – see *C. flaviplumus* Type B
C. kiiensis Tokunaga 1936. [Junior synonym of C. striatipennis](#)
Chironomus nippodorsalis Sasa 1979
C. 'orientalis' – manuscript name.
C. ramosus Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992
C. samoensis Edwards 1928- not Oriental but included to clarify the differences from the species to which this name has been applied (*C. flaviplumus*, *C. nr flaviplumus*, *C. indiaensis* and *C. 'orientalis'*).
'*C. samoensis*' auctt. nec Edwards.
C. striatipennis Kieffer 1910
C. striatipennis Type 2
C. yoshimatsui Martin & Sublette 1972
C. sp. DSC1
C. sp. PK5 (syn. of *C. alpestris*)
C. sp. PK6 (probable member of the *C. flaviplumus*-complex)
C. sp. R&S (possibly conspecific with *C. circumdatus*)
C. sp. SS (related to sp.PK6?)

camptochironomus-cytocomplex

- C. biwaprimus* Sasa & Kawai 1987
C. mongolabeus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. mongolbeceus Sasa & Suzuki 1997

Cytology Unknown

- C. acutus* Das *et al.* 2016 (junior homonym of *C. acutus* Goetghebuer 1928 - [New name required.](#))
C. alternus Das *et al.* 2016
C. atrosignatus Kieffer 1911
C. (Lobochironomus) bifidus Pal & Hazra 2017 – description of pupa suggests this is not *Chironomus*.
C. bharati Singh & Kulshrestha 1976
C. bipunctus Johannsen 1932
C. brevistylus Guha *et al.* 1985
C. claggi Tokunaga 1964
C. clavipennis Das *et al.* 2016
C. confectus Das *et al.* 2016
C. culterus Das *et al.* 2016
C. flavitibia Johannsen 1932
C. formosae Kieffer 1912
C. fortibracchius Das *et al.* 2016
C. fortistylus Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992
C. fujisecondus Sasa 1985
C. fujitertius Sasa 1985 (the “lowland form” of *C. nipponensis*)
C. fusciceps Yamamoto 1990

- C. hemicyclius* Das *et al.* 2016
C. inabeus Sasa, Kitami & Suzuki 2001
C. inabeceus Sasa, Kitami & Suzuki 2001
C. incertus Kieffer 1924, as subgenus *Camptochironomus*. [New name required.](#)
C. indiaensis Martin 2011(formerly *C. samoensis* sensu Chattopadhyay *et al.*)
C. lurilatus Das *et al.* 2016
C. mayri Majumdar, Mazumdar & Chaudhuri 2009
C. mongolcedeus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. mongoldeceus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. mongolefeus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. mongolgeheus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. mongolheus Sasa & Suzuki 1997
C. nippodorsalis Sasa 1979
C. nipponensis Tokunaga 1940 (the “highland form”)
C. nudipes Kieffer 1911
C. (Lobochironomus) ocellatus (Hashimoto, 1985)
C. okinawanus Hasegawa & Sasa 1987
C. palpalis Johansen 1932
C. quadratus Johannsen 1932
C. securis Konar 2018 - probably *Kiefferulus*
C. sp. “shimantoabeus” Sasa, *et al.* 1998 (intersex of ‘nippodorsalis-group’)
C. simantobeceus Sasa *et al.* 1998
C. sollicitus Hirvenoja 1962
C. sulfurosus Yamamoto 1992
C. tokarabeceus Sasa & Suzuki 1995
C. trinigrivittatus Tokunaga 1940
C. tusimaabneus Sasa & Suzuki 1999
C. uncinus Konar 2018 - unlikely to be *Chironomus*
C. uttarpradeshensis Singh & Kulshretha 1976

Subgenus *Chaetolabis*

- C. (?Chaetolabis) echizensis* Sasa 1994
C. (Chaetolabis) macani Freeman 1948

Subgenus *Lobochironomus*

See entries above (bifidus, dorsalis, ocellatus)

The following species are no longer considered to be in the genus *Chironomus* but are included because of the current confusion surrounding their accurate identification:

Einfeldia

- E. kanazawai* Yamamoto, 1996 (placed in *Chironomus* by Yamamoto *et al.* (2015), but in the absence of any information about the larvae, the illustrations suggest this species was correctly in *Einfeldia*.
E. ocellata Hashimoto 1985 - probably *C. (Lobochironomus)*. (see above)
E. pagana (Meigen 1838). There is considerable confusion that exists as to the identity and distinguishing characters of this species and those in *Benthalia*. At least some of the Japanese material requires a new name, see *E. sasai* (below).
E. pritiensis Singh & Rawal 2016.
E. sasai Yamamoto & Yamamoto, 2018.

Benthalia

Currently only two species are accepted as occurring in this region:

B. carbonaria (Meigen 1804) but this should be considered to be just a group name (see below).

B. dissidens (Walker 1856) – but this may be a synonym of *B. carbonaria* (or a member of the *carbonaria*-group?)

B. dystenus (Kieffer 1916) (description insufficient to identify the species)

Four species can be recognised from data in the BOLD database:

B. species 1.

B. species 2.

B. species 3.

B. species 4.

There is also a long list of species described as *Chironomus* or *Tendipes* from the Oriental region that were classed as “Unplaced Chironomini” or “Nomina Dubia” by Sublette and Sublette (1973).

Species Descriptions

In general, the morphological terminology used in this document follows Sæther (1980), Webb & Scholl (1985) and Vallenduuk & Moller Pillot (1997).

In the adult descriptions reference is made to the types of superior volsella shape as recognized by Strenzke (1959). This is a helpful initial classification, but experience has shown that the types are not discrete but are part of a continuum. The three categories as described by Strenzke are:

S-type: The SVo is shoe shaped, i.e. it is drawn out distal-medially into a broad, rounded lobe (Fig. a-c, below) (Strenzke’s figure suggests the most distal point will be at the toe of the shoe),

D-type: The SVo is ribbon-like: distally it may have a weakly thickened shoulder (Fig. d, below) (most distal point is not at the internal margin), or bent in a shallow sickle-shape (Fig. e-f, below).

E-type: The SVo has the form of an elephant’s tusk; distally it is sharply graded to a point, or with an expanded knob (Fig. g-i, below) (line from base to most distal point goes outside the limits of the SVo).



Abb. 4. Grundformen der Claspette des *Chironomus*-Hypopygys (♂). a—c S-Typ (a *halophilus*, b *thummi thummi*, c *luridus*), d—f D-Typ (d, e *dorsalis*, f *striatus*), g—i E-Typ (g *cingulatus*, h *salinarius*, i *annularius*).

In the following descriptions, reference is made to the larval type. The scheme used here is the revision of older classifications as proposed by Proulx *et al.* (2013). The categories are:

Lacking posterolateral (PLT) and ventral tubules (VT):

salinarius - posterior prolegs of usual dimensions, about 2 times longer than wide
A new variant of this type has been defined: **yama**, where posterior prolegs long and narrow, as in Tanypodines, about 4 times longer than wide, while the anal tubules are arranged in a star-shape (Martin & Chingambam (2016).

Lacking PLT:

halophilus - anterior VT very short or absent, posterior VT short

bathophilus – moderate to long, essentially straight VT.

fluviatilis - VT slightly curved and coming to a point at ends. (often hard to distinguish from bathophilus-type, particularly in some fixed material)

thummi – long, anterior VT with 'elbows', posterior VT coiled

Possessing PLT:

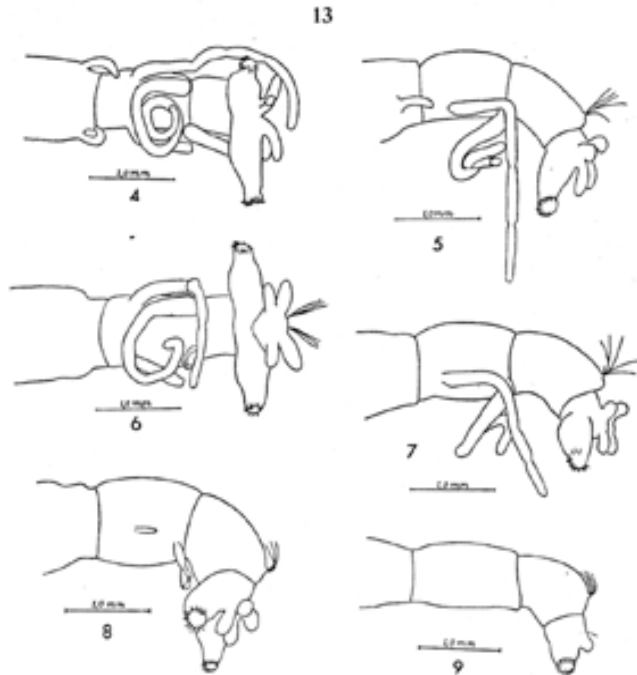
reductus – lacking ventral tubules.

semireductus – short, straight or slightly curved VT.

melanotus – moderate to long, essentially straight VT.

plumosus – long, anterior VT with 'elbows', posterior VT coiled.

“short” is generally less than the width of segment 11.



Figs. 4–9. Hind parts of larvae.

4. plumosus type (total length 15 cm; loc. 12; 13.VII.1943); ventral view; right tubuli cut off.
5. as 4, but seen from the left; left tubuli only drawn.
6. thummi type (total length 17 cm; loc. 1; 5.VII.1944) ventral view; right tubuli cut off.
7. as 6, but seen from the left; left tubuli only drawn.
8. halophilus type (total length 12 cm; the fjord; 27.IV.1942); seen from the left, slightly from the ventral side.
9. salinarius type (total length 15 cm; the fjord; 27.IV.1942); seen from the left.

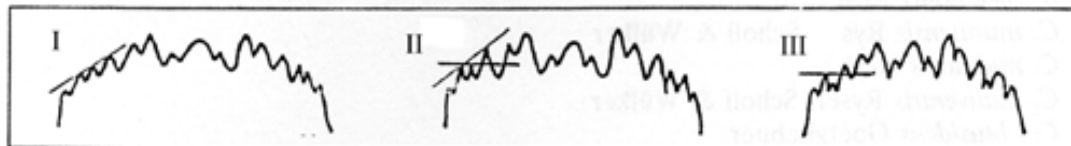
Reference is also made to the mentum and mandible types originally devised by Webb & Scholl (1985), Vallenduuk & Moller Pillot (1997) and Proulx *et al.* (2013). These classifications were made for relatively small numbers of species, but with the much larger number of species they do not cover all the variability seen in these characters and so further modification has been necessary. As well a ventromental character is included

The **mentum type** is defined only by the degree of development of the 4th lateral teeth:

Type I - height in same line as the rest of the lateral teeth;

Type II - 4th laterals reduced, height about equal to that of the 5th laterals;

Type III - 4th laterals further reduced, height less than that of the 5th laterals.



From Vallenduuk and Moller Pillot 1997

The **mentum** may be further classified by the characters of the **central trifold tooth**:

Type IA - c2 teeth only partially separate from c1, i.e. as shoulders on c1. (figure a)

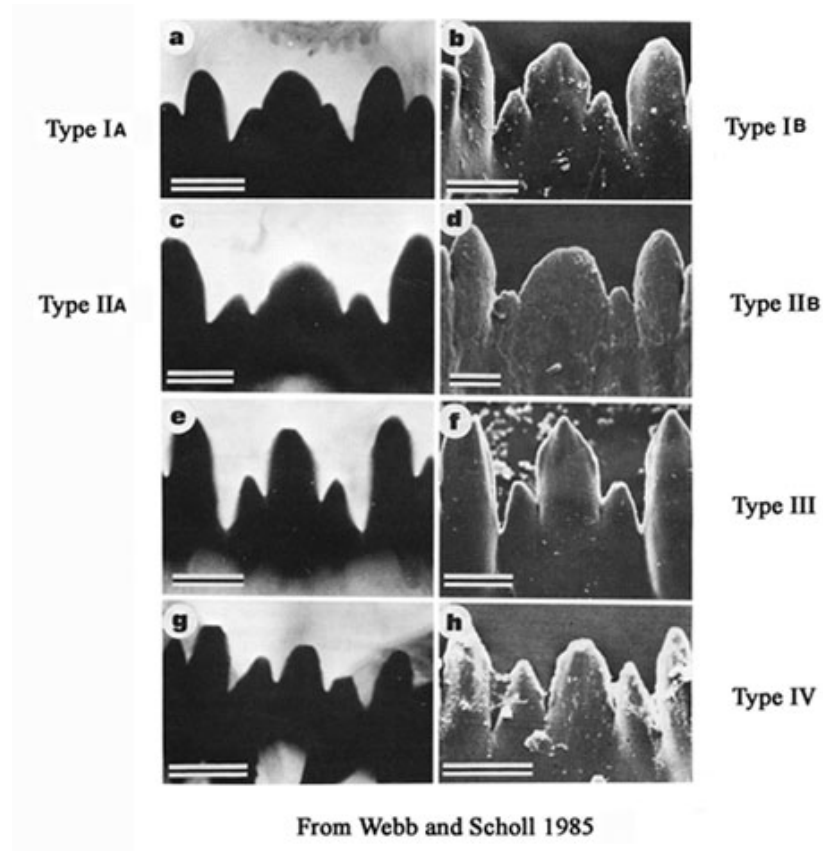
Type IB – c2 teeth slightly more separated (figure b).

Type IIA - c1 broad, c2 teeth distinctly separated (figure c).

Type IIB – c1 very broad, c2 less separated (figure d).

Type III - c1 tooth relatively narrow and much higher than the separated c2 teeth (figs e and f).

Type IV - c2 teeth well separated, not much lower than the relatively narrow c1 tooth (figs g and h).



The mandible type is defined by the degree of darkening and separation of the 3rd inner tooth. It appears preferable to consider these as separate characters:

Separation

Type I - almost completely fused on lower margin;

Type II - tooth partly free on lower margin;

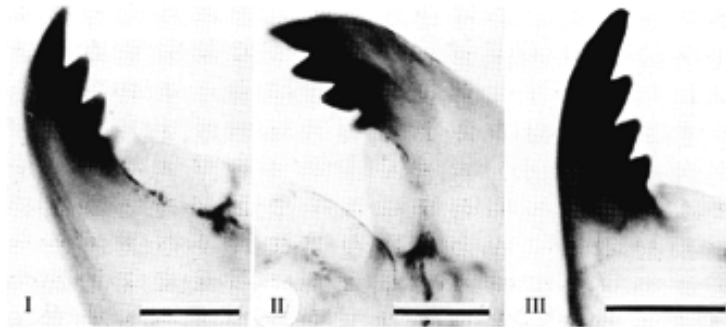
Type III - 3rd tooth completely separate.

Color

Type A – pale

Type B – slightly darkened

Type C – as dark as other teeth



From Webb and Scholl 1985.

I – type IA; II, type IIB; III – type IIIC

Mandible length and Mdt-Mat:

Mandible length is measured from the heel to the tip of the apical tooth.

Hirvenoja and Michailova (1998) illustrated that the distance between the tip of the dorsal tooth and the apical tooth could differ between related species (Mdt-Mat) (blue line in figure below).

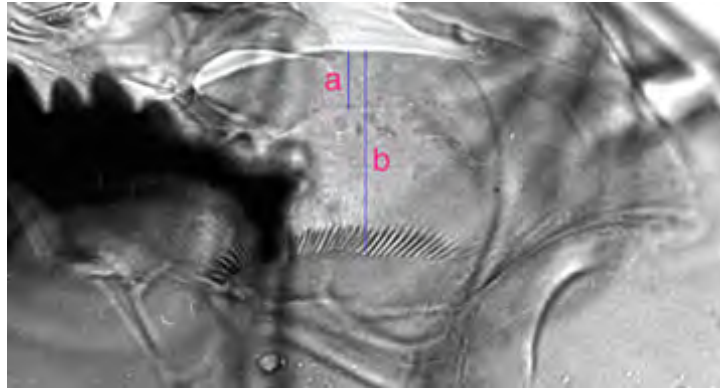


However for different sized species it may be preferable to divide this value by the length of the inner tooth row (black line in figure above) to obtain the MTR.

Ventromentum

There are several measures that can be made from the ventromental plates including VPA and the number of striae. Two others need some explanation:

Ventromental plate ratio (VMR) - ratio of the width of the marginal region of ventromentum (usually seen as a granular band under light microscopy) (**a** in figure below) to the distance from the anterior margin to the base of the striae (**b** in figure below).

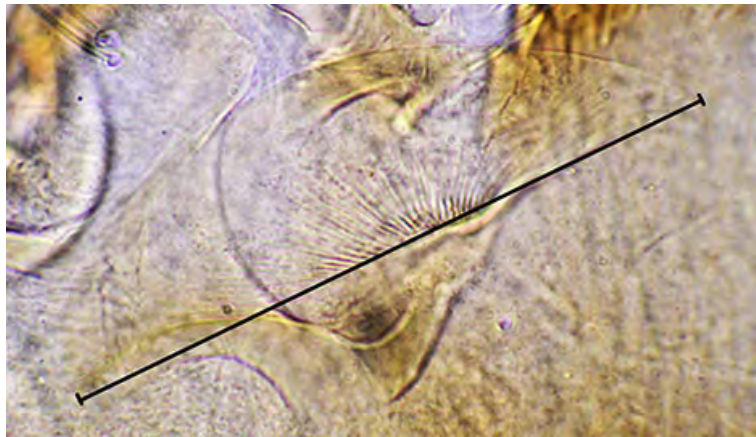


$$\text{VMR} = a/b$$

Note: 'b' is also used as a measure of the depth of the VM in comparing length to depth.

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VM length (VML) is measured directly from inner margin to outer margin:



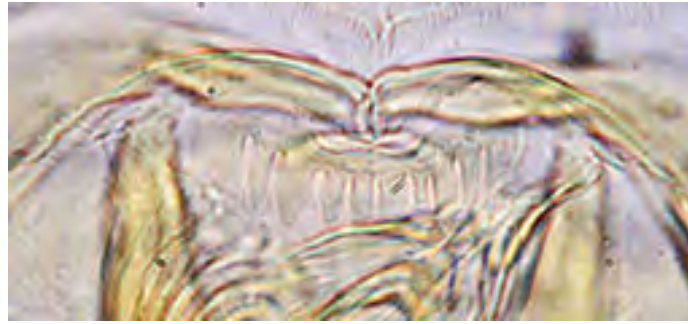
This seems preferable to the sometimes used 'horizontal length' which can be subject to parallax error and to the effects of rotation of the plates under pressure during slide mounting.

[Pecten epipharyngis](#) (PE) - Proulx *et al.* (2013) recognised 4 types of PE. These are useful if the teeth are not worn down, as they often are in older larvae.

Type A - fine sharp rather uniform teeth.



Type B - teeth broader but still sharp. Sometimes with one or two fine smaller teeth interspersed.



Type C - rounded and rather uniform. Worn type B teeth may be mistaken for this type.

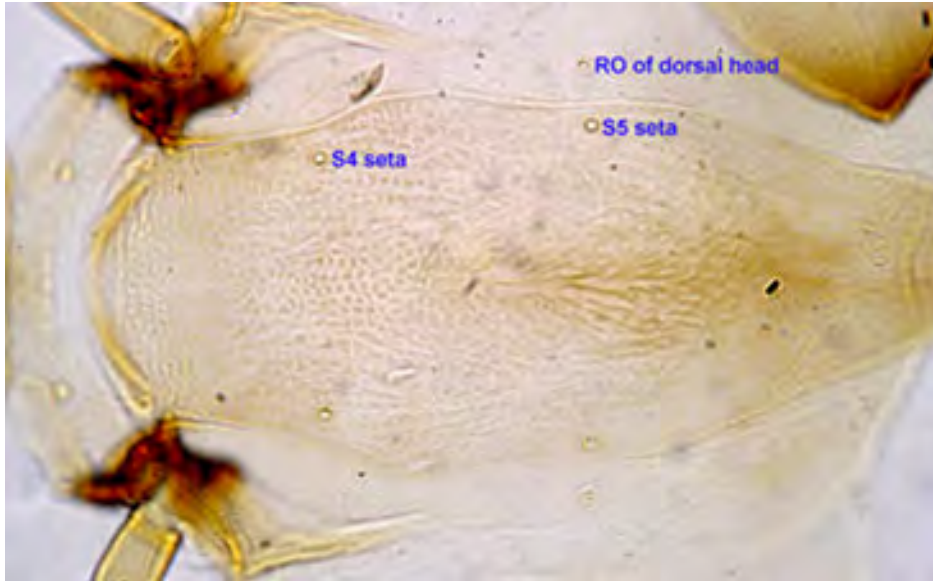


Type D - rounded teeth with smaller teeth interspersed (generally found in the subgenera *Lobochironomus* or *Chaetolabis*).



Relationship on the FC of the distance between antennal bases and distance between S4 setae

This character gives some indication of the shape of the anterior region of the FC: the amount and extent of the narrowing at the anterior end near the antennal bases, and where the S4 setae are in relation to the broadening of the clypeus (see figure below). This relationship can be further characterized by the distance of the S4 setae from the margins of the FC – most easily expressed by the fraction of the FC width between the two S4 setae. This has two components: how far the setae are from the FC margin, and how close they are to the widest point of the FC.



Frontoclypeus with approximately equal distance between antennal bases and S4 setae
Note also the barely visible 'ring organ' of Yamamoto et al. (2015), (more obvious at top)
immediately opposite the S5 setae. This is characteristic of the genus *Chironomus*.

Abbreviations:

AR – Antennal ratio. In larvae it is A1/A2-A5, measured only from the sclerotized parts of each segment as the soft tissue between each segment can stretch to different extents during slide mounting.

AT – Anal tubules

BOLD - Barcode of Life Database (<http://www.boldsystems.org/index.php>)

BR - Balbiani Ring

CBDB – Chironomid DNA Barcode Database

COI - Cytochrome oxidase subunit I

FA - Frontoclypeal apotome (Frontoclypeus)

GC – Gonocoxite IX

GP – Gonopophesis VIII

GS – Gonostylus

IPD – Inter-plate distance i.e. distance between the Ventromental Plates

IVo - Inferior volsella

Mt – Mitochondrial

Mdt-Mat – distance from the tip of dorsal tooth to the tip of apical tooth of the mandible.

MTR – Mdt-Mat divided by length of inner tooth row

MW – width of Mentum N – Nucleolus (i.e. the sac produced by an active NOR)

NOR – Nucleolar Organizing Region (i.e. the chromosomal locus capable of producing a nucleolus)

PE - Pecten epipharyngis

PLT - Posterolateral tubules

PM – Premandible

PMa – Pecten manibularis

PSA – Pedes spurii A

PSB – Pedes spurii B

SCf - Sensilla campaniformia (on brachiolum)

RO - Ring organ

SVo - Superior volsella

VHL - Ventral Head Length

VM – Ventromentum

VMR – Ventromental Plate Ratio

VT - Ventral tubules.

ı - occurrence not confirmed

Species of the thummi-cytocomplex:

***Chironomus (Lobochironomus) dorsalis* (Meigen 1818)**

Described from Japan as *C. longipes* Staeger, which is currently considered to be a synonym of *C. dorsalis*. Epler (2001) did not accept the synonymy of *C. dorsalis* and *C. longipes*, considering that *C. dorsalis* was *Einfeldia*, but *C. longipes* was *Lobochironomus*. However Spies and Sæther (2004) confirmed this synonymy. However it remains to be clarified whether all specimens do belong to a single species and whether either *C. dorsalis* or *C. longipes* occur in Asia

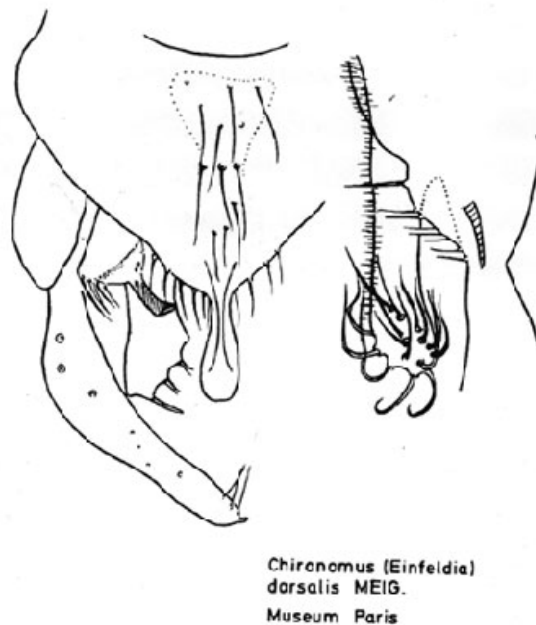
Doubtfull synonymy: *Einfeldia ocellata* Hashimoto 1985 (see under *C. ocellatus*)
Chironomus longipes sensu Shilova 1980 – needs to be renamed (Vallenduuk & Langton, 2010)

The name *Chironomus dorsalis* was misapplied to a *Chironomus* (*s.s.*) species by Edwards (1929). After re-examination of the type specimen (see below), *C. dorsalis* Meigen was placed in *Einfeldia*, but later recognized as a member of the new subgenus *Lobochironomus* of *Chironomus* by Ryser, Wuelker and Scholl (1985).

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In BOLD Bin: **BOLD:AAW3454** as *C. longipes*

However this appears to be a misidentification, as specimens in this Bin are a form of *Benthalia* (see *Benthalia* sp. 3, below)



Male terminalia drawn from type specimen in the Paris museum

Adults of North American specimens were described by Townes (1945) as *Tendipes* (*Einfeldia*) *dorsalis*:

Male: Wing length 3.2 mm; LR 1.7; AR 3.0, frontal tubercles minute, fore tarsus without beard.

Pale green, with thoracic markings, etc., ochraceous; apical segments of tarsi brown; abdominal tergites each with a central brown mark over most of the length of the segment, apical tergites entirely brown. About 9 setae in a single triangular area on tergite IX. IVo longer than the anal point, reaching to about the middle of the moderately swollen gonostyle, which narrows over the posterior half. SVo on a triangular base with the chitinised apical part with a sharply bent end; D-type (by definition) of Strenzke (1959).

Female: Similar to male except for the usual sexual differences.

Pupa (from Langton & Visser (2003): Length 5.0-5.4 mm.

Cephalic tubercles 75x55 μm , frontal setae 43 μm .

Basal ring of thoracic horn 78-97 x 33-40 μm . Thoracic granulation well-developed anteriorly and along suture, evanescent elsewhere.

Abdomen: Hook row of segment 2 complete, 50-66 hooks in row 0,45-0.48 of the width of the segment.

Abdomen colorless with sooty markings. The point patches are strong points, increasing in size posteriorly, and increase in extent from tergite II to V, but is reduced on VI. Spur of Segment VIII with 1 stout tooth and occasionally a small accessory tooth. Anal lobe with a fringe of 43-50 taeniae.

Fourth instar larva a medium (female about 7.2 mm) melanotus-type (with small

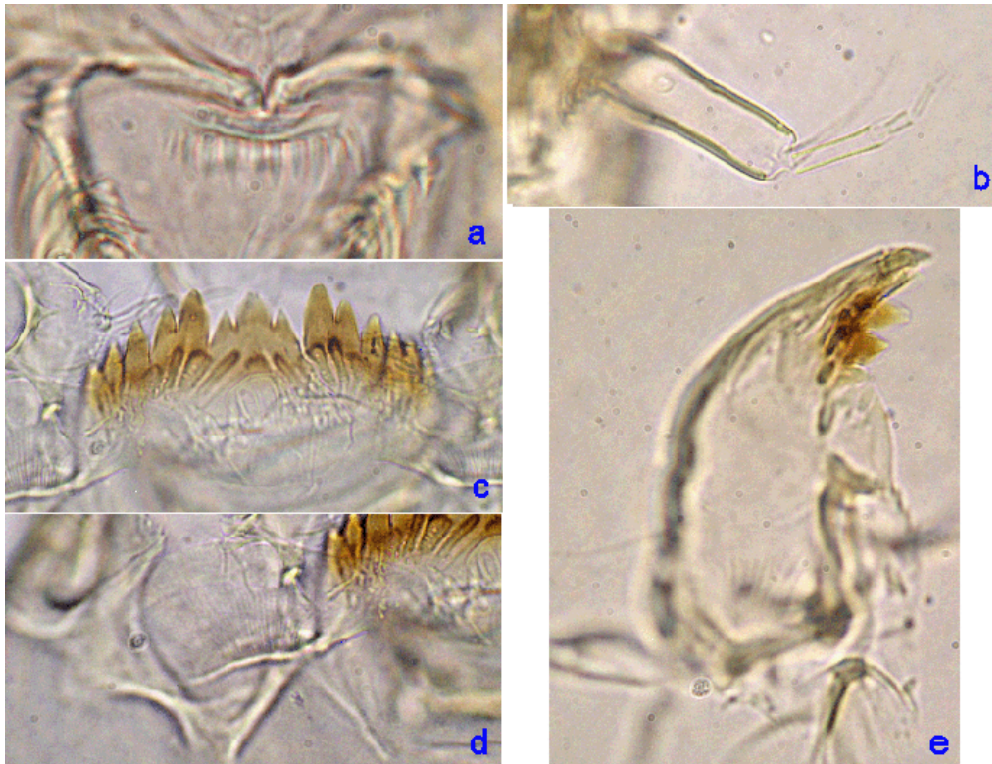
lateral tubule to about 160 μm) and well developed VT, anterior pair shorter (ant. 1.2 mm; post 1.36 mm). Gula and FC not darkened. AT about 250 μm , 3 times longer than wide. Mentum (c, below) with 4th lateral slightly reduced (type I-II), c1 relatively narrow and tall, with c2 teeth relatively well separated (type III).

Ventromental plates (d, below) about 3.7 times wider than deep; separated by about 37-47% of mentum width; with about 42-47 closely spaced striae reaching about half way to smooth anterior margin.

PE (a, below) with about 20- 21 teeth (14 normal teeth, the others thinner teeth interspersed between the normal teeth). Premandible teeth sharp, the longer inner tooth about 50% wider than the outer tooth.

Antenna (Fig. b, below) with basal segment 3.25-3.85 times longer than wide; A2 quite long compared to A1 (A1/A2 only about 2.8); AR about 1.18-1.35; ratio of segments (micron) 90 : 32 : 8 : 13: 6.

Mandible (e, below) with third inner tooth partly separated and slightly darkened (type IIB), and with 12-15 furrows on outer surface at base.



Cytology: (based on North American material) 4 polytene chromosomes with the thummi-cytocomplex combination AB, CD, EF, G. Arm G with a subterminal nucleolus, a large BR just proximal to it and another BR near other end of chromosome. Other nucleoli on arms B and D.

Arm A: Only a few bands of the Keyl system can be recognized, such as 15-19 proximally.

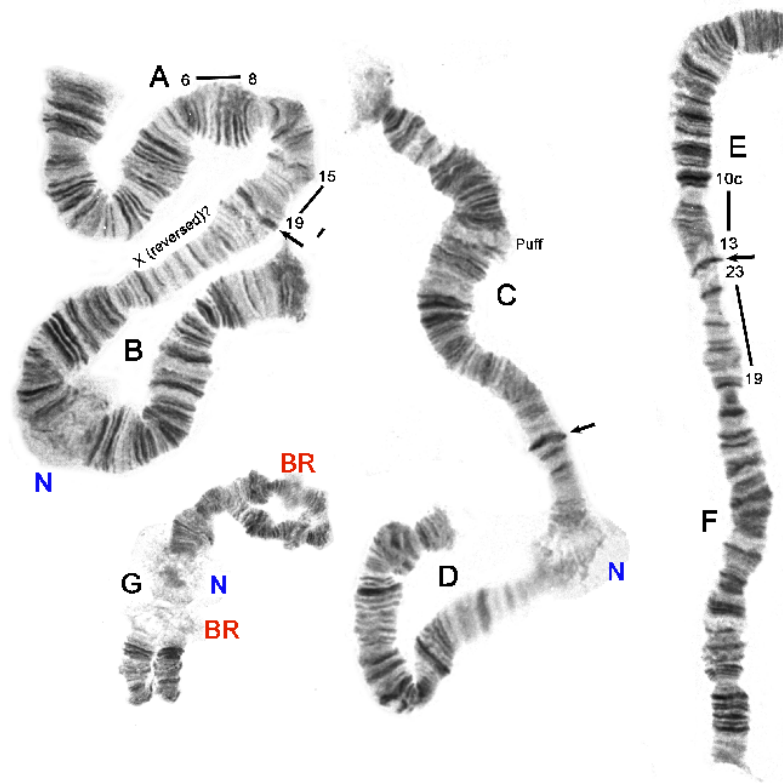
Arm B: Nucleolus (could be the “BR” found in other *Lobochironomus* species) near middle of the arm, typical bands 24-28 slightly removed from the centromere (region “X” of Ryser *et al.* (1985) reversed?).

Arm C: Large puff about one third from distal end.

Arm D: Nucleolus near the centromere.

Arm E: possibly 1-3c, 9-10a, 8i-a, 3d, 10b, 5-7, 4-3f, 10c-13.

Arm F: Bands 8-9 about one third from centromere.



Found: Type locality - not given (?France).
 Type locality (*C. longipes*) – Denmark
 India – (BOLD)(needs to be confirmed)
 Japan (as *C. longipes*) but really *Benthalia* sp. 3 – Wakaguri (36.444°N, 140.083°E),
 Tsukuba, Kanto (NIES) (see above)

***Chironomus novosibiricus* Kiknadze et al. 1993**

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW4007](#)

Originally described from Siberia, the presence of this species in China was demonstrated by Song *et al.* (2022).

This species has previously been placed in the camptochironomus-cytocomplex but molecular data from Guryev *et al.* (2001) points to the conclusion that this species has a different origin related to the thummi-cytocomplex (see below).

Adult:

Based on Siberian specimens:

Male. Medium size, length 6-7 mm. AR-3.7. Thorax yellowish, bands and scutellum dark brown or black, postnotum dark; abdominal segments II-V with a broad blackish brown band at base and a distal yellowish band; segments VI-IX completely dark.

Legs yellowish, knees and tarsi slightly darkened, LR about 1.4.

Thoracic setae: dorsocentral - 29 (26-36); prealar - 6.5 (5-6); scutellar – 35 (33-49).

Unlike other species with the camptochironomus chromosome arm combination, this species has a normal hypopygium structure (below).



From Song *et al.* 2022

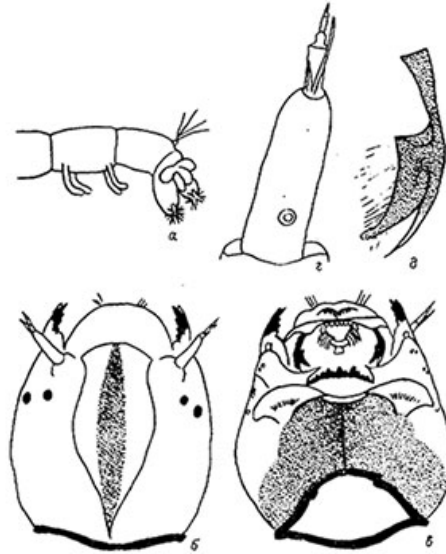
Tergite IX with about 9-10 setae in several pale areas. Anal point broad, SVo broad, E-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo curved slightly outwards, longer than anal point and reaching about to middle of the gonostyle which is moderately broadened and narrows over distal third.

Female and Pupa: No information.

Fourth instar larva: (from Russian specimens) Length about 11-13 mm. Some details can be determined from the figure (below). A bathophilus-type larva with short ventral tubules (not as long as the hind prolegs), anal tubules short without median constriction.

Gula darkened over most of its length, wider than mentum and lower at edges, widest at the posterior margin. Clypeus with dark central stripe. Antenna with RO in basal third, AR about 1.84; A1 about 3 times longer than wide.

Premandible with sharp teeth, inner tooth about 4 times wider than the outer, which narrows markedly along its length.



From Kiknadze *et al.* 1993

Cytology: Three polytene chromosomes with the modified arm combination AB, CF, DEG. This is unlikely to have derived by the modification of the camptochironomus-cytocomplex. The cytology of the Chinese specimens is not known, but it is assumed that it is essentially similar to that of the Siberian populations. The following description is for those Siberian populations.

Chromosomes AB and CF are metacentric, while DEG is submetacentric with the centromere at the junction of the arms D and E. The single nucleolus is on arm G near the fusion with arm E; the arm also has two BRs near its distal end. The large puff on arm B is distal with dark bands (groups 7-10?) proximal. Siberian populations are polymorphic for inversions in all arms except F and G.

novA1: 1a-2c, 12c-11a, 14h-13a, 4-9c, 2d-3, 10e-9d, 14i-19

novA2: 1a-2c, 6d-9c, 2d-3i, 12c-11, 9d-10, 6c-4a, 13a-19

novB1: not mapped

novB2: inversion of about half the arm with one break about 12 bands from the centromere.

novC1: 1a-3c, 15e-14, 10-8, 12-13, 11a-h, 6b-4, 6gh, 17a-16, 7d-a, 6f-c, 17b-22

novC2: 1a-3c, 4-6b, 11f-a, 13-12, 8-10, 14-15a, 6gh, 17a-16, 7d-a, 6f-c, 17b-22

novD1: 1a-3, 18d-a, 8-10c, 14hg, 19e-18e, 17-15, 14f-10d, 4-7, 19f-24

novD2: 1a-3, 18d-a 8a-10c 14h-10d 4-7, 15-17, 18e-24

novD3: not mapped

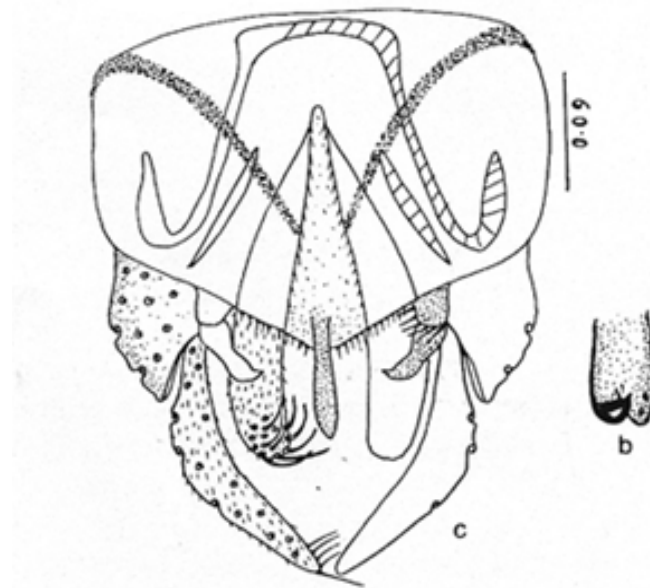
novE1: 1a-c, 3f-4, 1d-2, 10b-5, 3e-a, 10c-13

novE2: 1a-c, 10b-5, 3e-a, 2e-1d, 4-3f, 10c-13

novF1: 1a-d, 18-19, 7-8d, 14-11d, 17-15, 10d-a, 8e-9, 6e-1e, 20-23

novG1: not mapped

(from Kiknadze *et al.* 2016)



Male: Body length 4.78-4.85 mm; wing 3.19 mm long, 0.58 mm wide; VR abt 1.04. AR abt 3.43.

Head: Yellowish brown, antennae and palps brown; frontal tubercles present; clypeus with 18-20 setae. Ratio of maxillary palp segments: 8 : 12: 42 : 40 : 60 - P5/P4 1.5; P5/P3 1.43.

Thorax: Greenish yellow, mesoscutum with 3 dark yellow vittae.

Setae: Acrostichals 16, dorsocentrals 14-15, humerals 2, prealars 4, scutellar 12.

Legs: Yellowish green, tarsal segments slightly darker at apices.

Fore tibia with blunt scale (see b above) with 2 long setae.

Anterior LR abt 1.54; mid LR abt 0.63, hind LR abt 0.69.

Abdomen: Tergites greenish yellow with slightly darker markings on the middorsal line.

Hypopygium as illustrated above, anal point narrow, slightly expanded subapically; SVo of D-type. GS narrows over posterior half.

Pupa (from Dejoux 1968): length about 9-10 mm. Spur with 1-2 spines.

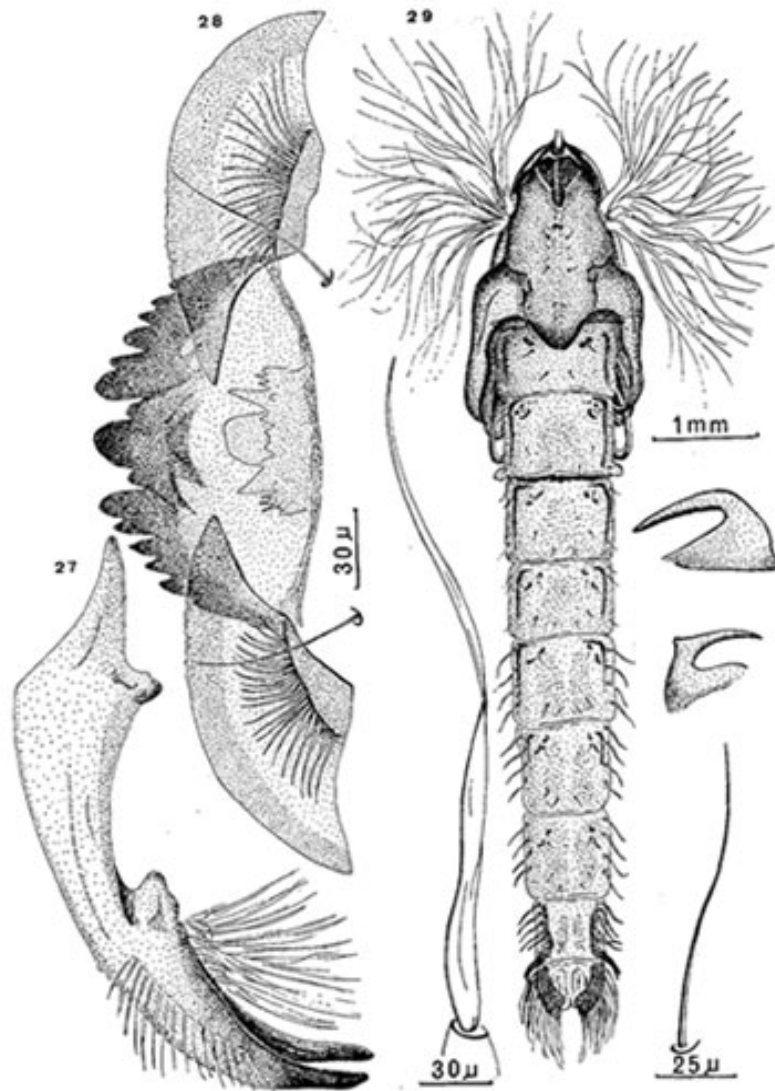


Fig. 27 *Chironomus pulcher*, prémandibule larvaire.
 Fig. 28. *Chironomus pulcher*, labium et plaques paralabiales larvaires.
 Fig. 29. *Chironomus pulcher*, nymphe en vue dorsale; à gauche, soie fine des premiers segments abdominaux; à droite, grande soie latérale des derniers segments abdominaux et crochets de l'armature chitineuse du deuxième segment abdominal.

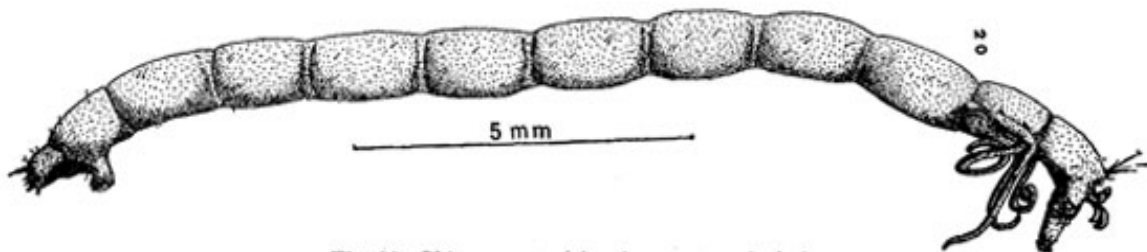


Fig. 20. *Chironomus pulcher*, larve en vue latérale.

Fourth instar larva: A plumosus-type larva. No other information on larvae from India or the oriental region known, so information from African specimens: Length 15-16 mm. Gula darkened. Lateral tubules about 0.8-1.0 mm long, ventral tubules coiled in the typical

plumosus-type manner, posterior pair longer. Anal tubules 1.5-1.8 mm long, dorsal pair with a constriction in the middle, ventral pair longer and more or less straight.

Mentum with 4th laterals hardly reduced (type I), central trifid tooth probably of type III.

Ventromentum about 2.6x longer than depth, Dejoux's figure suggests about 23 striae; VMR about 3. PE with about 13 broad sharp teeth (type B).

Antenna with A1 about 3 times longer than wide, RO about a third up from the base; AR about 3.5, segment lengths (micron) 120 : 17 : 5 : 9; 3; the blade reaching to the last segment.

Premandible with teeth about equal length, inner tooth perhaps 4 times wider than outer

Mandible with 3rd inner tooth separated and darkened (type IIIC).

Cytology: Wülker et al. (2011) have given a description of the banding sequences of specimens tentatively described as *C. pulcher* from Kenya in Africa.

Three polytene chromosomes with the modified thummi cytochrome arm combination AB, CD, FEG.

Centromeric bands not heterochromatic, nucleolus terminal in arm F, but nucleolus-like bodies at the ends of arms A, B, and G.

pulA1: 1 - 3, 8 - 6, 16d - 17, 11e - 9, 4ab, 5 - 4c, 16c - 12, 18 - 19

pulB1: Characteristic bands near centromere, puff developed about 1/3 from distal end.

pulC1:

pucC2: Inversion of most of the arm.

pucD1: 1 - 3, 11 - 12, 10e-a, 13 - 19b, 4 - 9, 19c - 24

pulE1: 1 - 2, 6e - 4, 13 - 12, 3f-a, 6f - 11, 13

pulF1: 1 - 10, 19 - 11, 20 - 23(N)

pulG1: Large BR near site of fusion, small BR or puff in center of the arm, with a possible small nucleolus at the telomeric end.

Found: India: - Burdwan, West Bengal.

Kenya - nr. River Athi, s. Nairobi (Wülker *et al.* 2011).

South Africa - "Cape" (Type locality)

Morphology described by Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992. Possible cytology by Wülker *et al.* (2011).

***Chironomus riparius* Meigen, 1804**

Possible synonym – *Chironomus ginzanbeceus* Sasa & Suzuki (2001) (Yamamoto, unpubl.)

This species is in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAA7263](#)

Adult (based on U.S. material)

Male : Wing length about 3.7-4.3 mm., width abt. 1.05 mm. AR 3.2–3.6. LR about 1.6-2.95.

Ground color pale to dark brown, thoracic markings red-brown to blackish brown; legs pale green to light brown towards their bases, tarsal segments darker; abdomen brown to blackish, apical 0.25 of each tergite pruinose and pale.

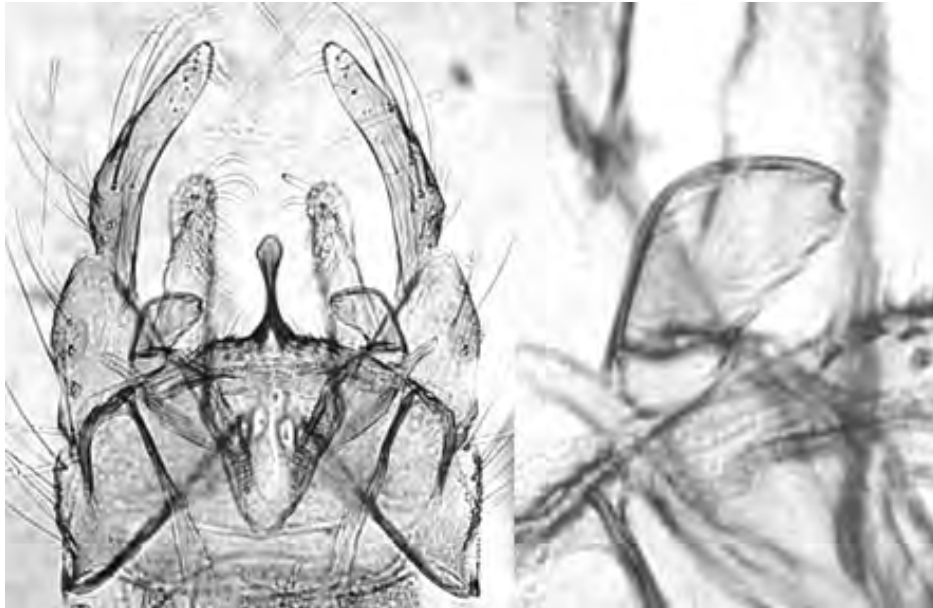
Specimens from colder habitats are darker.

Head: Frontal tubercles small 10-30 x 15 μm (l/w 1.5-2), clypeus rather small (0.66-0.72 of diameter of antennal pedicel) with 34-39 setae. Palpal proportions (micron): 69 : 69 : 129 : 130 : 191 (P5/P4 – 1.47).

Some thoracic setae: Dorsocentral – 27-33; Prealar – 6-7; Supraalar - 1-2; Scutellar - about 24 setae; 9 in 2 rough anterior rows and 15 larger setae in posterior row.
 Leg lengths (micron) and proportions (1 specimen):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1530	1465	2005	1745	825	760	340	2.95	1.04	2.05-2.95
PII	1595	1595	925	530	385	260	185	0.58	1.0	
PIII	1870	1975	1330	810	610	365	220	0.67	0.95	

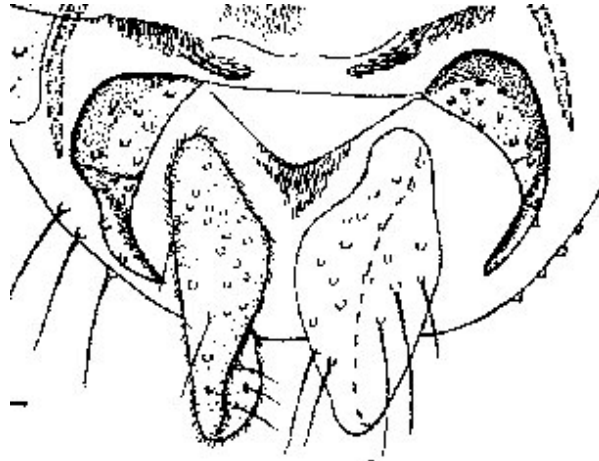
M sensCh 13-14; H sensCh 12-14



Terminalia of adult male

About 3–10 setae in individual pale spots (which may be closely packed) on tergite IX. The SVo is Strenzke’s S(b) type. IVo long, reaching to about middle of gonostyle, with simple setae. Gonostyle only moderately swollen and narrows gently from about midpoint or more rapidly over posterior 2/3. Anal point narrow at base and widening at distal end.

Female: According to Townes (1945), similar to male except for usual sexual differences. About 13 setae on the crescent shaped segment X, which is about 3.3 times longer than the greatest width. Morisch & Wülker (1987) Fig. 1 shows the cercus to have a relatively pointed posterior end, with a significant ventral bulge.



From Morisch & Wülker 1987

Found: **India** - unconfirmed record from Dharur, Beed, Maharashtra (Chavan *et al.* 2013).
Japan - Ginzan, Yoichi, Kamikawa (Sasa & Suzuki (2001); Lake Akan, Kushiro, Akan National Park; Shizunai River, Hidaka Gun, Tokachi, Obihiro; all Hokkaido.

***Chironomus salinarius* (Kieffer 1921)?**

This species may not be identical to the European species (see below)

From Sasa (1978):

Adult:

Male: Wing length 4.5 mm, width 0.21 of length; VR 0.92. AR 3.4

Color almost entirely brown, thoracic scutae hardly visible; legs uniformly dark brown, fore tarsus with long beard. Cross vein of wing conspicuously pigmented.

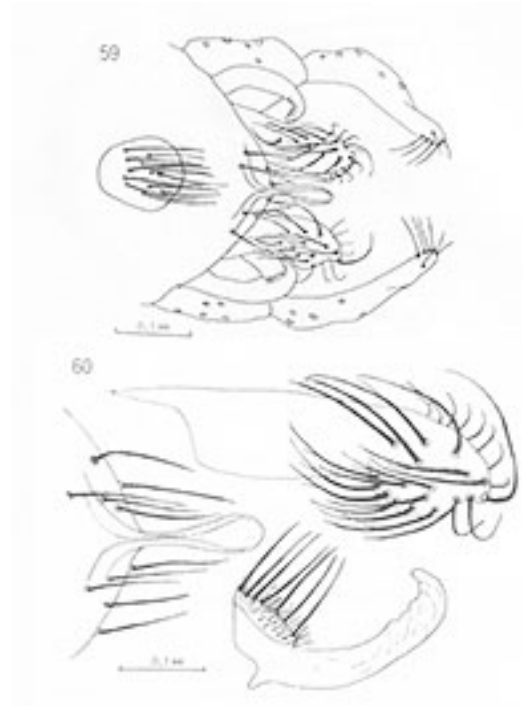
Head: Frontal tubercles 50 x 19 (2.63) μm. Palps (segs. 2-5) 90 : 250 : 250 : 320; P5/P4 & P5/P3 = 1.28.

Thoracic setae not listed.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti	BR
PI	1560	1590	2050	1170	920	760	340	1.3	0.98	0.21	4.6
PII	1760	1710	980	630	460	320	230	0.59	1.03	0.15	
PIII	1950	2030	1510	900	680	410	250	0.74	0.96	0.12	

Abdominal tergites almost entirely black, TIII-V with a faint pale band along caudal margin. TIX shown with about 12 setae in a single patch. Anal point narrow at base; SVo E-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo, with branched setae, reaching beyond the end of the end of the anal point to about the middle of the gonostylus, which is moderately expanded and narrows sharply over posterior third, about 4+2 setae at tip.



From Sasa 1978

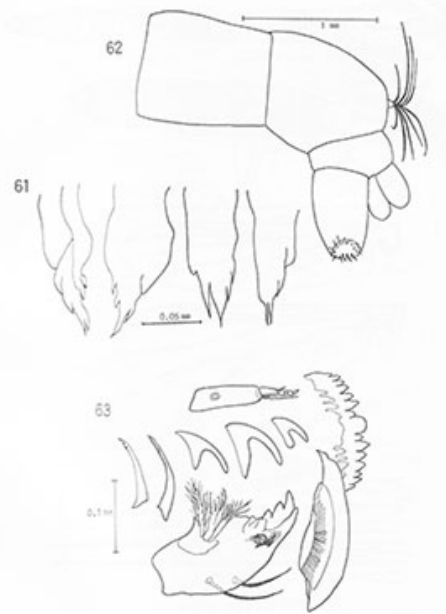
Female: Wing length 5.4 mm, width 1.35 mm, VR 0.94; coloration as male.
 Body coloration dark as in male.
 Antennal proportions (μm) 60 : 150 : 110 : 110 : 210. AR 0.49, A5/A1 3.5.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1660	1610	2200	1100	880	760	370	1.36-1.37	1.03	0.47
PII	1880	1830	1000	590	440	300	230	0.55	1.03	0.16
PIII	2030	2100	1460	880	660	390	270	0.70	0.97	0.19

Abdominal tergites almost entirely black, TI-II with inconspicuous apical pale bands.

Pupa: Only information is that the spurs of segment VIII have several (1-5) (61, below) very short but pointed spurs.



From Sasa 1978

Fourth instar larva: A salinarius-type larva (62, above); anal tubules short, less than one-half of the length of the posterior pseudopods. Illustration (63, above) shows mentum as type II and center tooth as type IIA.

Antenna with basal segment about three times longer than wide, RO about a third up from base; AR about 2.14.

Ventromentum long and narrow, 4.5 times wider than deep, and 1.28 times the mentum width; VMR about 0.44.

Mandible type IA, MTR about 0.4; PMan about 12.

Cytology: Not described.

DNA sequence: MtCOI sequence: Sequence for a specimen from Otsu City has about 98% homology to sequence for *C. salinarius*. This may indicate that the Japanese specimen is a closely related species to the European and African material.

Found: Japan - Tokushima City; Okunosu, both Tokushima Pref., Shikoku; Lake Toufutsu, Abashiri, and Sorachi River, Kamikawa, Hokkaido; Nakamura, Kochi Prefecture, Shikoku; Noubu, Tsushima Island, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyushu; Lake Inawashiro, Fukushima Prefecture, Otsu City (35.00°N, 135.88°E), Shiga Prefecture, Honshu.

***Chironomus sinicus* Kiknadze et al. 2005.**

Adult

Male: Length 8.64–9.67 mm.

Wing length 4.43–5.03 mm; VR 1.03–1.06. Squama with 13–21 setae.

AR 4.79–5.31. Frontal tubercles well developed, 52–83 µm long.

Relative length of palps (in µm) 66 : 82 : 244 : 232 : 298. Clypeus with 31- 39 setae.

Thoracic setae: 16-19 dorsocentral, 9-14 acrostichials; 6-7 prealars, 35-42 scutellars.

Legs: Front tarsi bearded, BR 5.95-6.23. Leg ratios omitted from published description, but inserted below:

Lengths (in mm) and proportions of legs:

	fe	fi	ta ₁	ta ₂
p ₁	1.67-1.92, 1.81	1.70-1.94, 1.79	2.27-2.46, 2.32	1.40-1.51, 1.44
p ₂	1.84-2.08, 1.95	1.84-2.00, 1.92	1.03-1.11, 1.08	0.65-0.73, 0.68
p ₃	2.24-2.43, 2.33	2.35-2.51, 2.42	1.62-1.81, 1.70	1.00-1.11, 1.05
	ta ₃	ta ₄	ta ₅	LR
p ₁	0.86-0.95, 0.91	0.76-0.81, 0.78	0.34-0.41, 0.37	1.17-1.36, 1.30
p ₂	0.46-0.51, 0.48	0.30-0.35, 0.32	0.24-0.27, 0.26	0.55-0.58, 0.56
p ₃	0.76-0.84, 0.79	0.43-0.49, 0.47	0.27-0.30, 0.29	0.68-0.72, 0.70

Pupa:

Length 12.0–12.5 mm, wing sheath length 2.8–3.0 mm. Cephalic tubercles 220-250 µm high and 120 – 150 µm wide. Thoracic granulation well developed anteriorly. Pleura of segment IV smooth. Hook row of tergite II with 90–125 hooks and occupying 0.59–0.63 of total segment width. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with 10–14 spines. Shagreen present on sternites III and IV and forms a longitudinal band on each side.

Fourth instar larva of the melanotus (semireductus)-type, length 17–22 mm. VT 0.82–1.25 mm (ant) and 0.75–0.98 mm (post), posterior pair curved anteriorly PLT about 160–238 µm long. Ventromentum with about 79–83 striae. PE with about 12–17 teeth. AR 1.55–2.28; antennal proportions (µm) 144 : 34 : 15 : 16 : 10 ; basal segment about 2.9 – 3.2 times as long as wide. Mandible about 310–350 µm, third inner tooth apparently darkened and well developed. Anal tubules about 440–530 µm long and 140–250 µm wide.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the thummi-cyto complex combination: AB, CD, EF, G. Only nucleolus subterminal on arm G. Polymorphism in arms C and G. Additional B-chromosomes present in over a third of larvae examined.

sinA1: 1a – 2c, 10 – 12, 3 – 2h, 4d – 9, 2d-g, 4c-a, 13 – 19 as plumosus A1
 sinB1: Puff towards the distal end of the arm
 sinC1: 1a-c, 12 -11d, 6gh, 17a-16, 7d-a, 6f-c, 2c-1d, 13-15, 8-11c, 6b-2d, 17b-22
 sinC2: 1a-c, 12 -11d, 6gh, 17a-16, 7d-a, 6f-c, 2c-1d, 13-15, 8-11c, 6b-4g, 18d-17b, 2d-4f,
 18e-22
 sinD1: 1 - 2g, 13a, 10a-8, 18d-a, 7-4, 10e-b, 13b-14, 3-2h, 12 - 11, 15 - 17, 18e-24
 sinE1: 1 – 3e, 5 – 10b, 4 – 3f, 10c – 13 as plumosus E1
 alternative E1; 1 – 3a, 4c-10b, 3e-b, 4b – 3f, 10c - 13
 sinF1: 1a-d, 6e – 5d, 10d – 7a, 5c – 1e, 14f – 17, 14e – 11, 18 – 23
 sinG1 and sinG2 differ by a small inversion near the distal BR.

Found: Type locality – Nankai University campus, Tianjin City, CHINA.

Cytology described by Kiknadze *et al.* (2005) as part of the original description.

***Chironomus suwai* Golygina & Martin 2003**

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As *C. plumosus* (misidentifications, as all Oriental and not same Bin as true *C. plumosus*)

Adult and **Pupa** probably as that described by Sasa (1978), whose descriptions are summarised below.

Male:

Normally dark, but also a lighter form. In darker form the thorax is grey, with dark grey scutal stripes, scutellum brown and postnotum dark brown; abdomen largely black or dark brown with narrow caudal pale bands, the dark areas on tergites II-IV have a median caudal projection. In the pale forms the scutal stripes are brown and the ground color yellow; with the abdomen the tergites are largely yellow, with a diamond shaped central dark area on segments II-IV.

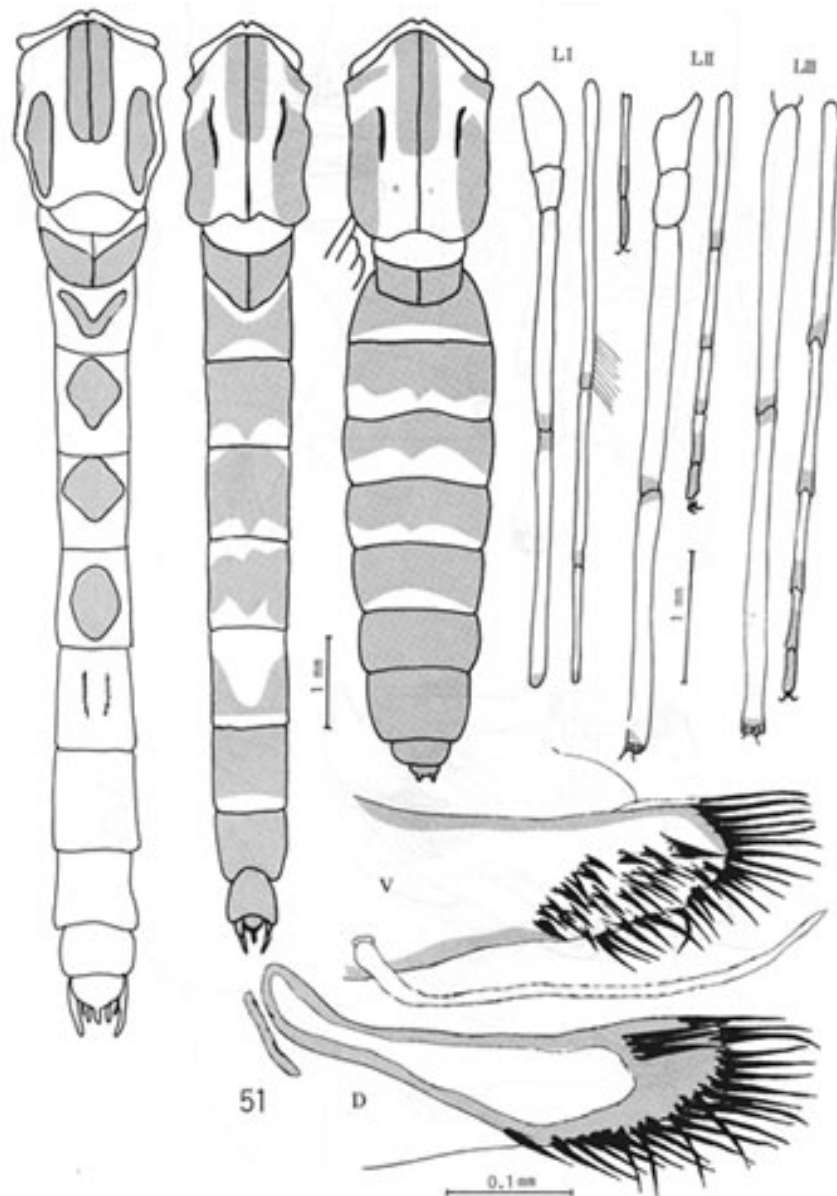
Wing length about 7.0 mm, posterior margin markedly concave at the end point of Cu(2)(also in female). Cross vein colored.

AR about 5.4. Frontal tubercles oval in shape, 45 x 29 µm. Palp proportions (segments 2-4)(micron) 120 : 310: 260 : 410.

Legs generally yellow, with dark knee joints, more conspicuous on fore legs; tarsi I-IV dark on distal 4/5, tarsus V completely dark. LR 1.2-1.3, beard conspicuous, BR 6.5. Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1900	2030	2590	1560	960	860	460	1.25	0.92	0.38
PII	2200	2390	1420	830	590	390	330	0.59	0.92	0.15
PIII	2490	2560	1980	1200	810	510	340	0.77	0.97	0.13

Posterior edge of tergite IX is flat, anal point is slender, apically expanded. Superior volsella closest to E(g) type of Strenzke (1959). Gonstylus narrows relatively sharply over posterior quarter.



Adults (upper) and pupal spurs (below: 51 V & D) from Sasa 1978 (as *C. plumosus*)

Female:

Coloration also variable, the pale form having lighter ground color and the apical pale areas on the abdominal tergites are larger. Antennal proportions (micron) 230 : 140 : 180 : 150 : 340. AR 0.49; A5/A1 1.47; Frontal tubercles 45 x 26 μ m.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	2050	2240	2810	1540	950	900	460	1.25	0.92	0.38
PII	2200	2390	1420	830	590	390	330	0.59	0.92	0.18
PIII	2850	2850	2200	1220	880	540	360	0.77	1.00	0.19

Pupa: Notes only that the caudolateral spur is unusual in that it has numerous short spines (see Fig. above) rather than the longer apical spines of most species.

Fourth instar larva: a medium to large plumosus-type. Length about 21.2-26.2 mm (fem 24.2-26.2; m 21.2-22.5), anterior VT generally longer (ant. 1.41 (1.20-1.88); post. (1.20-1.80)

mm; PLT from 280-380 μm ; AT about 685-735 μm and 2.7-2.9 times longer than wide. Gula darkened on posterior 2/3 with scalloped anterior margin. Oesophageal opening about 92 (78-106) μm wide and 3.3 (2.4-4.2) times wider than deep.



Posterior end of *C. suwai* larva (*C. plumosus* of Sasa 1978)

Mentum (Fig. c, below) of available specimens very worn but appears the fourth laterals may be partly reduced (type II) and c2 teeth of central trifid tooth are relatively separated from a broad c1 tooth (type IIA).

Ventromental plates with jagged edge as in *C. plumosus*; separated by about 0.37-0.42 of the mentum width; about 270 μm wide and 4.0-4.4 times wider than deep and about same width as the mentum; about 82 (77-91) striae; VMR about 0.33.

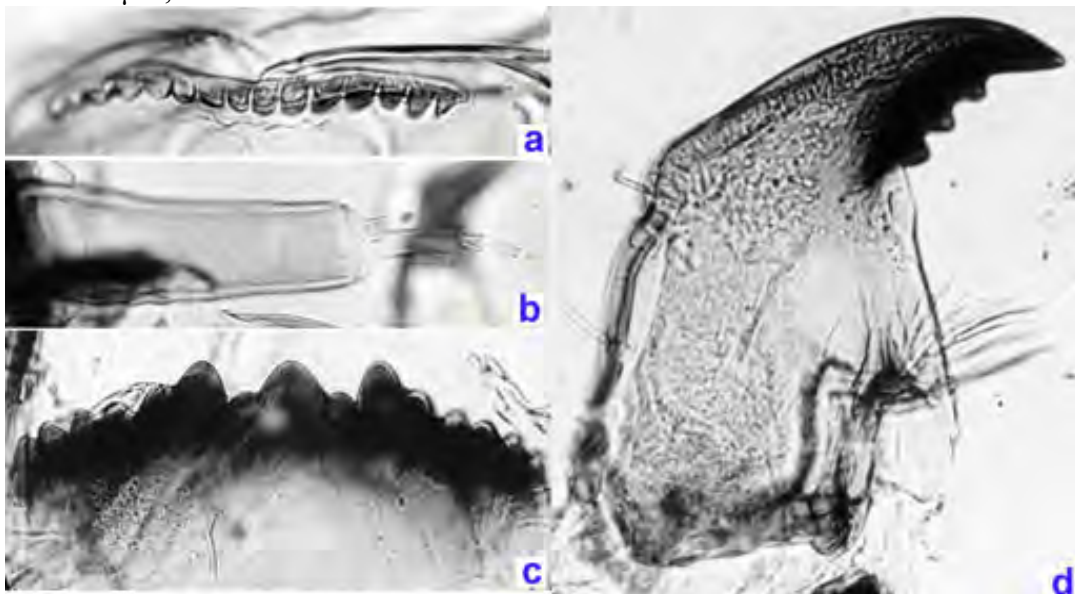
PE (Fig. a, below) with about 13.7 (11-15) broad teeth (type B).

Distance between the antennal bases greater than that between the S4 setae which are separated by about 76% of the FC width at that point.

Antenna (Fig. b, below) with segment A1 about half of VHL and about 2.9-3.8 longer than wide (lower value may be due to squashing of the segment during slide mounting), RO about a third to almost halfway up from base of segment; AR about 2.71-2.81, segment proportions (micron) 211 : 41 : 13 : 15 : 8.

Premandible not visible in most available specimens but one specimen had inner tooth 3.25 times the width of the outer tooth.

Mandible (Fig. d, below) with third inner tooth well separated and darkened (type IIIC), about 28.7 (27-30) furrows on outer surface at the base; 12.75 (12-14) taeniae in PecM; Mdt-Mat about 35 μm , MTR 0.33.



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the thummi-cytochrome combination: AB, CD, EF, G. Only nucleolus subterminal on arm G. Polymorphism in arms A, B and E. A B-chromosome is sometimes present. The banding sequences of arms E and F were revised by Golygina and Kiknadze (2018).

suwA1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12a, 13ba, 4a-c, 2g-d, 9 - 4d, 2h - 3, 12cb, 13c - 19
 suwA2: from suwA1 by complex inversion.
 suwB1: as B1 of borokensis
 suwB2: as B2 of plumosus and borokensis
 suwC1: 1-2c, 6c-7, 16-17a 6hg, 11d-12, 4-6b, 11c-8, 15-13, 3-2d, 17b-22
 suwD1: 1-3, 10b-e, 4-7, 18a-d, 8-10a, 13a-11, 13b-17, 18e-24 as D2 of plumosus and borokensis
 suwE1: 1 - 3a, 4c - 10b, 3e-b, 4b - 3f, 10c - 13 as E1 of plumosus and borokensis
 suwE2: 1 - 3a, 4c - 10b, 3e-b, 4ba, 10e-c, 3f, 10f - 13
 suwE3: 1 - 3a, 4c - 6d, 7c - 6e, 7d - 10b, 3e-b, 4b - 3f, 10c - 13 (from E1)
 suwF1: 1a - 10d, 18c-a, 11a - 17d, 18d - 23 as F2 of borokensis
 suwG1: as G2 of borokensis

Found: Type locality - Lake Suwa, Honshu, JAPAN.
 Japan - Tsukuba.

Species described on the basis of the polytene chromosome banding patterns by Golygina *et al.* (2003) who also give some larval characters. All life stages were described, at least briefly, by Sasa (1978) as *C. plumosus*.

Species in the pseudothummi-cytochrome complex

Chironomus acerbiphilus Tokunaga 1939

Synonym: *C. crassimanus* Strenzke 1959.

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAJ4234](#).

Specimens from North America are placed in a separate Bin (see below)

Adult:

Adults of Japanese specimens are entirely black, but those from Europe are paler, suggesting coloration is variable depending upon environmental conditions. Details of adults and pupa drawn from Sasa (1978) and Yamamoto (1986).

Male:

AR 2.50-3.33. Wing length 2.9-3.2 mm, width 0.9 mm. LR 1.15-1.25, BR 2.2.

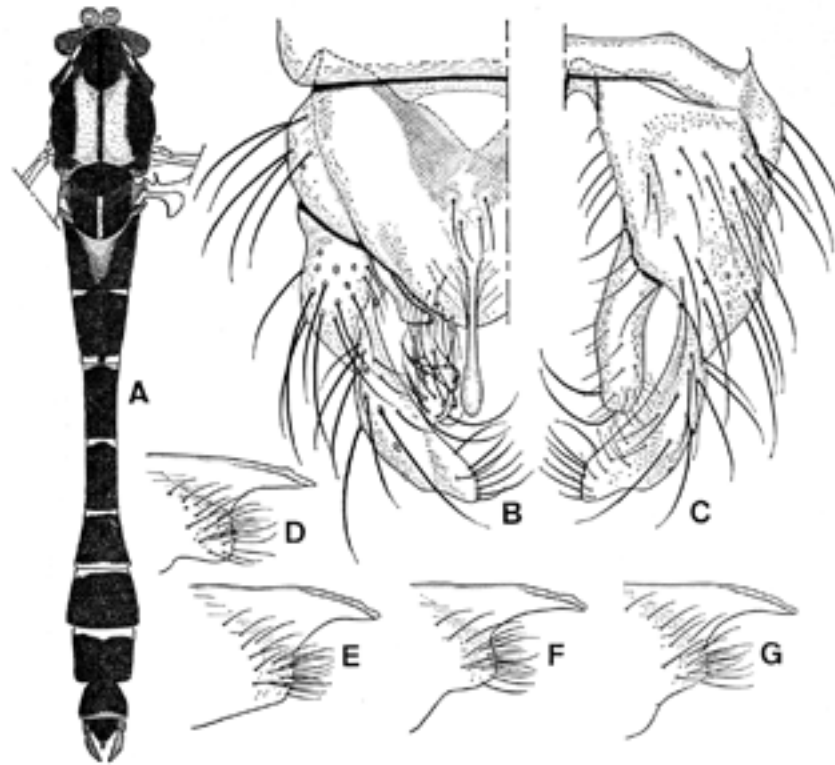


Fig. 1. *Chironomus acerbiphilus*, ♂. A: Dorsal view of the body. B: Genitalia in dorsal view. C: Ditto, ventral view. D-G: anal point in lateral view.

From Yamamoto 1986

Head: Frontal tubercles, 22.5-35 µm long, 10-17.5 µm wide.

Ratio of palpal segments (µm) 59 : 64 : 203 : 199 : 254. 36-48 setae on clypeus.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichals: 8-10; dorsocentrals 13-23; prealars 6-11; supra alar 1; scutellar 22-36.

Legs: Note the measurements of Yamamoto (1986) are generally larger than those of Sasa (1978), and show the unusual feature that the antTa1 is shorter or only as long as AntFe, which is not seen in Sasa's measurements.

Proportions from Sasa (1978) (µm):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1400	1220	1480-	710	565	440	270	1.24-1.51	1.10-1.15	2.2
PII	1495	1250	675	390	310	210	185	0.51-0.58	1.10-1.25	-
PIII	1650	1495	990	560	445	265	205	0.65-0.70	1.07-1.13	-

Abdominal tergite IX with about 2-5 setae in individual pale spots. Hypopygium as in figure above. Anal point narrow and slender, slightly expanded at distal end. SVo figured by Sasa as Strenzke's D-type, and by Yamamoto as S-type. Strenzke (1959) described the German specimens (as *C. crassimanus*) as having a D-type SVo, while Jablonska-Barna *et al.* (2012) record the Poland specimens as S-type; reaching just beyond tip of anal point. IVo apparently simple.

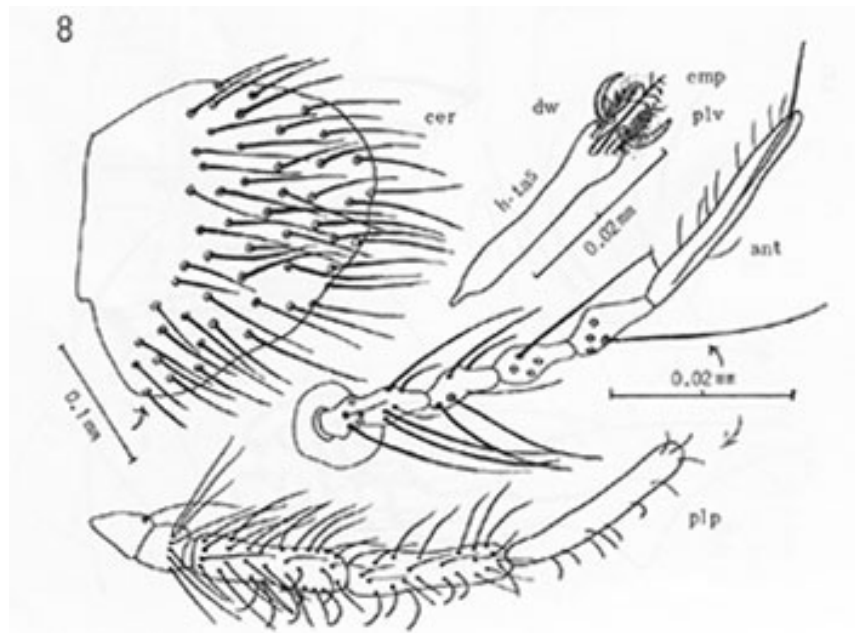
Female:

Wing length 3.3-3.5 mm; width 1.1-1.2 mm; VR 0.81-0.87. LR 1.17-1.30.

Colour essentially as in male. Cercus black.

Head: Antennal segments (µm) 148 : 98 : 104 : 104 : 292: AR 0.62 (Sasa 78)-0.64 Yama 86). Frontal tubercle 15-38 µm long, 10-24 µm wide.

Ratio of palpal segments (μm) 66 : 66 : 202 : 208 : 260 (Yamamoto) 40 : 50 : 200 : 200 : 250 (Sasa); P5/P4 1.25; P5/P3 1.25-1.29. 49-57 setae on clypeus.



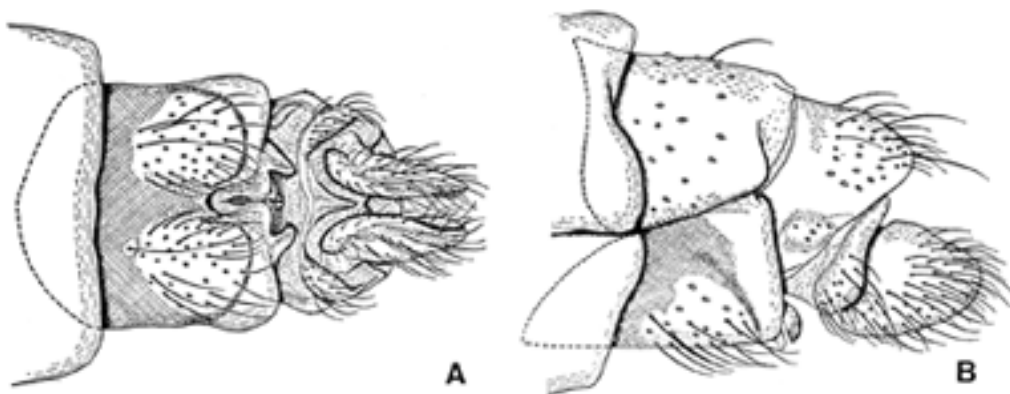
Cercus (upper left), Ta5 (upper right), Antenna (center), Palp (bottom) of *C. acerbiphilus* (Sasa 1978)

Thoracic setae: Acrostichals: 10-14; dorsocentrals 25-28; prealars 8-10; supra alar 1-2; scutellar 34-40.

Wing squama with 27-36 setae, bi- or triserial.

Leg proportions (from Sasa 1978)(μm):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1600	1300	1630	715	600	465	285	1.17-1.30	1.20-1.25	0.21-0.23
PII	1645	1400	705	375	300	220	205	0.49-0.54	1.14-1.21	0.14-0.15
PIII	1775	1645	1035	570	480	290	225	0.61-0.67	1.04-1.12	0.13-0.14



Female genitalia of *Chironomus acerbiphilus*. A: Ventral view. B: Lateral view.

From Yamamoto 1986

Genitalia: Apodeme of 8th sternum rounded caudolaterally, not joined mesally. Sternite of segment IX with 3-7 setae. Segment X wider ventrally and narrowing almost to a point dorsally, about 3.3 times longer than its widest point. Cercus somewhat “hat-like” with a gently rounded posterior margin, ventral margin longer than dorsal one. Yamamoto shows a gently rounded base to ventral margin while Sasa 1978 shows a basal bulge.

Pupa: (Based on Yamamoto 1986). Length 7.8-8.8 mm. Body dark brown. Cephalic tubercle acutely pointed with simple subapical seta. First and ninth terga practically without shagreen. Intersegmental membrane of V-VI segments and VI-VIIIth segments with very weak centrally place shagreen. The hook row is entire, but Jablonska-Barna et al. (2012) note that in Poland it is broken in some specimens; with 42-66 hooks in Europe. Caudolateral spur of segment VII with 1-3 spines, most commonly with 2 (Sasa 1978).

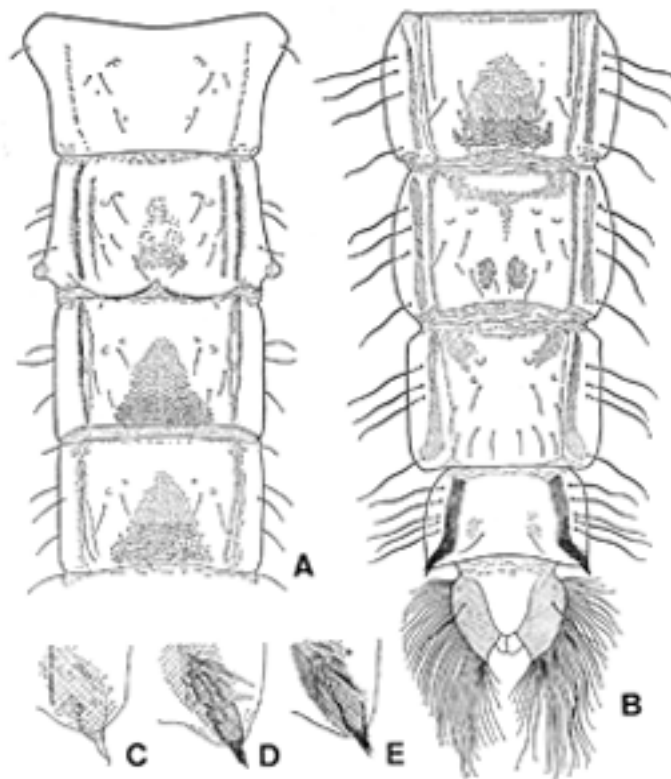


Fig. 5. Pupa of *Chironomus acerbiophilus*. A-D: Dorsum of abdomen. C-E: Postero-lateral spurs of segment VIII.

From Yamamoto 1986.

Fourth instar larva: A small-medium plumosus-type larva, length 12.5–14.5 mm. Lateral tubules turn ventrally as described by Sasa (1978) for Japanese specimens. VT well developed, anterior almost straight, posterior coiled. Head capsule generally brownish; gula and FA sometimes slightly to moderately darkened. Oesophageal opening long and narrow about 77 (71-83) μm long and 5.9 (5.5-6.2) times longer than wide. Mentum (c, below) width about half the VHL; C1 teeth relatively broad, with c2 teeth well separate and sharp (type III) Sasa (1978) shows a small notch near the top of C1, but this would only be seen where the teeth are not worn; lateral teeth sharp, 4th laterals hardly reduced (type I) with 5th laterals slightly above the graduated level of the other lateral teeth.

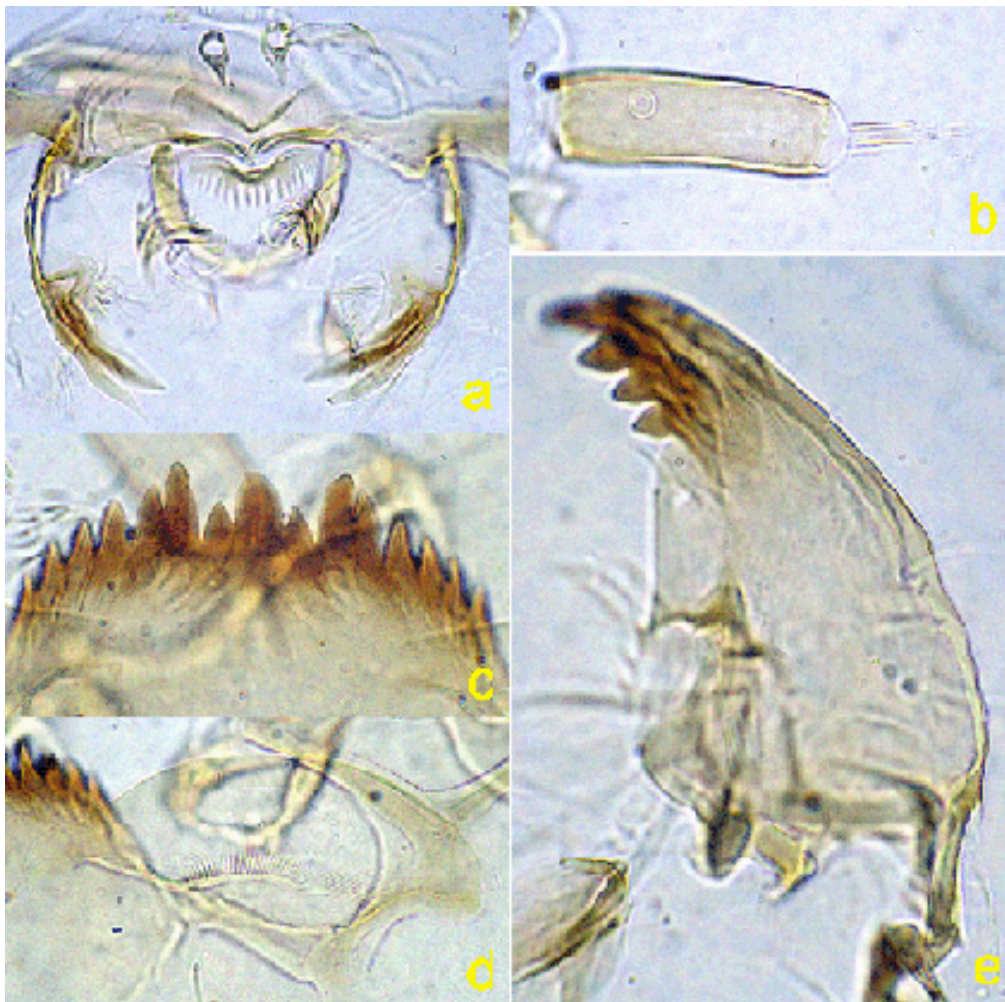
Ventromental plates (d, below) about 180-195 μm wide and 3.64-4.05 times wider than deep; IPD about 37-40% of mentum width; with about 39-45 striae; VMR about 0.25-0.28. PE (a, below) with about 17-20 sharp graded teeth (although Yamamoto describes them as uneven).

Antenna (b, below) with basal segment relatively long, about 3.4 times longer than wide; RO about 1/3 to 1/2 up from base of segment; AR about 2.22-2.66; segment 3 short, may be same length as segment 5; relative length of segments (μm) 114 : 23 : 7 : 10 : 5.5.

Distance between antennal bases usually greater than that between the S4 setae, which are separated by about 75% of the FC width at that point. S5 setae markedly posterior to nearby RO.

Premandibles (a, below) with the two narrow teeth about equal length, or outer tooth slightly longer; inner tooth about 3-3.5 times wider than outer tooth.

Mandible (e, below) with 3rd inner tooth defined and darkened (type IIIC), about 12-16 furrows on outer surface near the base; 12-13 taenae in the PecM; Mdt-Mat 19-20 μm , MTR 0.31-0.33.



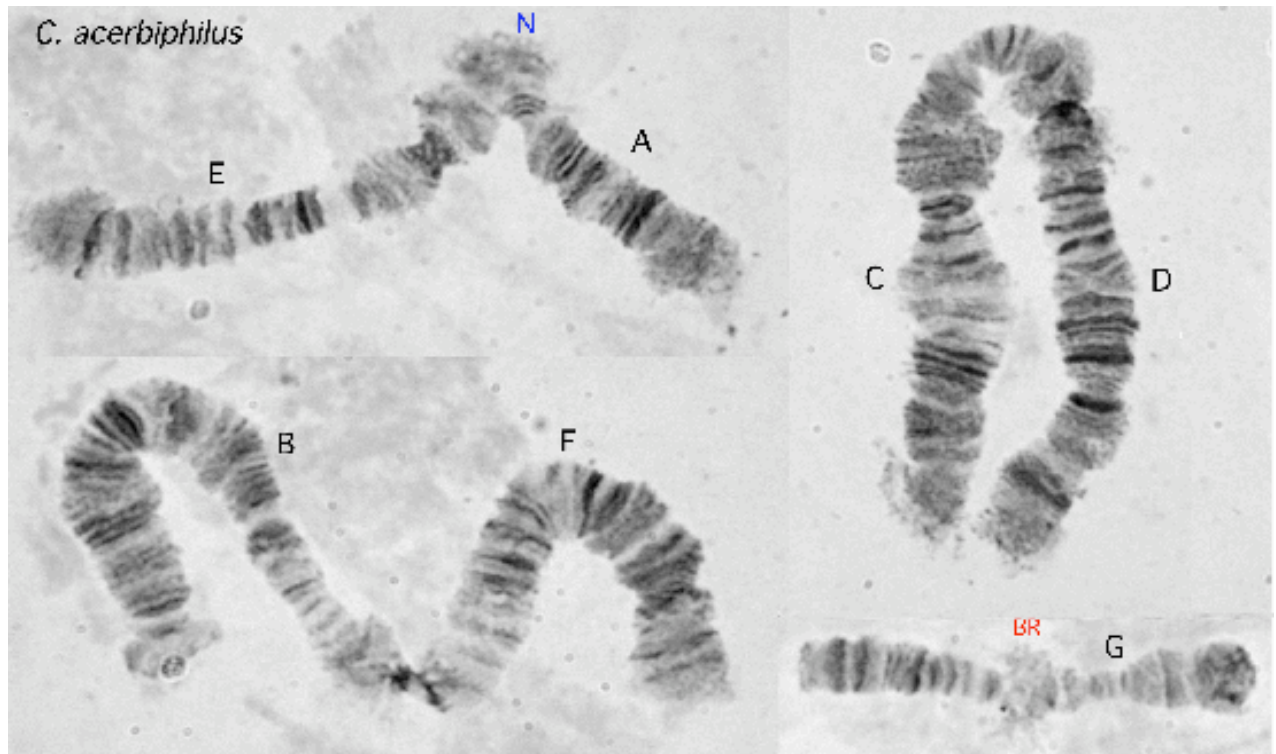
Cytology: 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination, AE, BF, CD, G. Centromeres strongly heterochromatic and constricted. Pairing may occur between

Arm G mostly paired, with BR near middle of arm and no nucleolus. Nucleolus developed in arm A.

A fixed asymmetrical pericentric inversion occurs on chromosome CD, transferring the proximal bands of arm D into arm C (Jablonska-Barna *et al.*), or alternatively it may be related to the duplication of the CD centromere region reported in other pseudothummi-cytochrome complex species such as *C. dorsalis* (= *C. alpestris*) (Kiknadze *et al.* 2008).

No polymorphism in studied North American, European or Japanese populations.

- aceA1: 1a-i, 7 - 9, 2d - 3, 12 - 10, 2c - 1k, 6 - 4, 13 - 19 - with large nucleolus in segment 15
- aceC1: 1 - 2, 10 - 3, 11 - 16, 22, 24 - 21, D(see below) (Jablonska-Barna *et al.* 2010)
- aceD1: 1 - 3, 6 - 4, 7 - 9, 18f-a, 13 - 10, 17 - 14, 18g - 20 (Jablonska-Barna *et al.* 2010)
- aceE1: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13 ie. as *halophilus*, etc.
Jablonska-Barna *et al.* (2010) also consider the arm as identical to the aprilinus sequence but list a proximal inversion 13-11.
- aceF1: 1, 12p - 11, 2 - 6 14 - 12p, 16 - 17, 10 - 7, 18 - 23 (Wülker, prelim)
- aceF1: (alternate) 1-7, 17-16, 11-14a, 15-14b, 4-6, 9-8, 1-3, 10, 18-23 (clarified from Jablonska-Barna *et al.* 2010)
- aceG1: BR near middle of arm.



DNA sequence: MtCOI sequence is in the BOLD database and in GenBank (DQ648201). Sequence of North American specimens is also in the BOLD database. BOLD places them in a separate Bin ([BOLD:AAL9507](#)). This could simply be due to geographic isolation, but the differences in color and the fact that the Japanese specimens have a different nearest-neighbor Bin, suggest that they may be different species. A comparison of the base sequences shows that they differ at 35 bases in the Barcode region (below):

	Base differences																																		
USA	A	A	T	G	G	T	T	T	A	A	T	T	C	T	A	T	T	A	C	A	C	G	G	T	A	C	T	T	G	G	A	T	G	T	A
Japan	G	G	A	A	A	C	C	C	G	G	C	C	T	C	G	C	C	G	T	T	T	A	A	A	G	T	C	A	A	A	T	C	A	C	G

The critical information is missing to determine the specific status of these forms. The adults and pupae of North American specimens are not known, and the Barcode sequence of the European synonym *C. crassimanus* is unknown, data which are required before a proper decision can be made as to whether they are separate species or only sub-species. Jablonska-Barna *et al.* (2012) note that the morphology, even within Europe is variable, but the cytology is consistent.

Found: Japan - Lake Katanuma (38.733°N, 140.721°E), Naruko, Miyagi, Honshu (**Type locality**); Kirishima Volcanic Range(31.94°N, 130.86°E), Kyushu (Yamamoto 1986).

also found in **Europe** - Reinbeck, Germany (Keyl 1962 as **Type locality** of *C. crassimanus*); Łuk Mużakowa Landscape Park, Poland (Jablonska-Barna *et al.* 2010)

probably also in North America: **California: Wyoming**- Nymph Creek, Yellowstone National Park. (but see above)

In acidic waters (pH 1.4–4.3), and also elevated temperatures in North America.

The adult, pupa and larva of Japanese specimens were described and figured by Sasa (1978) and much more fully by Yamamoto (1986). Cytology of the European specimens was illustrated by Keyl & Keyl (1959), and banding pattern of arms A and E by Keyl (1962), as *C. crassimanus*, and subsequently the whole karyotype by Jablonska-Barna *et al.* (2010) as *C. acerbiphilus*.

Yamamoto (1986) notes a close relationship between *C. acerbiphilus*, *C. fusciceps* and *C. sulfurosus*, differing in LR and shape of SVo.

***Chironomus fusciceps* Yamamoto 1990**

as new name for *Chironomus lugubris* sensu Tokunaga 1938, and Sasa & Yamamoto (1977).

Also called *Chironomus thmini* (misspelling of thummi?) Tokunga 1940 and *Chironomus riparius* Sasa & Yamamoto 1977.

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACH4992](#)

Also includes a specimen of *C. sulfurosus* with 99.73% homology

Adult:

Information from Yamamoto 1990.

Male:

Coloration similar to *C. acerbiphilus* but legs and anterolateral margin of scutum paler. AR 2.40 (2.15-2.67). Frontal tubercle about 12.5-30 µm long, 10-15 µm wide.

Palpal proportions: 52 : 62 : 164 : 164 : 208; P5/P4 and P5/P3 1.27.

Wing length 1.8-2.6 mm, width 0.6-0.8 mm. VR 0.91 (0.88-0.93). Squama with 10-20 setae.

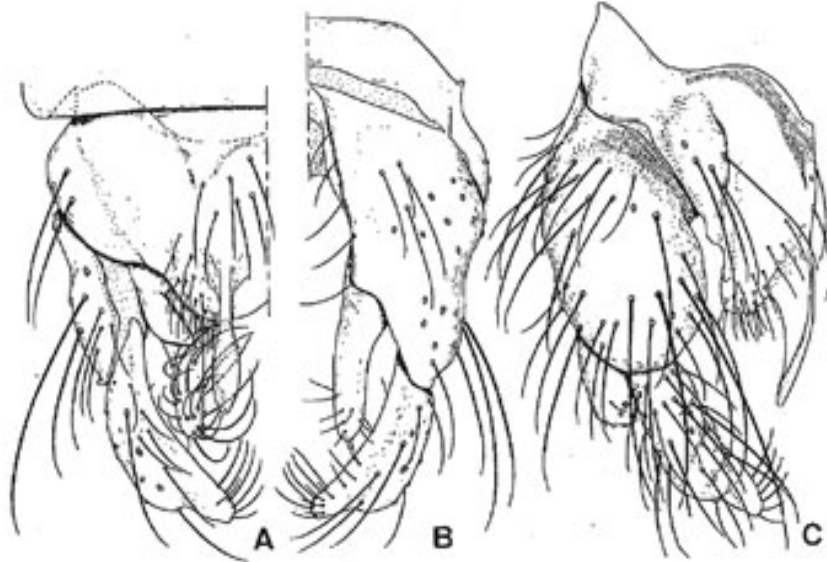
Thoracic setae: Anteprenotum without setae; acrostichals 6-16; dorsocentrals 15-27; prealars 5-7; supraalar 1; scutellars 13-30 (biserial).

Leg lengths (mm) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1280	980	1460	730	610	470	270	1.43-1.52	1.31	0.28

PII	1290	1100	570	340	270	200	170	0.51-0.53	1.17	
PIII	1420	1260	800	450	380	240	170	0.63-0.65	1.13	

At least 6 setae on TIX (only part shown).



C. fusciceps male genitalia: A. dorsal view; B. ventral view; C. lateral view. (Yamamoto 1990)

Genitalia resembling that of *C. acerbiphilus* but S-type SVo much stouter; anal point narrower at base; SVo with 6-8 setae on base; IVo with 20-29 long recurved setae on apical half; gonostyle moderately swollen and narrowing markedly over distal third, with 6-8 apical setae.

Female:

Coloration almost the same as the male. Cercus brown.

Head: Antennal proportions: 134 : 88 : 106 : 100 : 244. AR - 0.57; A5/A1 – 1.82

Frontal tubercle 12.5-17.5 µm long and 10.0-15.0 µm wide.

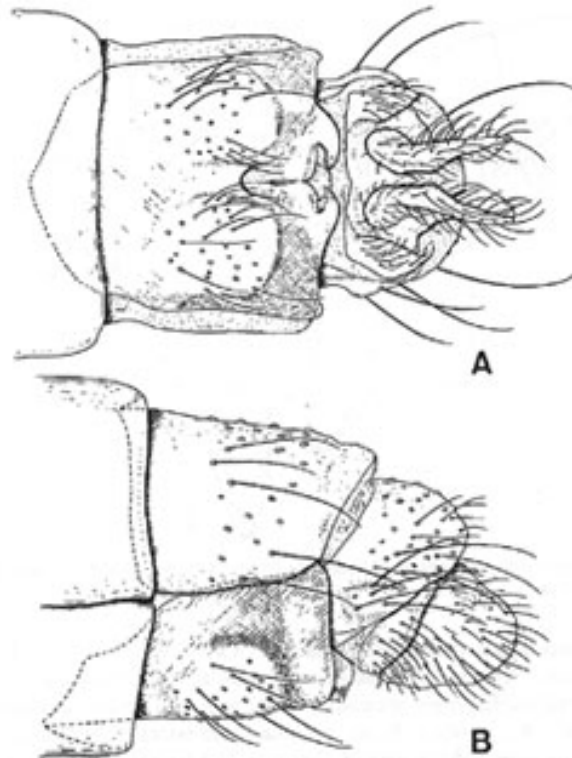
Palpal proportions (µm): 56 : 68 : 172 : 170 : 232. Vertex with 23-25 setae; Clypeus with 29-40 setae.

Wing length 2.2-2.9 mm, width 0.8-1.0 mm. VR 0.85 (0.76-0.89); squama with 14-24 setae.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals 9-18; dorsocentrals 19-34; prealars 6-9; supraalar 1; scutellars 21-41.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1370	1000	1420	690	590	470	280	1.32-1.52	1.37	0.28
PII	1360	1160	590	330	260	200	160	0.49-0.54	1.17	
PIII	1460	1320	510	450	390	240	190	0.60-0.62	1.11	

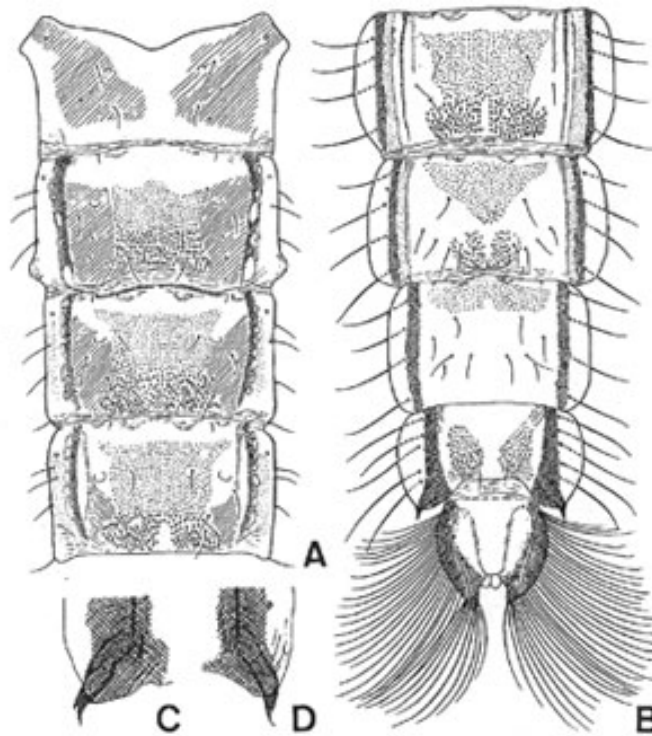


C. fusciceps female genitalia: A. ventral view; B. lateral view. (Yamamoto 1990)

Genitalia almost the same as in *C. acerbiphilus*, but segment X separated from TIX by a slender membranous area. Laterosternite with 3-7 setae, Segment X with 9-18 setae.

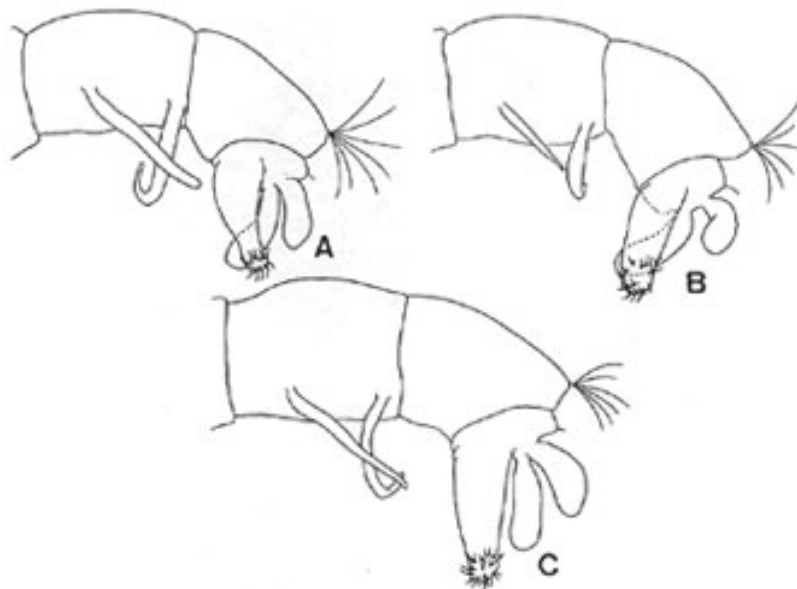
Pupa: Body dark brown, length 4.5-6.5 mm. Cephalic tubercles acutely pointed, with subapical spine.

Abdominal segment II with a row of about 60 hooks, pedes spurii B developed. Postero-lateral spurs of segment VIII with 1-2 spines. Chaetotaxy and shagreen as shown in his figures (below).

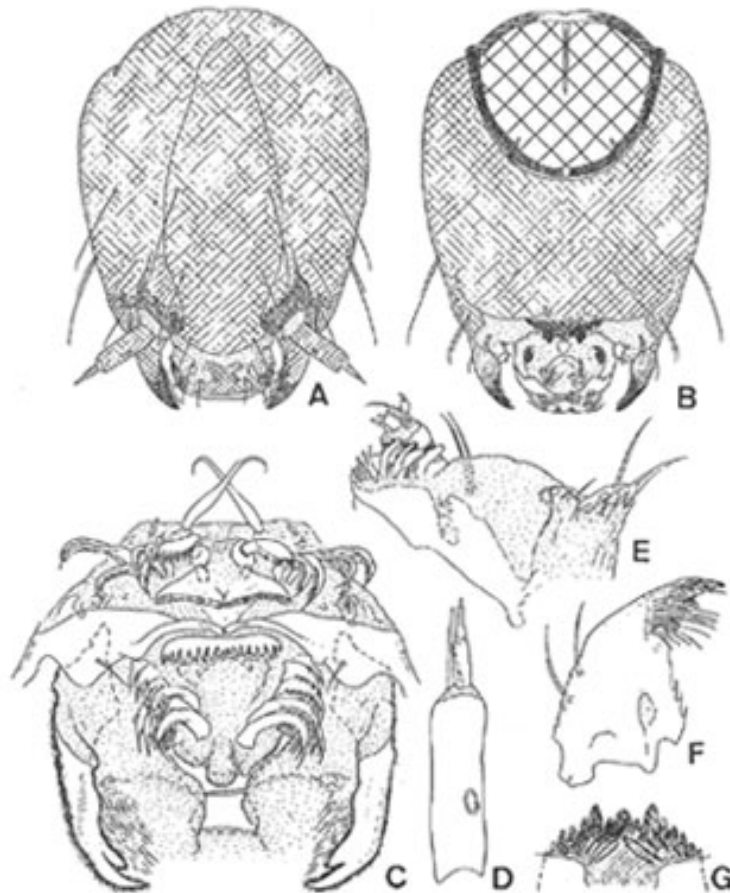


C. fusciceps pupal abdomen: A anterior; B posterior; C & D spurs (Yamamoto 1990)

Fourth instar larva: A small (length - 10 mm) thummi- or bathophilus-type larva, i.e. lacking lateral tubules. Anal tubules well developed, of a single lobe, dorsal pair shorter than the ventral pair, which are about 3/4 the length of the posterior pseudopods. Head uniformly dark brown.



C. fusciceps posterior larval segments showing variation of ventral and anal tubules (Yamamoto 1990)



C. fusciceps larval head. A. dorsal; B. ventral; C. hypopharynx; D. antenna; E. maxilla; F. mandible; G. mentum (Yamamoto 1990)

Mentum of type I, in fact Yamamoto's illustration suggests that the 5th and 6th laterals are reduced, central tooth could be type III. Ventromentum not described and illustrated by only a vague outline, which indicates they are longer than the mentum width.

PE with about 20 uneven but pointed teeth, suggesting possibly type B. Premandible with 2 teeth, outer tooth shown as much longer than the inner tooth which is 3-4 times wider.

Antenna with 5 segments, relative lengths of segments: 42 : 10 : 2 : 4 : 2 ; segment A1 with a ring organ at basal 2/5. Antennal blade long, reaching the base of 5th antennal segment, accessory blade indistinct.

Distance between the S4 setae greater than that between the antennal bases.

Mandible possibly of type IIIC, furrows not illustrated or recorded; 3 spines on inner margin; PMA with 10 taeniae.

Cytology: no information, but as related to *C. acerbiphilus* is likely to be in the pseudothummi cytocomplex.

Found: Type locality – Mount Unzen, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyushu, JAPAN.

Also found **Japan:** - Tarutama, Kumamoto Prefecture. Kyushu.

Found in sulphur-containing water.

Noted by Yamamoto (1990) to be closely related to *C. acerbiphilus* and *C. sulfurosus*.

The adult can be distinguished from *C. acerbiphilus* by the higher LR, and the male from *C. sulfurosus* by the more slender anal point.

The larva can be distinguished from *C. acerbiphilus* and *C. sulfurosus* by the uniformly dark head capsule.

DNA analyses:

If correctly identified, the barcode for *C. sulfurosus* has 99.73% homology, while *C. acerbiphilus* is in a different BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAJ4234](#).

MtCOI: there are sequences in GenBank: Accessions AB704938 and LC377640 (mined to BOLD database).

***Chironomus sulfurosus* Yamamoto, 1990**

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACH4992](#)

This is the same Bin as *C. fusciceps*, which has 99.83% homology.

(based on Yamamoto 1990)

Adult: A dark species, similar in coloration to *C. acerbiphilus* and *C. fusciceps*.

Male

Wing length 2.3-2.6 mm, width 0.7-0.8 mm; VR 0.91 (0.90-0.93).

AR about 2.69 (2.54-2.92), LR 1.42 (1.32-1.52).

Head: Frontal tubercles 12.5-32.5 µm long, about 1.2-2 times longer than wide.

Clypeus with 30-39 setae. Mean palpal lengths (micron): 52 : 60 : 180 : 182 : 234.

Thoracic setae: 15-22 dorsocentrals, biserial at anterior end; 4-6 prealar; 1 supraalar;

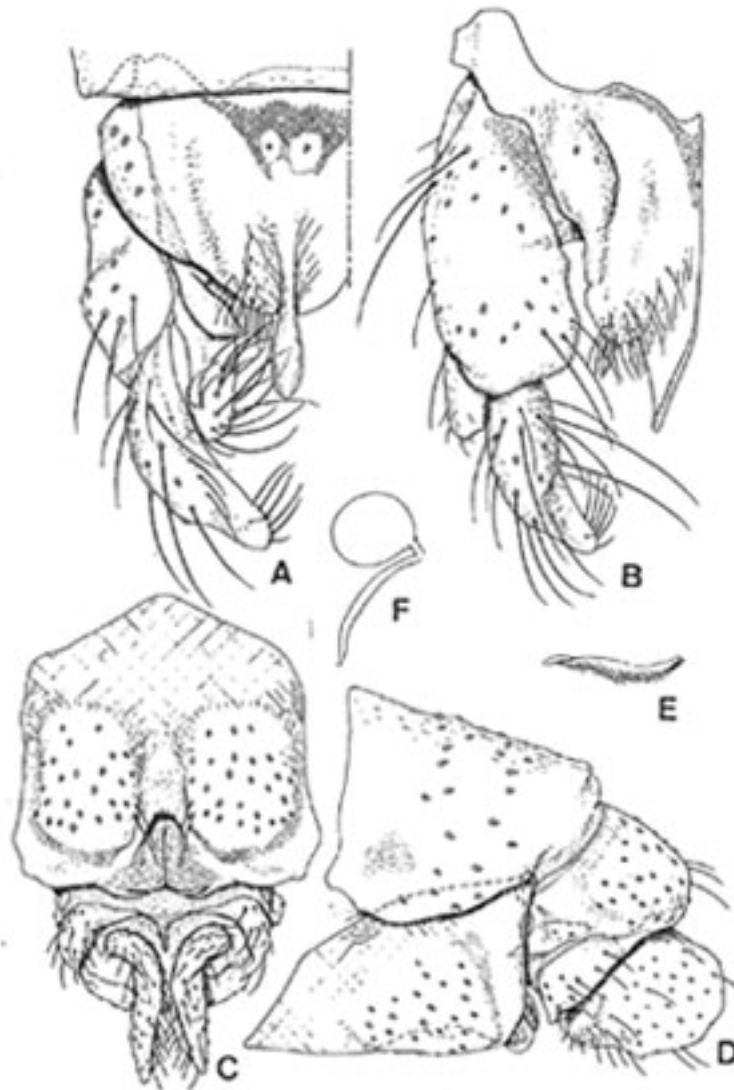
26-32 scutellars in about 3 rows.

Leg proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ta3
PI	1270	1020	1500	750	630	480	270	1.32-1.52	1.25	0.73-0.77
PII	1300	1110	620	350	270	190	150	0.53-0.58	1.17	
PIII	1450	1310	880	500	400	250	100	0.66-0.70	1.11	

$$\text{antTa5/Ti} - 0.26$$

About 2-11 setae in individual pale areas at middle of tergite IX. SVo of S-type; IVo slightly curved outwards, longer than the anal point and reaching about to the middle of the GS, which is relatively swollen, narrowing over posterior third.



Genitalia of *C. sulfurosus*: A: male -dorsal view; B: lateral view
C. female -ventral; D: lateral view; F: spermatheca.

Female

Coloration almost the same as *C. fusciceps* female.

Wing length 2.5-2.9 mm, width 0.8-1.0 mm, VR 0.88 (0.84-0.89). Squama with 16-28 setae.

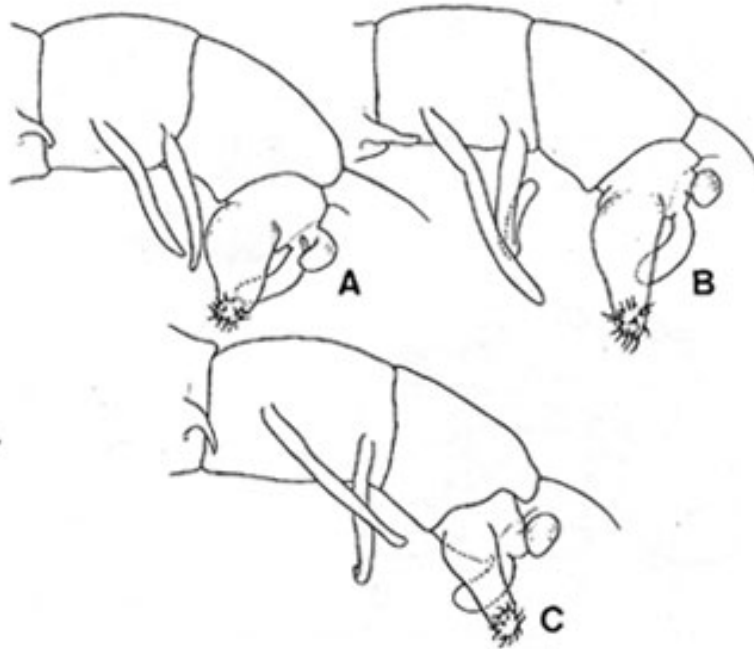
Leg proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1360	1020	1550	770	660	520	280	1.49-1.55	1.25	0.51
PII	1370	1190	640	360	280	210	160	0.52-0.56	1.15	
PIII	1500	1370	900	500	420	260	190	0.63-0.69	1.09	

Ventral lobe of egg-guide more slender than those of *C. acerbiphilus* and *C. fusciceps*; and laterosternite smaller than in those species, separated from TIX by a narrow membranous area and with 2-3 setae; post genital plate very slender and nearly linear. Segment X with 9-17 setae.

Pupa: not known.

Fourth instar larva: A small (length 8-12 mm) essentially melanotus-type larva, but sometimes posterior pair of VT tending to curl up. PLT short and slender. Anal setae of procercus fused into a single stout bristle. AT relatively stout, ventral pair longer than the dorsal pair. Head capsule orange-yellow, gula not pigmented.



Posterior segments of *C. sulfuosus* showing variation of ventral and anal tubules

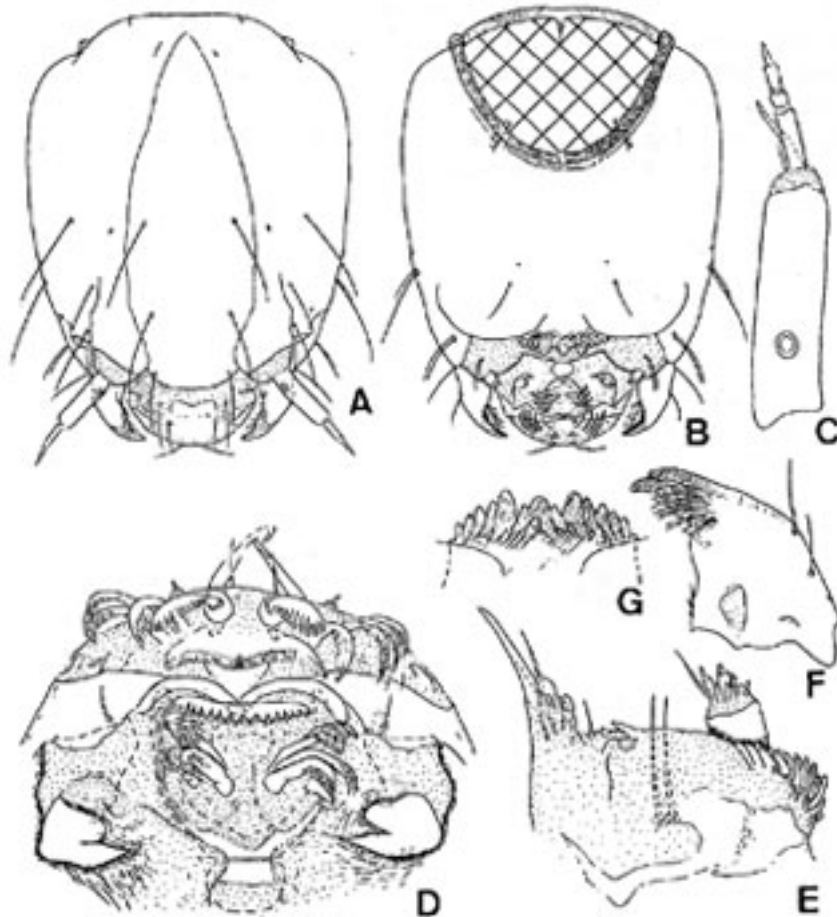
Mentum of type I, centre tooth of type IIA. PE with about 20 uneven teeth

Premandibles stout, outer tooth longer than the inner, which is about 1.7 times broader than the outer tooth.

Basal segment of antenna about 4 times longer than wide; RO about a quarter up from base; AR about 1.9-2.2; relative proportions of segments (units) 42 : 11 : 2 : 4 : 2.

Distance between antennal bases less than that between the S4 setae; 5th laterals in line with RO.

Mandible with 3rd inner tooth apparently well developed and darkened (type IIIC); P_{Ma} with 12 setae; no information on basal furrows.



C. sulfurosus larval head: A. dorsal, B. ventral view; C. antenna, D. hypopharynx, E. maxilla, F. mandible, G. mentum

Cytology: no information, but as related to *C. acerbiphilus* is likely to be in the pseudothummi cytocomplex.

In highly acidic waters.

Found: Japan - Kurinodake, Onsen, Kagoshima Pref., Kyushu (**Type locality**).

DNA sequence: There is one accession from GenBank which could be this species. Other sequences from GenBank or BOLD appear to be misidentified: GenBank accession number AB704937 is actually for a species of *Kiefferulus*. That in the BOLD database (BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACH4991](#)) appears to be a species of *Glyptotendipes*, possibly *G. tokunagai*.

***Chironomus alpestris* Goetghebuer 1934**

Syn: *Chironomus dorsalis* sensu Strenzke 1959.

Chironomus nipodorsalis Sasa 1979 (Yamamoto and Hashimoto, unpubl.) – incorrect synonymy

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW4001](#)

Along with *C. nippodorsalis*

Adult:

The adults of *C. alpestris* were well described by Strenzke (1959) as *C. dorsalis*, and *C. nippodorsalis* was initially described by Sasa (1979), in Japanese. Re-examination of *C. nippodorsalis* by Yamamoto and Hashimoto in 1976 convinced them that it was indistinguishable from *C. dorsalis* (personal communication), and hence from *C. alpestris*. Specimens previously called Sp. PK5, from India and Israel are in the same BOLD Bin and differ from *C. alpestris* only in the presence of a complex inversion of arm E.

Given the low heterozygosity of European populations (heterozygosity only of arm G) this could represent a very closely related species.

By 2018, Yamamoto and Yamamoto had decided that *C. nippodorsalis* was not a synonym of *C. alpestris* due to differences in larval morphology.

There also appears to be a difference in the SVO, which is D-type in *C. alpestris* but S-type in *C. nippodorsalis*.

Male: (partly from Strenzke (1959):

Wing length 3.3 (3.07-3.60) mm., width 0.82 mm, VR 1.08. AR 3.18 (2.96-3.38); LR 1.61 (1.56-1.66); BR 2.4 (2.27-2.53).

Ground color of head and thorax grey-yellow, thoracic vittae black, postnotum uniformly black. Legs with tarsal segments dark brown.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichals 10.3 (8-13); dorsocentrals 24.4 (21-28); prealar 5.5 (4-8); supra-alar 1.4 (1-2); scutellar 22.9 (19-26).

Lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1330	1140	1860	900	790	650	280	1.56-1.66	1.0-1.17	3.2
PII	1410	1285	780	420	300	190	145	0.61-0.65	1.10	-
PIII	1570	1570	1050	600	440	280	160	0.67	1.00	-

$$Ta5/Ti = 0.26$$

Abdominal coloration similar to *C. nippodorsalis*, i.e. ground color whitish-yellow, and each segment has a dark brown band: posterior on tergite I, but anterior on other tergites, produced posteriorly on segments II and III.



Hypopygium (left) and SVo (right) of *C. alpestris*

Hypopygium with about 8-10 setae in pale patches on tergite IX; anal point narrow at base; SVo closest to D(e)-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo reaching almost to end of anal point or about 1/3 of gonostyle and with simple setae; gonostyle only moderately expanded and narrows over posterior half.

Female: (from Strenzke (1959):

Wing length 3.5 (3-4) mm. Thoracic setae: Acrostichal 14.0 (11-17); dorsocentral 33.7 (29-39); prealar 5.9 (5-7); supraalar 1.7 (1-2); scutellar 32.2 (28-36).

Relative length of Fore leg segments cf. tibia length: Fe 1.24 ; Ti 1.0 : Ta1 1.65 ; Ta2 0.77 ; Ta3 0.70 ; Ta4 0.60 ; Ta5 0.26. Br 1.9 (1.7-2.1).

Abdomen largely grey brown, pale areas at posterior of segments slightly larger than those of *C. nipodorsalis*.

Pupa: (based on *C. dorsalis* from Langton & Visser 2003)

Length 7.5-8.1 mm. Exuviae golden brown to dark brown.

Cephalic tubercles 90 µm by 80 µm, setae 50 µm. Thoracic horn much branched, basal ring 107-120 x 45-55 µm, 9-12 tracheoles across. Hook row of abdominal segment II entire occupying 0.51-0.55 of width of segment, with 44-55 hooks. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with 2-5 somewhat elongated teeth. Anal fringe with 82-116 taeniae.

Fourth instar larva: (some information from Vallenduuk and Moller-Pillot 2002) A medium plumosus-type larva, with VT relatively long and of equal length. Head capsule relatively long and narrow, mentum relatively narrow, mentum width/VHL about 0.49-0.52. Gular region darkened at center of posterior two thirds, frontoclypeus usually dark but may be lighter, also darkened outside V.

Clypeal chaetae fringed at the ends.

Mentum (Fig. a) with 4th laterals reduced to level of 5th (type II-iii) width 44-58 µm. 1st laterals tending to curve outwards; centre trifold tooth with c2 teeth well separated (type III).

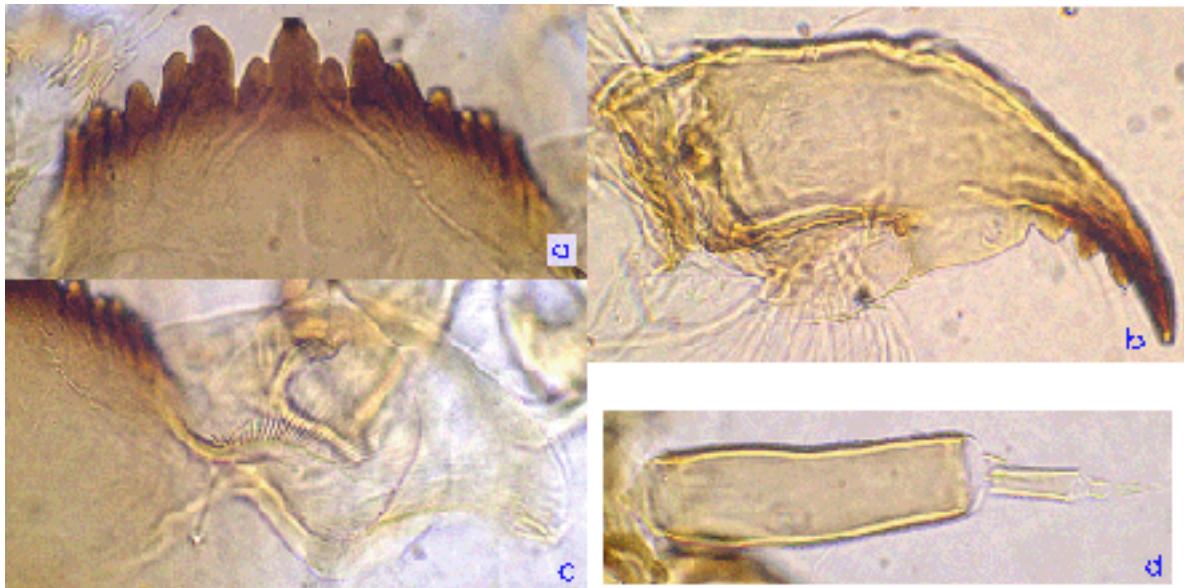
VM (Fig. c) about 282 (255-325) μm long (length of periphery), separated by about 0.40 of mentum width with 39.6 (35-42) striae (Webb *et al.* 1985).

Pecten epipharyngis with about 12-14 teeth. Premandible with sharp teeth, inner tooth about 1.5 to 2 times wider than outer tooth.

Antenna (Fig. d) with basal segment about 3.7 times longer than wide, ring organ about half way up from base; AR about 1.82-2.14, A3 quite short; segment proportions (microns) 123 : 30 : 7 : 11 : 6.

Distance between antennal bases may be greater than or about equal to that between the S4 setae.

Mandible (Fig. b) with 3rd inner tooth partly separated and colored (Type IA-IIIB); about 18-20 furrows on the outer surface at the base.



Mouthparts of *C. alpestris*. Note outward curving 1st lateral of mentum.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G.

Nucleolus subterminal in arm G, which is closely paired and has three BRs, the largest about a third from the distal end. No nucleolus in other chromosomes.

Chromosomal polymorphism is known only in arm G.

alpA1: 1 - 2c, 4 - 9, 2d -3, 12 -10a, 13 - 19

alpB1: not mapped. Puff (group 7?) about a third from the distal end.

alpC1: 1 - 2f, 11c - 10, 16 - 17a, 6 -2g, 11d - 15, 9 - 7, 17b - 22

alpD1: 1a(b), 17d - 19d, 10d - 1c(b), 17c - 10e, 19e - 24

alpE1: 1 - 2c, 8b - 2d, 8c - 9b, 12b - 9c, 12c - 13

alpF1: 1 - 10, 15 -11, 16 - 23

alpG1: The three BRs are in the distal part of the arm. BRa is developed only in the special lobe.

alpG2: simple inversion between the nucleolus and the large BRc, including BRb.

All mapping from Kiknadze *et al.* 2016 (as *C. dorsalis* sensu Strenzke with *C. alpestris* as a synonym). Other studies of the cytology have been made by a number of authors.

The synonymy of *C. nipodorsalis* with *C. dorsalis* Strenzke was claimed by Yamamoto and Hashimoto in 1976, and, while this conclusion is supported by the DNA analyses of Kondo *et*

al. (2016) based on K2P distance (i.e. same BOLD Bin), and Langton and Visser (2003) list this as a synonym of *C. dorsalis*, there are differences in larval morphology (clypeal chaetae fringed at end, VT of equal length) and cytology that support the recognition of *C. nippodorsalis*. As well, an analysis of actual base similarity by Dr. Kondo showed 8-10 consistent base differences.

Found: Type locality – nr. Garmish-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, GERMANY

other locations – Japan – Tohoko-chiho, Minamisma and Lake Inawashiro (type locality of *C. inaabeus*), both Fukushima Pref.; Experimental Pond, NEIS, Ibaraki.

India - Jammu & Kashmir: Kabeer colony, Jammu; Deoli Village; University of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.

Israel - Mt. Hermon (33.42°N, 35.86°E).

Molecular:

MtCOI sequence from *Chironomus nippodorsalis*, *C. dorsalis* sensu Strenzke 1959 and *C. alpestris* is in GenBank and the BOLD database (where all are in the same BIN, although the distance plot does suggest some specimens have a greater percentage difference.)

***Chironomus nippodorsalis* Sasa 1979**

as new name for *C. strenzkei* Sasa 1978 – name preoccupied.

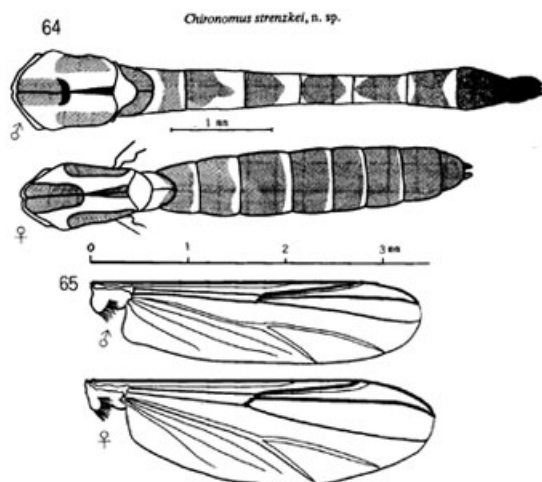
Chironomus inaabeus Sasa, Kitami and Suzuki 2001 (Yamamoto and Yamamoto 2018) sp. “shimantoabeus” Sasa, Suzuki & Sakai 1998

Incorrectly placed as a synonym of *C. alpestris*, to which it is closely related, but M. Yamamoto has noted some differences in the larva, and there is at least one different sequence in the polytene chromosomes and a number of different base pairs in the Barcode sequence (see below).

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW4001](#)

Along with *C. alpestris*.

Adult:



From Sasa 1978 (as *C. strenzkei*)

Male: Wing length 3.40-3.60 mm, width, 0.82 mm. VR 1.08. AR 2.96-3.1. BR 2.0
 Coloration generally brown to yellow, with dark brown markings on thorax and abdomen. Vittae almost uniformly dark brown; scutellum yellowish brown, postnotum dark brown

Head: Frontal tubercles small, abt 18-24 µm. 26 clypeal setae.

Palps (microns) (segs II-IV): 90 : 250 : 260 : 390 (Sasa 1978)

Indian specimens: 55 ; 53 : 215 : 230 : 275.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichal - at least 9; Dorsocentral - 21-22; Prealar 8;

Supra-alar - 1; Scutellar in two rows - anterior 8, posterior 14.

Legs with dark knees, tibia and tarsi; no beard.

Lengths (micron) and proportions

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1330	1140	1860	900	790	650	280	1.63-1.75	1.17-1.18	2.0-2.6
PII	1410	1285	780	420	300	190	145	0.60-0.61	1.10-1.11	
PIII	1570	1570	1050	600	440	280	160	0.67-0.72	1.00-1.03	

Abdominal color pattern (see above) noted as key diagnostic character: ground color yellow/greenish-yellow, and each segment has a dark brown band: posterior on tergite I, but anterior on other tergites, produced posteriorly on segments II and III.

About 5 setae on tergite IX. Anal point slender, expanded distally; SVO is a little 'beak-like' (S(b) type of Strenzke 1959), but beak is quite short; IVo with about 13 simple, recurved setae. Gc moderately expanded c.f. Gs, which narrows relatively slowly from about half way.

Female:

Coloration generally as in male, except that the abdominal segments do not have the conspicuous pale bands. Thoracic ground color grey, with vittae black or dark brown, scutellum brown, postnotum nearly black. Leg coloration as in male. Abdominal tergites almost entirely black.

Wing length 3.6 mm, width 1.1 mm.

Antennal proportions (micron): 110 : 110 : 130 : 130 : 240. AR 0.5; A5/A1 2.18.

Frontal tubercles small 15 µm long and 13 µm wide.

Palp proportions (segs 2-5) (micron): 60 : 220 : 240 : 350 .

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
	1830	1440	2760	1420	1320	1270	450	1.92	1.27	0.31
PII	1810	1730	1000	540	390	220	190	0.58	1.05	
PIII	2030	2030	1440	810	630	370	210	0.71	1.00	

Pupa: Sasa notes only that the spurs of segment VIII have 3-4 spines.

Fourth instar larva: a medium plumosus type. VT relatively long, anterior with elbows, posterior pair coiled; anterior pair longer. Head capsule relatively long and narrow, mentum relatively narrow, mentum width/VHL about 0.49-0.52. Gular region darkened over

posterior 2/3, FA dark, also darkened outside clypeus. Clypeal chaetae smooth in outline; clypeal aperture about 3.14-3.75 times longer than wide.

Mentum with 4th laterals reduced to about the level of 5th laterals (type II), 1st laterals tending to curve outwards; central trifid tooth with c2 teeth well separated (type III).

Ventromental plates separated by about 0.40 of the mentum width, with about 35-37 striae. PE with about 12-14 long pointed teeth (type A) when not worn.

Premandible with sharp teeth, the outer tooth longer; inner tooth about 1.5 to 2 times wider than outer tooth.

Antenna with basal segment about 3.2-3.4 times longer than wide, ring organ about half way up from base; AR about 2-2.15, A3 quite short; segment proportions (microns) 110 : 30 : 7: 11 : 6.

Distance between antennal bases may be greater than or about equal to that between the S4 setae, which are separated by 0.75 of the mentum width; dorsal RO very slightly posterior to S5 setae.

Mandible with 3rd inner tooth well developed, but only moderately colored (type IIIB); about 18-20 furrows on the outer surface at the base; 10-12 taeniae in PMA; MTR 0.28-0.36.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Large almost terminal nucleolus in arm G, which is closely paired and has three BRs, the largest about 1/3 from the other end of the arm. No nucleoli in the long chromosomes.

No polymorphism in 5 specimens examined. Very similar to *C. alpestris* but differs by a complex inversion in arm E.

nidA1: 1 - 2c, 4 - 9, 2d - 3, 12- 10, 13 - 19	as <i>alpestris</i>
nidB1: Puff (gp.7?) distal of centre of arm with some dark bands distal	as <i>alpestris</i> ?
nidC1: possibly 1 - 2f, 11c - 10, 16 - 17a, 6 -2g, 11d - 15, 9 - 7, 17b - 22	as <i>alpestris</i> ?
nidD1: possibly 1a(b), 17d - 19d, 10d - 1c(b), 17c - 10e, 19e - 24g	as <i>alpestris</i> ?
nidE1: 1 - 2c, 8b - 6, 3 - 2d, 8 - 9, 4 - 5, 12a - 10, 12b - 13	i.e. In5-9 and In9-3 from <i>alpestris</i>
nidF1: possibly 1 - 10, 15 - 11, 16 - 23	as <i>halophilus</i> , <i>alpestris</i>
nidG1: large nucleolus and 3 BRs in distal part of arm	as <i>C. alpestris</i>

Found: Japan – NIES, Ibaraki, Tsukuba, Honshu (**type locality**)

Yamamoto and Yamamoto consider *C. nippodorsalis* differs from *C. alpestris* in the length of the VT (about equal in *C. alpestris* but anterior pair much longer in *C. nippodorsalis*). As well, the labral chaetae, which are serrated on the anterior portion in other species, are quite smooth in *C. nippodorsalis* (Yamamoto, pers. comm.)

Molecular:

MtCOI sequence from *Chironomus nippodorsalis*, *C. dorsalis* sensu Strenzke 1959 and *C. alpestris* is in GenBank and the BOLD databases (where all are in the same BIN). However, the identification of many specimens is dubious.

***Chironomus bicoloris* Tokunaga 1964**

There is doubt that this species does occur in the oriental region. Karunkaran claimed to have specimens, but it is more likely that she had an undescribed species.

***Chironomus (Chironomus) bicoloris* Tokunaga, n. sp. (fig. 10, f).**

Large yellow species, allied to *plumatisetigerus*, but distinguished from it by smaller frontal tubercles (at most as long as two facets) and dark brown subtriangular or oval markings of scutal vittae. AR about 3.1; LR 1.6-1.7; frontal tubercles small, only as long as 1.5 times of diameter of facet in male and two facets in female; scutal vittae of thorax yellow and with four dark-brown spots, two of these spots elongate subtriangular on posterior half of median vittae and other two on anterior parts of lateral vittae; legs with knee parts dark brown, but knee joints very narrowly pale and usually posterior two pairs with knee parts faintly brownish, rarely tibial base without brown marking; tibial apical ends usually brownish, but in fore leg very faint and sometimes quite pale.

Male: Body 6.18-6.24 mm. long; wings 2.96-3.15 mm. by 0.8-0.82 mm. Head yellowish brown or yellowish pale brown, with mouthparts more brownish, frontal tubercles small, at most as long as 1.5 times diameter of facet, eyes separated above by one-seventh to one-eighth length of eye; palpal segments about 22.5: 17.5: 70.5: 84.5: 112.5; antenna with scape yellowish brown, flagellum and plumose hairs brown, AR 3.1 (3.08-3.11). Thorax mainly yellow, scutum pale yellow, with four yellow vittae and four subtriangular dark brown spots on vittae, scutellum pale yellow, with 15 to 17 bristles along caudal margin and 19 to 27 small setae scattered on anterior part, postscutellum dark brown on anterior half and yellow on caudal half. Legs mainly yellow or pale brownish yellow, but all knee parts dark brown and joints very narrowly pale, all tarsal segments apically brown, last one or two segments somewhat more brownish, fore tibia sometimes pale brown at tip, other tibiae usually more brownish at distal ends and sometimes basal brownish bands absent; LR about 1.69, RL-FT about 115: 99.5. Wing with veins very pale, but fR and r-m dark and covered by small dark spot, fMCu under end of r-m, RL-V 94.3: 70: 110: 94.3. Halter white or yellowish white. Abdomen pale brown, gradually fuscus brown caudad, tergites with somewhat T-shaped basal bands; hypopygium (fig. 10, f) brown, anal point slender, style slender, apical half suddenly tapered, dorsal appendage with basal pubescent part oval and setigerous, bare caudal projection not distinctly swollen or curved at tip, ventral appendage almost straight, slightly clavate, with 13 to 15 long curved apical bristles, some of these bristles finely plumose apically.

Female: Body about 6.76 mm. long; wings about 3.33 mm. by 0.98 mm. Generally similar to male, but lateral scutal vitta more brownish. Head with eyes separated above by one-sixth to one-seventh length of eye, frontal tubercles small and about as long as two facets; palpal segments about 25: 25: 85: 99: 143; antenna almost entirely pale brownish yellow, neck parts of intermediate flagellar segments as long as half of segments, six-segmented (25: 64: 45: 50: 41: 69). Scutellum with about 20 bristles along caudal margin and about 25 small setae scattered on anterior part. Leg with RL-FT about 130: 111. Wing with fMCu under origin of r-m, RL-V about 96: 87: 135: 102. Abdomen almost uniformly very pale brown or pale brownish yellow, anterior tergites 2 to 6 with very faint broad fuscus clouds, ultimate segment and cerci brown.

Tokunaga's (1964) description of *C. bicoloris*.

Type data: holotype USNM US66552 adult male, paratype(s) USNM 2 adult males.

Type locality: Dugor, Weloy, Yap Island.

Additional information on this species, including the immatures, is known only from northern Australia.

Adult:

Male:

Wing length: 3.34-3.76 mm; wing width 0.82-0.86 mm; VR about 1.0. Brown spot over crossvein; usually 4, or 3, Scf on brachiolum; 22-23 setae on squamal fringe. AR about 3.10-3.16.

Frontal tubercles longer than in Micronesian specimens - about 50-60 micron and 2.5-2.8 times longer than wide - longer than the width of two eye facets. Clypeus width about 157-170 µm, about 0.75 of diameter of antennal pedicel; with about 27-33 setae. Palp proportions (micron): 66 : 64 : 253 : 249 : 436; P5/P4 1.75.

Thorax green, vittae, postnotum and sternopleuron reddish brown, vittae with 2-3 darker markings; setae - about 19 acrostichal; 26-30 dorsocentral; 1 prealar; 6-7 prealars; 28-37 scutellar – 12-17 in 1 or 2 anterior rows and 16-20 in posterior row. Legs with femur and tibia greenish, tarsi yellowish with at least slight darkening of knees and at tips of tarsi.

Lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1460	1405	2275	-	-	-	-	1.62	1.04	-
PII	1540	1485	940	530	390	215	150	0.63-0.67	1.06	-
PIII	1675	1825	1355	750	600	350	155	0.73-0.75	0.93-0.94	-

Abdomen greenish proximally, anterior segments with proximal dark band which becomes larger in the more posterior segments until whole segment is darkened.



C. bicoloris: Male hypopygium (left) and superior volsella (right)

Setae on tergite IX: 14.3 (13-16) in a large single pale patch. IVo reaching to about the end of the anal point; setae forked. SVo of the E-type (see above) (most like h of Strenzke 1959) but with what appears to be slight folds at the tip; gonostylus usually slender and tapers gently over posterior half, with 4 long and 1 shorter setae at the distal end.

Female: (based on single specimen from near Sarina Beach, Queensland (AQ.66.1) Colour yellowish, with brown vittae; legs as in males.

Wing length 3.42 mm., width 0.89 mm.; VR 0.91. 3-4 Scf on brachiolum; 17-18 setae on squamal fringe.

Relative length of antennal segments (micron) (proportion of neck in brackets): 164 (0.25) : 109 (0.38) : 124 (0.44) : 118 (0.45) : 182; AR 0.35, A5/A1 1.11. Frontal tubercles about 22 µm long and 2.5 times longer than wide. Clypeus about 1.7 times the diameter of the antennal pedicel, with 35 setae. Palpal proportions (micron) 63 : 48 : 188 : 250 : 385 (P5/P4 1.54).

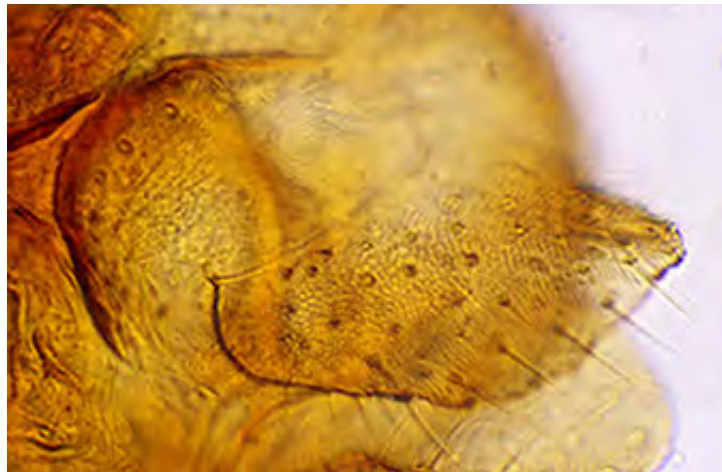
Thoracic setae: Acrostichal abt 14; Humeral 5-6 linear; Dorsocentral 22; Prealar 3; Supraalar 1; Scutellar with 2 rows – 7 in anterior row and 10 in posterior row.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1315	935	1770	860	760	705	340	1.89	1.41	0.73
PII	1265	1140	660	350	250	190	135	0.58	1.11	-
PIII	1355	1380	950	510	410	270	160	0.69	0.98	-

BR 1.52

Segment X crescent shaped, about 3.9 times longer than its greatest width and with 9 setae.



Cercus and segment X (at left) of *C. bicoloris*

Cercus shorter on the dorsal margin, posterior margin slightly curved towards ventral end and merging into the longer ventral margin with a basal bulge.

Pupa: Not previously described. One male and one female exuviae are available. Colour yellow brown, with darker yellow brown cephalothorax and muscle scars. Shagreen sparse in centre of TI, on posterior 2/3 of TII, posterior 3/4 on TIII and TIV, 5/6 on TV, more midline constrained on TVI, mainly on centre line of TVII but with gap along midline, and sparse on anterior with gap in midline of TVIII.

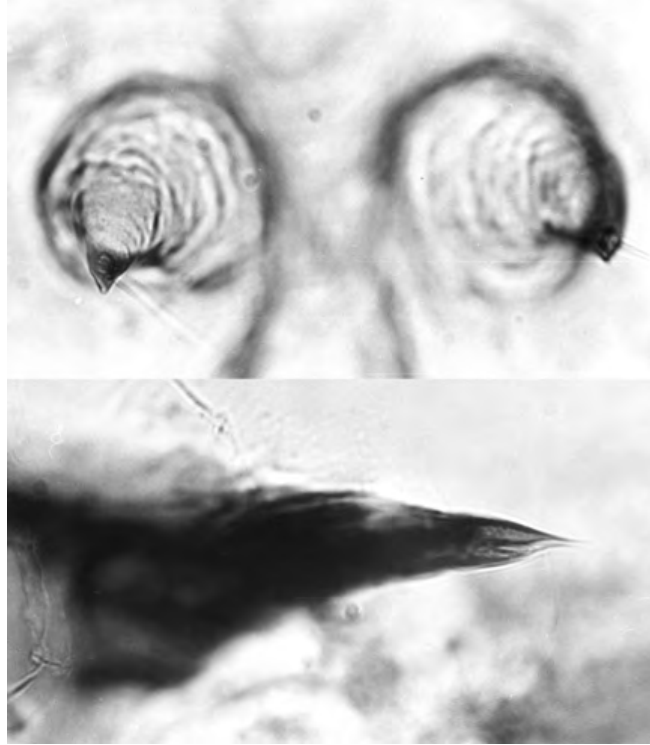
Length about 6.75 mm (male) and 7.07 mm (female), inner margin of wing case 1.42 (f)-1.59 (m) mm. Cephalic tubercles small, 53 x 46 µm (male) (below); 45x50 µm (female), with subterminal seta at least 43-53 µm. Female antennal sheath about 660 µm.

Basal scar about 122 x 68 µm, slightly narrowed in middle, and respiratory base filling almost whole space; HR about 1.71-1.96. Irregular patch lateral/ventral of scar, about 150x75 µm in size.

L-seta at anterior margin of intersegment of III/IV not seen, on IV/V about 56 µm long.

Hook row of segment II occupying about 76-79% of segment width, 92-94 simple recurved hooks.

PSB relatively large on segment II, small on segment III; large PSA on segment IV (abt 151-177 x 101-110 μm) about 26-32% of the segment length. PSB on segment V still relatively large; that on segment VI small with just spines.



Cephalic tubercles and spur of segment VIII of male pupa

Caudolateral spurs of segment VIII have 1-2 spines. About 72 (male) – 83 (female) taeniae, initially uniserial, then partly biserial, with some places triserial, on each side of swim fin.

Fourth instar larva: a medium sized plumosus-type larva (length (female) about 15.2 mm). Anterior VT (1.06 mm) shorter than posterior pair (1.40 mm); PLT about 320 μm . Gula pale or sl. dark over post 1/2; FC pale or very slightly darkened. Clypeal aperture about 99x15 μm , i.e. 6 times longer than wide.

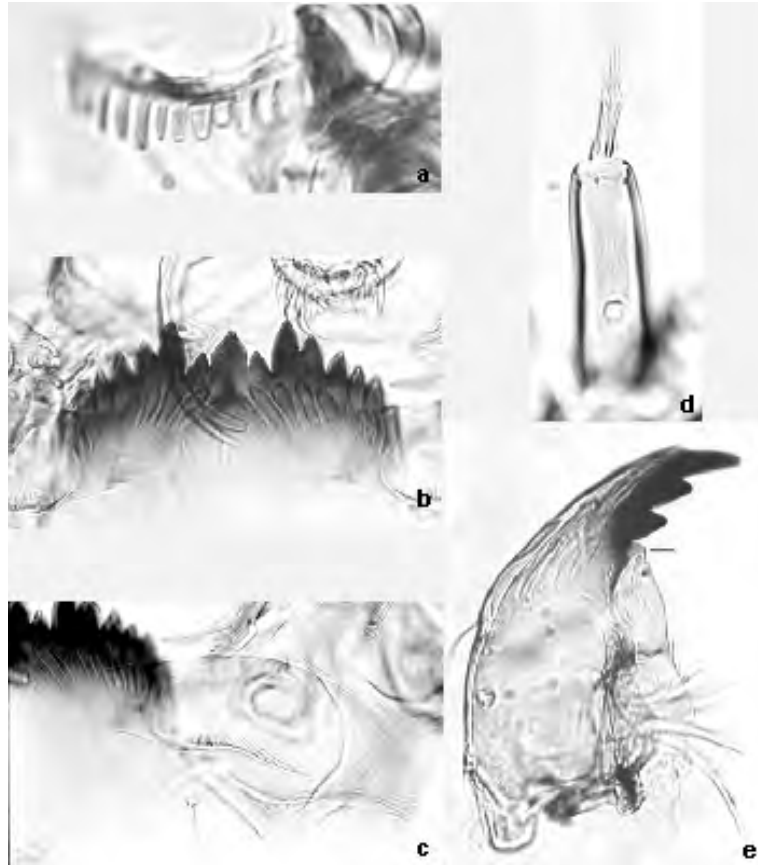
Mentum (b, below) with sculpturing along ventral surface and relatively sharp broad teeth; c2 teeth of central trifold tooth well separated from c1 tooth (type IB-IIA), 4th laterals slightly reduced (type I-II).

PE (a, below) with about 16-18 teeth (type B). Ventromentum (c, below) about 4.3 times longer than deep; with about 36-39 striae; distance between VM plates about 0.28-0.38 of mentum width; VMR about 0.32-0.33.

Distance between the antennal bases probably greater than that between the S4 setae, which are separated by about 70% of FC width at that point.

Antenna (d, below) with basal segment about 3.5 times as long as wide, RO just over a third up from the base; AR about 2.43-2.54; A2/A1 about 0.19-0.20; antennal proportions: 127 : 24 : 7 : 13 : 6.

Mandible (d, below) with third inner tooth only slightly separated and darkened (Type IA-B), and with about 13-20 furrows on outer surface at the base and about 7-10 taeniae in PMA, which appears to run down and away from the inner teeth (just visible in d, below).



Larval mouthparts of *C. bicoloris*

a. Pecten epipharyngis; b. Mentum; c. Ventromental plate; d. Antenna; e. Mandible.

Cytology: 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G. Centromeres heterochromatic.

Arm G closely paired with a small subterminal nucleolus. Main nucleolus near middle of arm C. Polymorphism at least in arm A.

bicA1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3i - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19

as *holomelas*?

bicA2: approx 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3ih, 6 - 9, 2d - 3g, 5 - 4, 13 - 19

bicB1: typical bands (groups 23-28) near centromere, puff (group 7) near middle of the arm

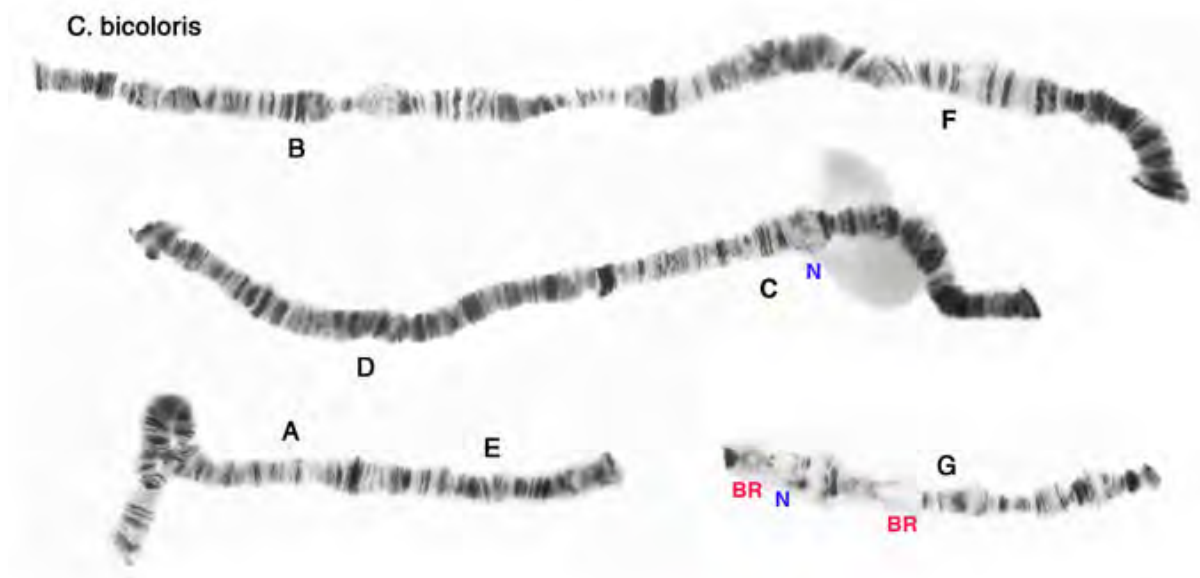
bicC1: NOR near middle of the arm with groups 3-4 immediately distal to it

bicD1:

bicE1: possibly 1 - 3a, 5 - 10b, 4h - 3f, 10c - 13 i.e. as in *aprilinus*, *atrella*, *athalassicus*

bicF1: Groups 9-7, 14-15 about 1/3 from end of arm.

bicG1: Small subterminal nucleolus, with a BR between the NOR and the centromere, and another just proximal of the middle of the arm.



Polytene chromosome complement of *C. bicoloris*
 Note arm A is heterozygous A1.2

The arrangement of the PMA on the larval mandible appears to be unique among *Chironomus* species. The other distinguishing features are the male SVo and the darker markings on the thoracic vittae.

Found: **Micronesia** - Caroline Islands: Pelau Islands and Yap Island.

Also found in **Queensland** - Lake Boemingen and Lake Wabby (25.27°S; 153.80°E), Fraser Island (H. Burton, light trap); 3 km w. Sarina Beach (21.40°S; 149.25°E).

Chironomus species R&S

Adult, Pupa and **Fourth instar larva**: Not available, only polytene chromosome descriptions.

Cytology: No nucleolus in arm G, but possibly a nucleolus in both chromosomes I (on arm C) and II. The photographs are very poor but consistent with this being *C. circumdatus*.

Found: **India** - vicinity of Ujjain (or Gwailor).

From various papers by H.S Rathore and H. Swarup from 1980-1982, which refer to a chromosome map in a Ph.D. thesis of 1979.

***Chironomus hemicyclius* Das, Majumdar and Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male:

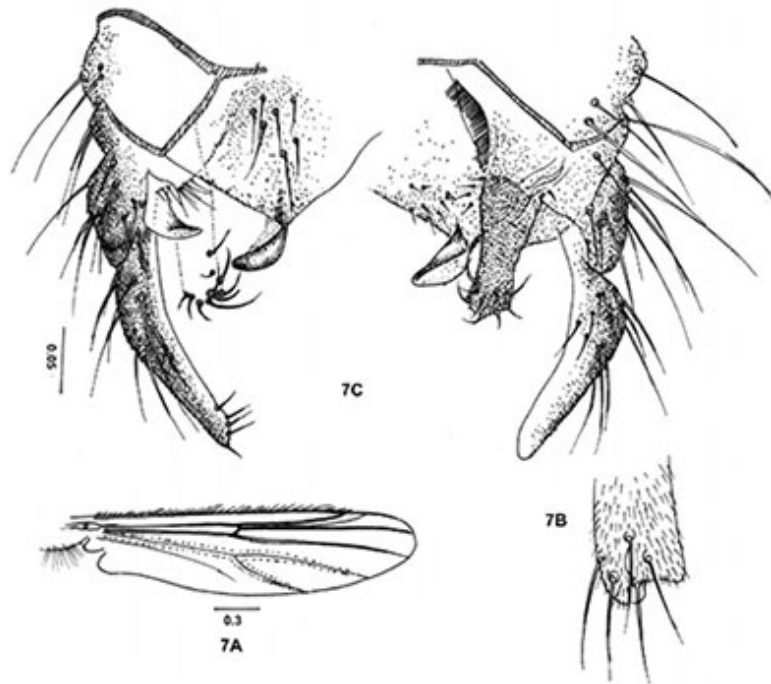


Figure 7A-C. Adult of *Chironomus hemicyclius* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

Pupa:

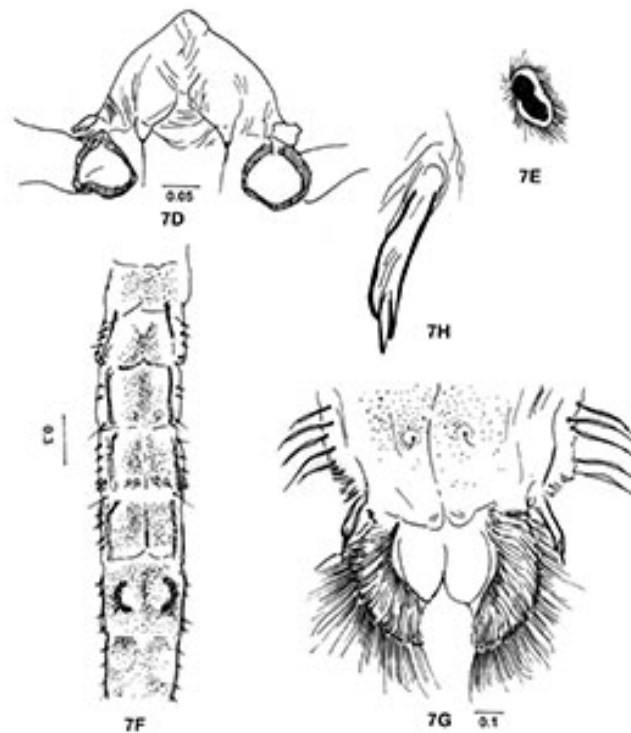


Figure 7D-H. *Chironomus hemicyclius* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalo-thorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Axial lobe. H. Casidolateral spur. **Das et al. 2016**

Fourth instar larva:

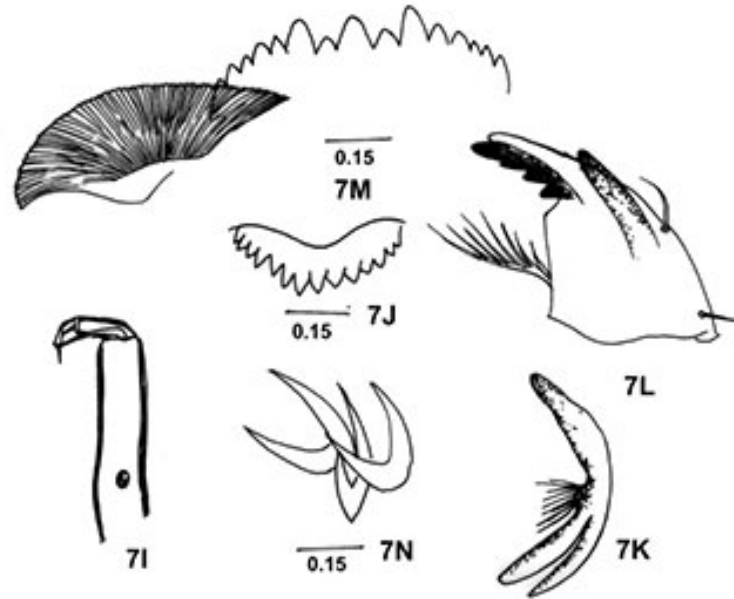


Figure 7I-N. *C. konicyclus* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. **Das et al. 2016**

Found: India - Type locality – Kalimpong (27.04°N, 88.28°E 1247 m a.s.l.), West Bengal.

Noted as similar to *C. circumdatus*.

***Chironomus bharati* Singh & Kulshrestha 1976**

Has been listed as a synonym of *C. circumdatus*, but the anal point as described by Maheshwari from the original material, is quite different. – see below.

Redescribed by Maheshwari, 1989, who notes that the original description actually described the female of *C. uttarpradeshensis* by mistake.

Adult:

Male:

Head light brown, antenna yellow. Thoracic vittae yellowish-brown; antepronotum light brown; scutum and scutellum pale green, postnotum light brown.

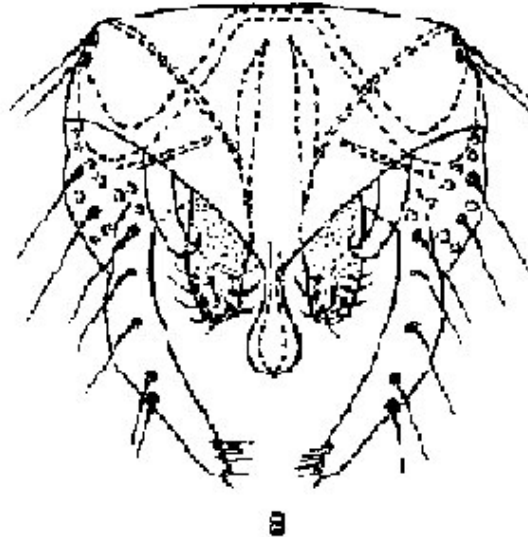
Wing with crossvein r-m dark. Wing length 3.12 mm, VR 1.07

Legs yellowish green, anterior tibia darker at proximal end; mid femora with apical hook-like projection; each tarsal segment with 5-18 prominent setae at distal ends.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1320	1200	2080	970	850	730	360	1.73	1.10	0.30
PII	1320	1230	740	430	290	180	140	0.60	1.07	
PIII	1560	1530	1120	600	450	270	170	0.73	1.02	

Abdominal terga II-V with well-marked brown median spots; genitalia brown.



Male terminalia of *C. bharati* from Maheshwari (1989)

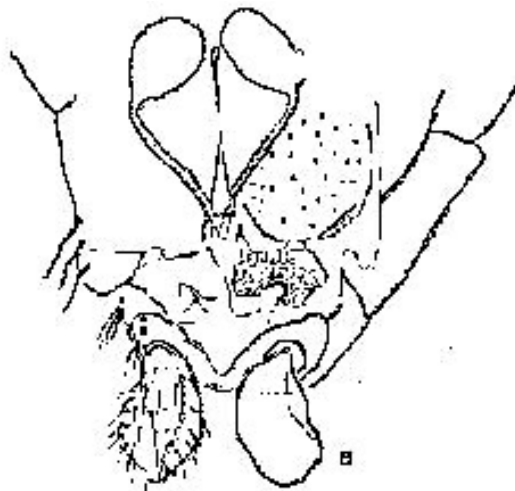
Hypopygium with spatulate anal point. IVo extending about to distal swelling of anal point. Gonostylus 1.44 time the length of the gonocoxite, with setae at distal end; only moderately swollen and narrowing gently from about the midpoint. SVo pointed at tip and strongly curved distally, perhaps closest to D(e) type of Strenzke 1959, base not broad. No setae shown on TIX.

Female: Colour similar to male but relatively weakly marked spots on tergites.

Wing length 2.70 mm, VR 1.06.

Head with frontal tubercles stated to be 35 mm long, but presumably should be 35 µm; antenna with 5 segments, lengths not given. Palp proportions 9 : 15 : 59 : 63 : 91. Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1030	860	1050	870	600	520	270	1.70	1.20	0.60
PII	1080	1080	600	360	240	150	130	0.55	1.00	
PIII	1200	1240	910	520	400	240	160	0.73	0.97	



Genitalia: Sternite VIII not forms floor under vagina(?). Length of notum 224 μm . Length of gonocoxal apodeme 132 μm , 17-19 setae on segment X, 5-6 setae on gonocoxite 6. Labia sword shaped, 20.5 μm long.

Pupa: Body length 6.10 (6.00-6.20) mm. General body colour dark brown, changing to silvery white near emergence. Respiratory organ divided into two conspicuous multifilamentous anterior and posterior trunks. Wing sheath well developed. Spicules present. No information on number of hooks on segment II, the number of spines on the spur of segment VIII or the taeniae of the swim fin.

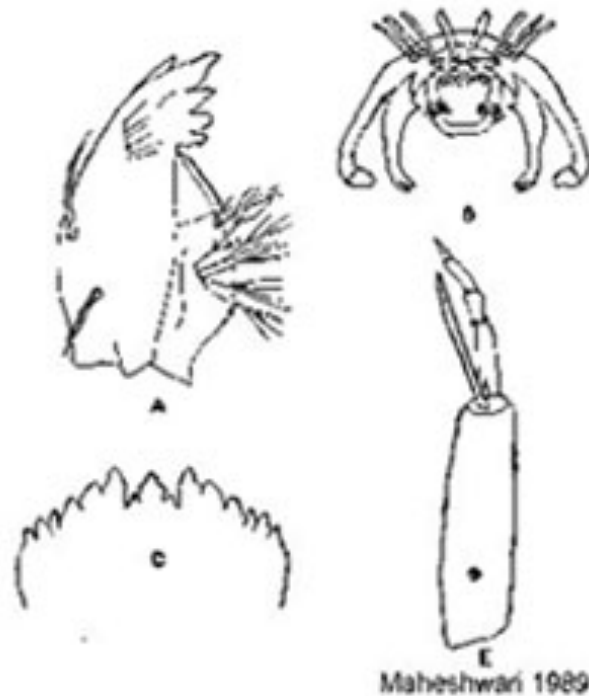
Fourth instar larva: Body length 9.20 (9.00-9.40) mm. Two pairs of ventral tubules. Head capsule length 0.63 mm, width 0.48 mm. RO 31 μm up from base of A1; antennal blade extends to near the distal end of A4; AR 1.56.

PE with single row of teeth, partly obscured, premandible with normal 2 teeth.

Mentum with 15 teeth, possibly Type II (4th lateral reduced almost to level of 5th lateral) centre tooth possibly Type III.

Ventromentum not illustrated.

Illustration suggests that mandible is type III and MTR about 0.33.



Mouthparts of *C. bharati* larva

Found: India - Type locality – Khanari Agricultural Farm, Agra, Uttarpradesh.

The position of this species in the pseudothummi cytocomplex is uncertain, but the apparent relationship to *C. circumdatus* suggests that this is where it would belong.

***Chironomus crassiforceps* (Kieffer 1916)**

Synonyms

Chironomus esakai Tokunaga 1940

Chironomus insolens Johannsen 1946 - synonymised with *C. esakai* by Hardy (1960).

Chironomus sp. Ikema-yusurika Sasa et Hasegawa 1983 – synonymised by Hasegawa et Sasa (1987)

Yaesecundus iriobeceus Sasa et Suzuki, 2000

Chironomus daitoabeus Sasa et Suzuki 2001

Daitoyusurika daitofegea Sasa et Suzuki, 2001,

Chironomus nudipes Kieffer 1911 – note: if this synonymy is confirmed, it would become the senior synonym.

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The nearest neighbor Bin is [BOLD:AAJ4269](#) which contains *C. magnivalva*.

Adult:

Kieffer description - Annales Musei Nationalis Hungaricis **14**: 111-112 (1916)
10. *T. crassiforceps* n. sp.

Male: Fawn colour. Frons with two small white lobes. Palps of a dark brown. Antennae of 12 segments, brownish, with fawn variegation, transverse segments 3-11 twice as wide as long, the 12th twice as long as previous ten together. Mesonotum frosted white, with 3 reddish bands, short, dull, whitish; scutellum, metanotum and pleura reddish or fawn. Halteres white, extremity of club brown. Wings subhyaline, crossvein black, second longitudinal vein close to radius, cubitus more than half as long as the radius, posterior fork a little distal to the crossvein. Legs yellowish, the last two tarsal segments and the extremity of the third darker, anterior tarsus not bearded, long anterior tibia, hardly shorter than the unmarked femur, metatarsus at least longer by half than the tibia, segments 2-4 gradually and slightly shortened, the fourth not distinctly shorter than the third one, more than twice as large as the 5th, large pulvilla, shorter than empodium. Abdomen linear, of a brownish white, lateral edges black, the last two tergites and claspers a little duller than the other tergites. Large claspers, very large terminal segments, longer and larger than the basal segments, straight, slightly thinner and rounder at the edge, except the distal quarter which possesses, as well as the extremity, short hairs, erect and quite dense, the setae of the lateral part are relatively shorter than usual, shorter than the width of the segment; coxite appendages in a short point; superior appendages extend out a little past the basal segments, flat, linear, curved; inferior appendages very long, nearly reaching the extremity of the terminal segments, more than twice as large as the superior appendages, but not half as big as the terminal segments, slightly swollen before the extremity which is thinner, pubescent, dorsal surface armed, on the distal third, with long hairs, rigid and strongly curved.— L. 4.5 mm. (i.e. AR about 1.5, LR about 1.5)



Fig. 19.
Tendipes crassiforceps n. sp.
Half of claspers of the male
viewed from above

I am indebted to the late Todashi Kobayashi for much of the following information.

Male

Wing length 2.43 (2.28-2.72) mm.; width abt 0.64 (0.60-0.68); VR 0.91 (0.88-0.97).

Palp proportions segs. 2 -5 (microns): 41 : 158 : 159 : 205 ;

(P5/P4 1.07-1.50; P5/P3 1.11-1.50); Clypeal setae 23-28.

Thoracic setae: acrostichal abt. 12-19; dorsocentral 11-18; prealar 5-7; supra alar 1; scutellar in approx. 2 rows ant. 5-8. post. 9-12 (total 16-20).

Leg proportions and ratios (microns)

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1305	1070	1795	880	755	741	349	1.56-1.81	1.18-1.27	1.73-1.92
PII	1318	1279	633	360	290	209	168	0.45-0.59	1.00-1.18	
PIII	1520	1473	909	498	451	262	189	0.49-0.626	1.00-1.07	



Hypopygium: Anal point stout, gonostylus large with a more-or-less rounded end, SVo long and slender, IVo slightly curved, much longer than anal point and to about 2/3 of the length of the gonostylus. No central clear area on tergite IX, but from 0-8 setae (most clearly seen in the illustration of Tokunaga (1964).

Female

Wing length 2.36 (2.08-2.77) mm; width 0.72 (0.60-0.83).

Head: Antennal proportions 114: 80 : 81 : 75 : 152; necks of intermediate segments about a third of segment length; AR 0.44 (0.39-0.48); A5/A1 1.32 (1.28-1.42). Frontal tubercles prominent 46 µm long and 20 µm in diameter.

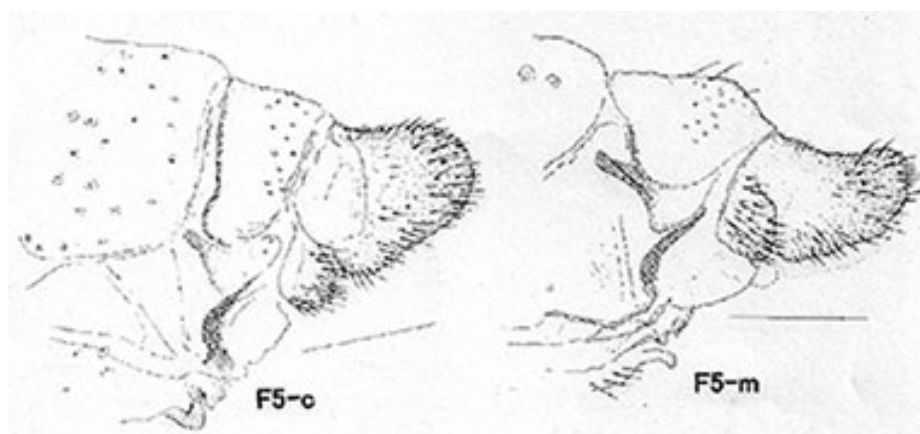
Palpal proportions 38 : 38 : 133 : 148 : 213; A5/A4 1.43 (1.29-1.44); A5/A3 1.60 (1.35-1.92). Clypeus about 1.5 times the diameter of the antennal pedicel; 21.8 (20-24) clypeal setae.

Thorax: Scutal vittae brown, rest brownish. Setae – Acrostichal 8-12; Dorsocentral (incl. Humeral) 16-24; Prealar 5-6; Supraalar-1; Scutellum with 7-11 small anterior setae and 8-13 in posterior row (total 19 (16-24)).

Leg proportions and ratios

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	968	808	1500	730	640	630	310	1.15-1.22	1.15-1.22	0.67-0.71
PII	972	956	540	307	233	167	153	0.53-0.68	1.10-1.12	
PIII	1140	1144	770	430	350	-	-	0.63-0.67	0.96-1.03	

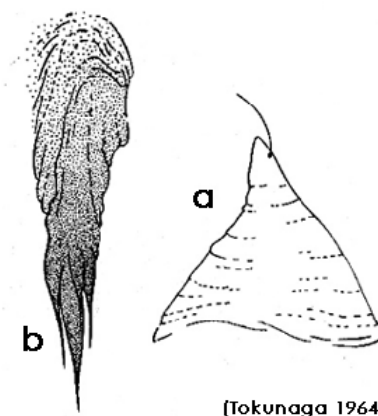
Abdomen largely yellow or yellowish-brown, darker at posterior. Cercus and segment X (below) very similar to that of *C. magnivalva*, i.e. a generally rounded outline with some indication of a bulge at the base of the ventral margin, while segment X has an enlarged, relatively rounded base. Sasa & Hasagawa (1983) describe the cercus as “ear-shaped, 216 µm long and 376 µm high”.



Variation of the cercus in specimens from Japan. (Drawing by T. Kobayashi)

Pupa: (from Tokunaga 1964) Body length 5.9 (5-6) mm. Frontal tubercles triangular, as long as the basal length, with small apical seta. Abdominal tergite II with a caudal ridge of 77 hooklets and PSB present; PSA lateral on tergite IV; caudolateral spur of segment VIII usually with 3 or 4 spines but may be only one.

Fourth instar larva a medium sized plumosus-type larva; length about 7–12.3 mm. Anterior ventral tubules (1.68 mm) generally slightly shorter than the posterior pair (1.72mm); anal tubules 320-480 µm long and 2.7-3.4 times longer than wide, without a constriction.



Gular region slightly darkened to dark on posterior third to half, slightly wider than the width of the mentum, widest at posterior border; FA also darkened, and slight darkening elsewhere on dorsal surface. Oesophageal opening (Fig. d, below) 75.1 (58-96) µm wide and 4.7 (4.0-5.2) times wider than deep.

Mentum (Fig. e, below) with 4th laterals only slightly reduced (essentially type I), and c2 teeth partly separated from c1 (mostly type IB, but rarely type III); width about 50-60% of the VHL.

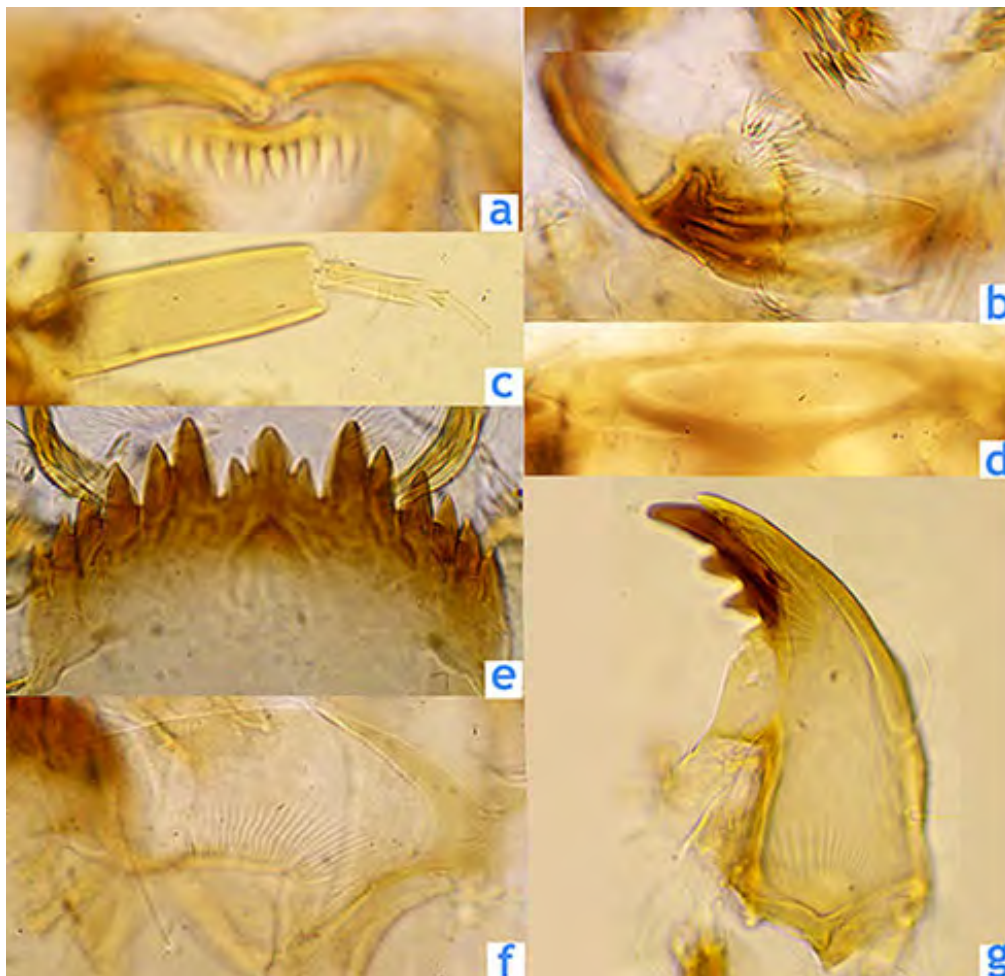
Ventromentum (Fig. f, below) width about 170.4 (153-190) μm and 3.52 (3.39-3.79) times wider than deep; with about 36.1 (31-47) striae; IPD about 41-61 μm (about 0.30-0.35 of mentum width); VMR 0.26 (0.21-0.30). PE (Fig. a, below) with about 15.8 (14-19) teeth, mostly type B when not worn.

Premandible (Fig. b, below) with inner tooth about 3.5-4.5 times wider than the outer tooth, both reducing to a point, sometimes to a sharp point, others to a broader point (as Fig b, below)(not clear whether this is due to natural polymorphism, wear or simply differences in mounting).

Antenna (Fig. c, below) with relatively long basal segment, about a third of the VHL and 3.3 (3.1-3.7) times longer than wide, RO about 0.31 (0.25-0.37) up from the base; AR about 1.91 (1.55-2.24), segment lengths (micron) 103 : 26 : 9 : 11.5 : 7.

Distance between antennal bases (132.4 (119-159)) generally greater than that between the S4 setae (121.3 (109-147)), which are separated by 76-85% of the FA width. S5 setae about level with the nearby RO.

Mandible (Fig. g, below) about 218.6 (195-237) μm long, with 3rd inner teeth only slightly separated and showing some color (type I-IIA); about 18.9 (17-20) furrows on outer surface near the base; 12.5 (12-14) taeniae in PMA; Mdt-Mat 29.5 (25-35) μm , MTR 0.4 (0.36-0.45).



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleolus in arm F at about group 19, and a small nucleolus sometimes

developed in arm G. No known inversion polymorphism. Differs from *C. magnivalva* by fixed inversions in arms C, E and G.

craA1: 1-2c, 3-2d, 10-12, 14-13, 4-9, 15-19 as magnivalva A1

craB1: Large puff with distal dark bands (groups 7-8) near distal end of arm as magnivalva

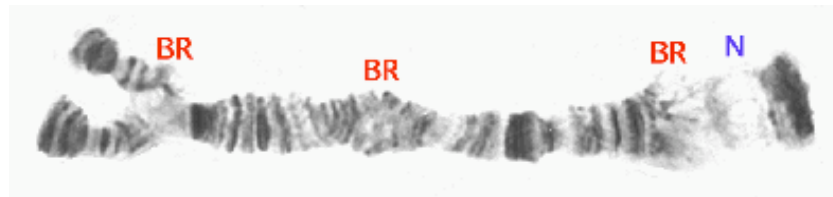
craC1: the distinctive groups 3-4 are about one quarter of the arm length from the centromere

craD1: as arm D of magnivalva

craE1 1-3a, 10g-c, 3f-4, 10b-5, 3e-b, 4-3f, 11-13 from cingulatus/magnivalva by Inv10g-3b

craF1: 1-2a, 10d-a, 2b-9, 11-23 as magnivalva F1

craG1: Nucleolus sometimes subterminal, with BR immediately next to it, and two other BRs spread along the arm



Arm G of *C. crassiforceps*

Found: Type locality – Tainan, Taiwan, (Republic of China). Types were in the Natural History Museum in Budapest, and so are lost. Type localities of the synonyms are not in Asia.

Japan - Miyako Island, Okinawa Prefecture, Ryukyu; Minamidaito Island; Yonakuni Island; Iriomote Island; Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu.

Bangladesh – Chittagong (BOLD)

Pakistan – Sialcot (BOLD)

Philippines - Sozan, Taihoku.

?**Micronesia**: S. Mariana Island, Palau, Yap Hill, Yap, Caroline Atolls; Ponape, Kusaie, Marshall Is., Gilbert Is.

?**Hawaii** - Oahu; Molokai. Some specimens were obtained from a hot spring at temperature 38°C

Thailand - Ban Bu, Amphoe Muang, Nakhon Ratchasima Province; Ban Kud Khaee Khon Kaen Province; San Pa Tong Rice Experimental Station. Amphoe San Pa Tong, and Doi Inthanon, Amphoe Hang Dong, both Chiang Mai Province; (all Hashimoto *et al.* 1981); Ban Nong Sim, Chaturaphak Phiman Dist., Roi Et Province (Pramual *et al.* 2016).

?**India** - Berhampur (24.23°N, 88.43°E), West Bengal (Pal & Hazra, 2017).

? - the identity of these specimens is uncertain in the absence of cytological or DNA data.

All life stages were redescribed by Tokunaga (1939, 1964).

This species is very closely related to *Chironomus magnivalva* Kieffer which occurs in northern Australia and the Pacific Islands, and to the Indian species *C. nudipes* Kieffer.

C. nudipes differs from *C. crassiforceps* in the presence of dark spots on the abdomen, and the unusually short posterior femur (that of *C. crassiforceps* being longer than the tibia), as noted above, if synonymy were confirmed, *C. nudipes* would become the senior synonym. The information provided by Pal and Hazra (2017) is completely inadequate to confirm that the specimens that they examined were *C. crassiforceps*, *C. nudipes* or some other species entirely. It is unfortunate that they chose to publish in a journal lacking rigorous review. The major difference in the morphology of the males between *C. crassiforceps* and *C. magnivalva* is that, while the gonostyle of *C. magnivalva* narrows evenly to the distal end, that of *C. crassiforceps* appears to remain the same width for most of its length and then rounds-off (see figure above). In this latter character, *C. crassiforceps* seems to be similar to *C. nudipes* but differs in lacking the dark spots on tergites VI-VIII (although these are only mentioned in the Chaudhuri *et al.* redescription). *C. crassiforceps* and *C. nudipes* have both been recorded from the same area in West Bengal.

***Chironomus nudipes* Kieffer 1911**

Redescribed by Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992)

This could be the senior synonym of *C. crassiforceps* Kieffer 1916.

Adult:

KIEFFER, J. J. - Records of the Indian Museum **6**(3): 164 (1911)

Male. Head, palps, scape and thorax reddish, antenna brown; mesonotum whitish yellow and lustrous, with three ferruginous bands, of which the median is gradually becoming thinner into a line percurrent to the rear, the laterals foreshortened at the front; halteres white, legs yellow, the two or three last segments of tarsi becoming darker; anterior half of abdomen green, posterior half brown like the claspers. Eyes separated by the distance of their own width. Segments 3-13 of the antennae a little transverse(?), 14th half as long again as the 12 previous segments together, plumes brown. Wings hyaline, veins pale, radius equally distant from the point of the wing as the anterior branch, very near to the 2nd longitudinal; cubitus not extending beyond the costal, more distant from the point of the discoidal; crossvein oblique, situated above the bifurcation of the posticale. Anterior metatarsus nearly double the tibia, which is a little shorter than the femur, 4th segment longer than the 3rd, more than twice as long as the 5th, the latter 8 times as long as wide(?); claws without long hairs, subglabrous. Lamellae of the claspers with a prolongation to a point, terminal segment a little longer than the basal, slightly thinner at its rear, lobe extending notably to the middle of the terminal segment.

Length 4.5 mm.

Calcutta (now Kolkata), 10-viii-1907 (N. Annandale).

Additional data from Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992):

Male: Body length 3.64 (3.49-3.72) mm; wing 1.54 (1.50-1.61) mm long, 0.50 (0.48-0.57) mm wide; VR abt 0.95 (0.90-1.0). AR 2.06 (2.03-2.09).

Clypeal setae 22-24; relative lengths of palp segments 12 : 11 : 38 : 40 : 56; P5/P4 1.40; P5/P3 1.47. Frontal tubercles well developed.

Wing (Fig. a, below) length 1.50-1.61 mm, width 0.48-0.57 mm; VR 0.90-1.00; Scf on brachiolum 2, Squamal fringe with 16 (16-18) setae.

Thorax: Yellow, mesoscutum with 3 yellow to brown vittae. Setae: 12 uniserial Acrostichals; 20 irregularly biserial dorsocentrals; 4 prealars; 1 supra-alar; 18 scutellar. Leg proportions and ratios (units not stated):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	60	52	85	43	37	36	19	1.63-2.0	1.15	No beard
PII	64	63	30	18	15	12	9	0.47	1.02	
PIII	54	72	45	25	22	13	9	0.62	0.75	

Fore tibial scale (Fig. b, below) with 2 long setae.

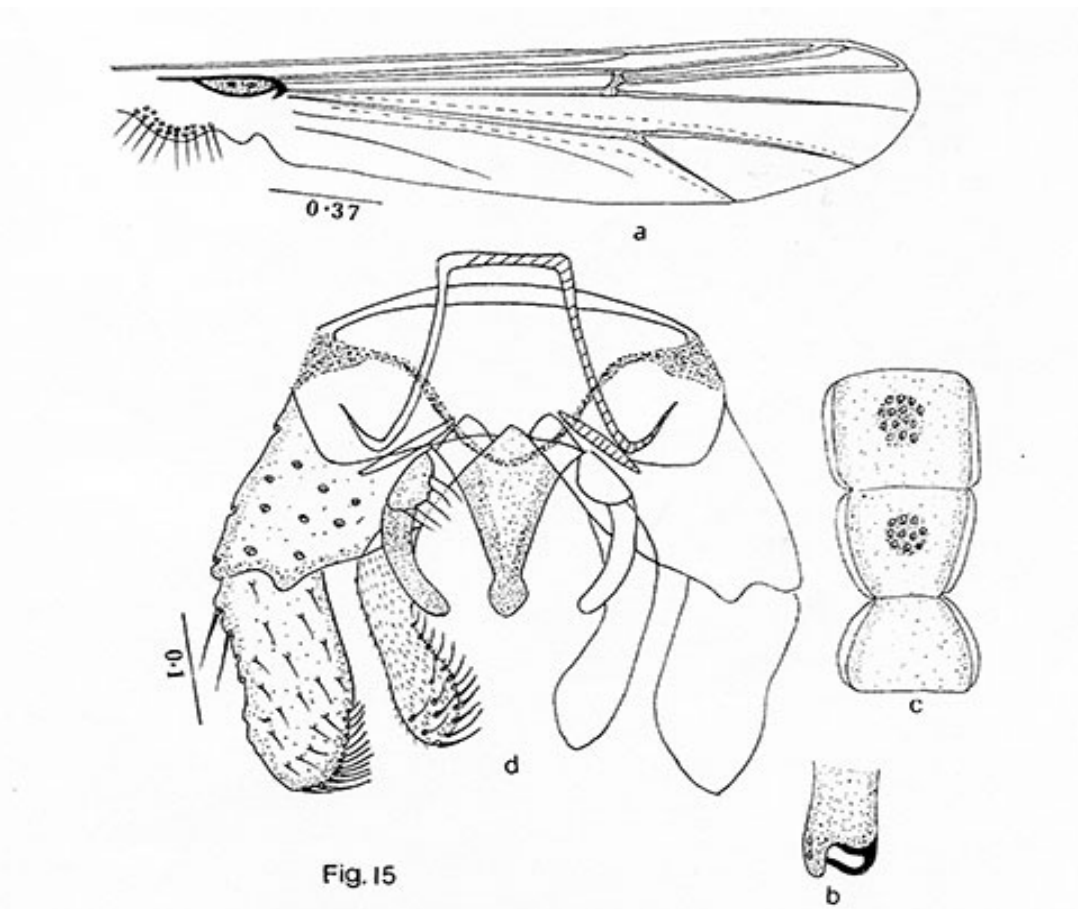


Illustration of adult characters of *C. nudipes* from Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992

Abdomen brown, tergites VI-VIII with dark brown oval/round median spot (Fig. c, above) (N.B. these spots are not mentioned in the original description). Apparently no setae on TIX.

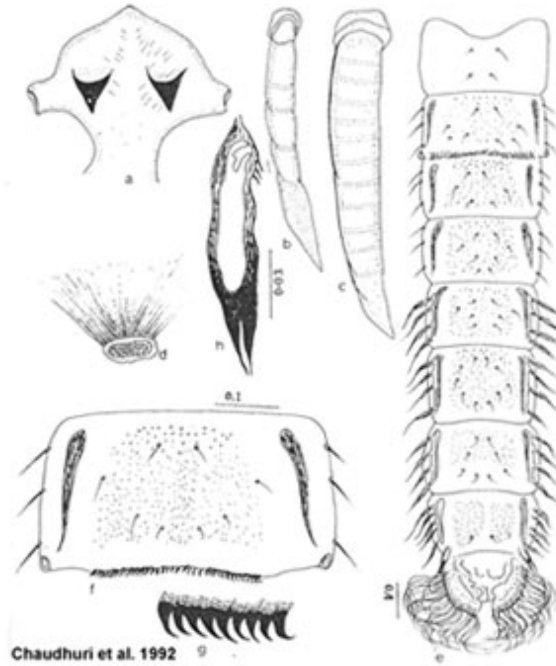
Hypopygium (Fig. d) as illustrated above: Anal point stout blunt and arrow shaped. SVo bow shaped, IVo long, curved, expanded at the end with 12-20 incurved setae along the inner margin, almost as long as the gonostylus which has a blunt apex.

Female: Unknown.

Pupa: Body length 6.09 (5.89-6.21) mm in male, 5.58 (5.42-5.72) mm in female. Color brown but pale brown in exuvia, cephalothorax and abdomen pale brown. Frontal tubercles 0.11 (0.1-0.13) µm long, 1.1 times longer than wide. Wing sheath 1.31 (1.28-1.34) long.

Respiratory organ with an elliptical base, 0.12 (0.10-0.13) μm wide, 2 pairs of precorneal setae.

Abdomen with PSA on segments IV-VI, PSB caudolateral on segment II. Tergite I bare, tergite II with median shagreen and a caudal transverse row of 44-56 hooklets; tergite III-VI with median shagreen, tergite VII with subbasal transverse patches of shagreen, tergite VIII with 2 median patches of shagreen. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with about 2 equal spines. Anal fin with numerous filamentous setae.



Pupa of *C. nudipes* from Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992

Fourth instar larva: a small, possibly plumosus-type, length about 6.53-9.38 mm; VT shown about equal length; AT about 240-250 μm long, comprised of a single lobe.

Head brown with dark occipital margin. VHL 0.30 (0.29-0.32).

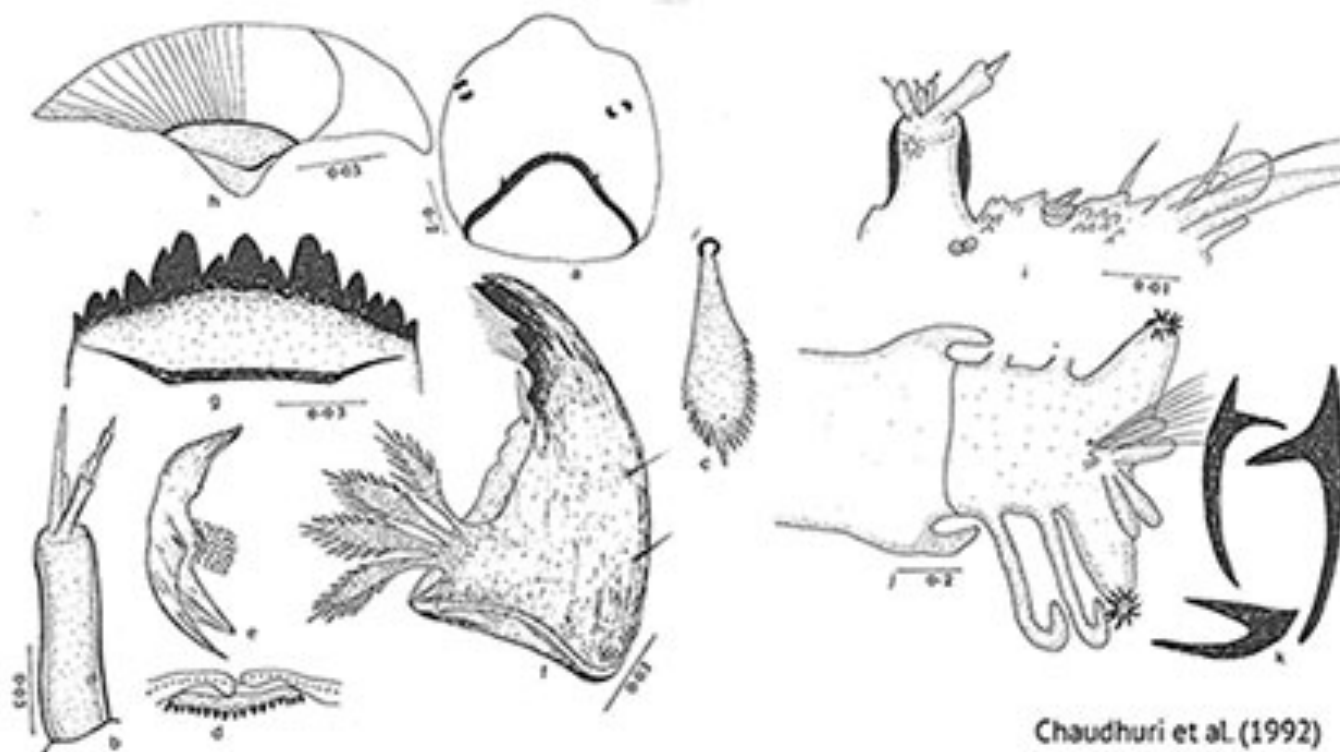
Mentum with 4th laterals reduced (type II), central tooth possibly of type IIA or III.

Ventromentum with striae almost to anterior margin, about 1.6 times longer than deep.

PE with 17 teeth (apparently type B). Premandible with two unequal teeth, inner about 3 times the width of the outer, both narrowing to a point.

Antenna with basal segment about 2.8–2.9 times longer than wide, RO just over 1/4 up from base (0.27-0.28); AR about 1.8 (1.6–1.9); segment proportions (units) 88 : 21 : 8 : 11 : 7 .

Mandible about 160 μm long, possibly type IIIB, furrows not shown, but 10 taeniae illustrated for PMa.



Found: INDIA – Purulia (23.33°N, 86.37°E), West Bengal.

Type locality – Calcutta (now Kolkata), West Bengal.

This species appears closely related to *C. crassiforceps*, the most obvious differences being the lack of abdominal spots on that species and the relatively short posterior femur (only three quarters of the length of the tibia, but only noted as “a little shorter” by Kieffer) of *C. nudipes*. In short, the two major differences suggested by the Chaudhuri *et al.* description are both characters that differ from or are not noted in the original description of *C. nudipes*.

There are currently no BARCODE data for specimens attributed to *C. nudipes*.

The synonym listed by Chaudhuri, *C. sp. Ikwma(sic)* from Ikema Island, Japan, is almost certainly *C. crassiforceps*.

Pal & Hazra (2017) collected specimens from Berhampur (24.23°N, 88.43°E), West Bengal which they attribute to *C. crassiforceps* but provide insufficient evidence to prove that it is not *C. nudipes* which is recorded from the same area.

***Chironomus javanus* Kieffer 1924**

Syn.: *Chironomus daitocedeus* Sasa & Suzuki, 2001 (Yamamoto, unpubl.)

Chironomus prasinellus - Tokunaga 1940 (misidentified) but Sasa & Kikuchi, 1995

Chironomus vitellinus Freeman 1961 (Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992)

Yamamoto (2002) had suggested that this species should be in a separate subgenus *Austrochironomus*, as type of the subgenus. However there is doubt that there is a consistent set of characters for the species he included.

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Adult

Kieffer's original description of *C. javanus*.

Female. Yellow. Eyes separated by not more than their terminal width, gradually thinning at the top. Palps long, brownish black, 4th segment matching the previous two segments combined, 2nd shorter than 3rd, 1st much longer than wide [these are actually segments 2–5]. Antenna 2nd segment narrowed in the middle, the neck a little longer than wide, the rest broken. Metanotum, three short bands, mesonotum and mesonotum reddish. Halteres light green. Wing whitish, not distinctly stippled, veins a whitish yellow, crossvein and base of the cubital black, cubital arched, ending very near the tip of the wing. Legs light green, fore tarsus long and thin, white, both ends of segments 1-4 deep black, 5th slightly clouded, pulvilli a little wider, with long hairs, not exceeding the middle of the crotchets, hardly shorter than the empodium, probably branched four hind tarsi broken; fore femur much longer than the tibia, the latter and the tarsal segments are $2 : 3 \frac{2}{3}$; $2 : 1 \frac{1}{2} : 2 : \frac{3}{4}$ [i.e. LR = 1.80], the 4th segment is longer than 3rd, the four hind tibiae have confluent combs which occupy two thirds of the circumference, the two spurs short. Abdomen a bright green, unmarked. L. 4 mm.

Male. Pale yellow, abdomen spotless, four bands on mesonotum, metanotum and mesosternum fawn, red scape, flagellum broken. Wing as female. Legs white, distal end of tarsomeres 1-4 and 5th tarsal segment black. Anterior tarsus broken. Eyes separated by 1.5 times their terminal width. Terminal articles of the genitalia ('pince') arcuate, the distal half suddenly narrowed in a straight beak, glabrous, having only one third of the width of the proximal half and carrying on the distal half of the medial side straight six large rigid bristles. Superior appendages very thin, glabrous, linear, reaching the end of the basal article (gonostylus), weakly curved and ending in a point; inferior appendages large, pubescent, just exceeding the gonostylus and bearing dorsally the usual long and thick curved setae. Anal point long and thin. L. 4.5 mm.

This is a rather variable species across its wide distribution. This is likely due to different selection pressures in different habitats but also, in some cases, to genetic drift if island populations were established by a small number of founders.

Male:

A yellowish-green species with dark bands on the tarsi and darkening of the cross veins of the wings.

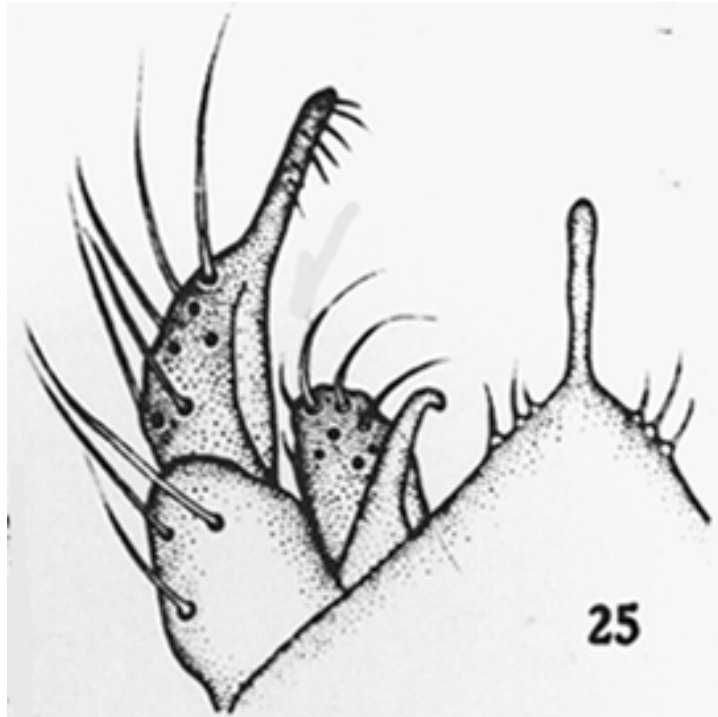


Illustration of the hypopygium of *C. javanus*
From Johannsen (1932)

Thorax yolky colour, dull with practically no pruinosity. Abdomen without dark markings but with strong pruinosity at the incisures and on segments 5 and 7. Anal point narrow. Freeman (1961) quotes the AR as about 4.5, but in other populations the AR is quoted as lower (2.9-3.82 (Tokunaga 1964; Sasa & Hasagawa, 1983; Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992)).

Wing length 2.75 (2.07-3.08) mm, width 0.62 (0.56-0.73) mm; VR 0.92-0.98.

Head Frontal tubercles about 30µm; about 17-21 clypeal setae;

Palpal proportions (segs. 1-5) (µm): 60 : 60 : 185 : 220 : 330.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals abt 10, but often not evident; 6-14 dorsocentrals; 2-4 prealars; scutellars abt 8, often not evident.

Wing: Hyaline, brachiolum with 2 SCf; squama with 20 (15-26) setae.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals – 0.8 (0-4); dorsocentrals – 9.8 (7-15); prealar – 4.5 (3-7); scutellar with only a single row of 12.6 (10-16) setae.

Leg proportions and ratios (microns):

Male	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1215	1050	1120	955	840	770	350	1.60-1.80	1.15	2.1-2.5
PII	1305	1120	725	375	280	185	140	0.60-0.68	1.16	
PIII	1445	1445	1120	605	470	300	160	0.70-0.79	1.0	

Tergite IX with 6-9 setae, apparently in individual pale patches. Hypopygium with long tubular anal point, strongly turned down; SVo well developed and curved, perhaps closest to E(h) of Strenzke (1959); IVo reaching just beyond the end of the SVo, about 1/3 of gonostylus length, with 12-14 incurved setae. Gonostylus quite swollen and conspicuously narrowed over posterior half with 5+1 setae at tip.

Female

Body length 3.69 (3.57-3.89) mm. Wing length 2.57 (2.08-3.06) mm; width 0.83 (0.66-0.96) mm; VR 0.89-0.90.

Antennal segments (micron) with proportion of neck in brackets: 169 (0.26) : 127 (0.42) : 134 (0.48) : 128 (0.48) : 206; AR 0.34-0.43; A5/A1 1.15-1.45.

Palpal segments (micron): 54 : 45 : 184 : 216 : 338; P5/P4 1.40-1.66. Clypeus width abt 1.32-1.45 times the diameter of the antennal pedicel, with 25.7 (20-31) setae.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals 12.7 (10-16); humerals 3-5 usually linear but may be in triangle; dorsocentrals 11.2 (10-12) (dorsocentrals plus humerals 13-17; prealar 5 (4-7); supraalar 1; scutellar with main row 9-12, and 0-2 small setae anterior.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

Female	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1310	1070	1910	940	770	930	420	1.77-1.80	1.16-1.29	0.8-0.97
PII	1300	1290	760	370	260	180	120	0.63-0.65	1.08-1.13	
PIII	1500	1520	1140	590	440	280	120	0.63-0.71	0.90-0.94	

Anterior Ta4 longer than Ta3.

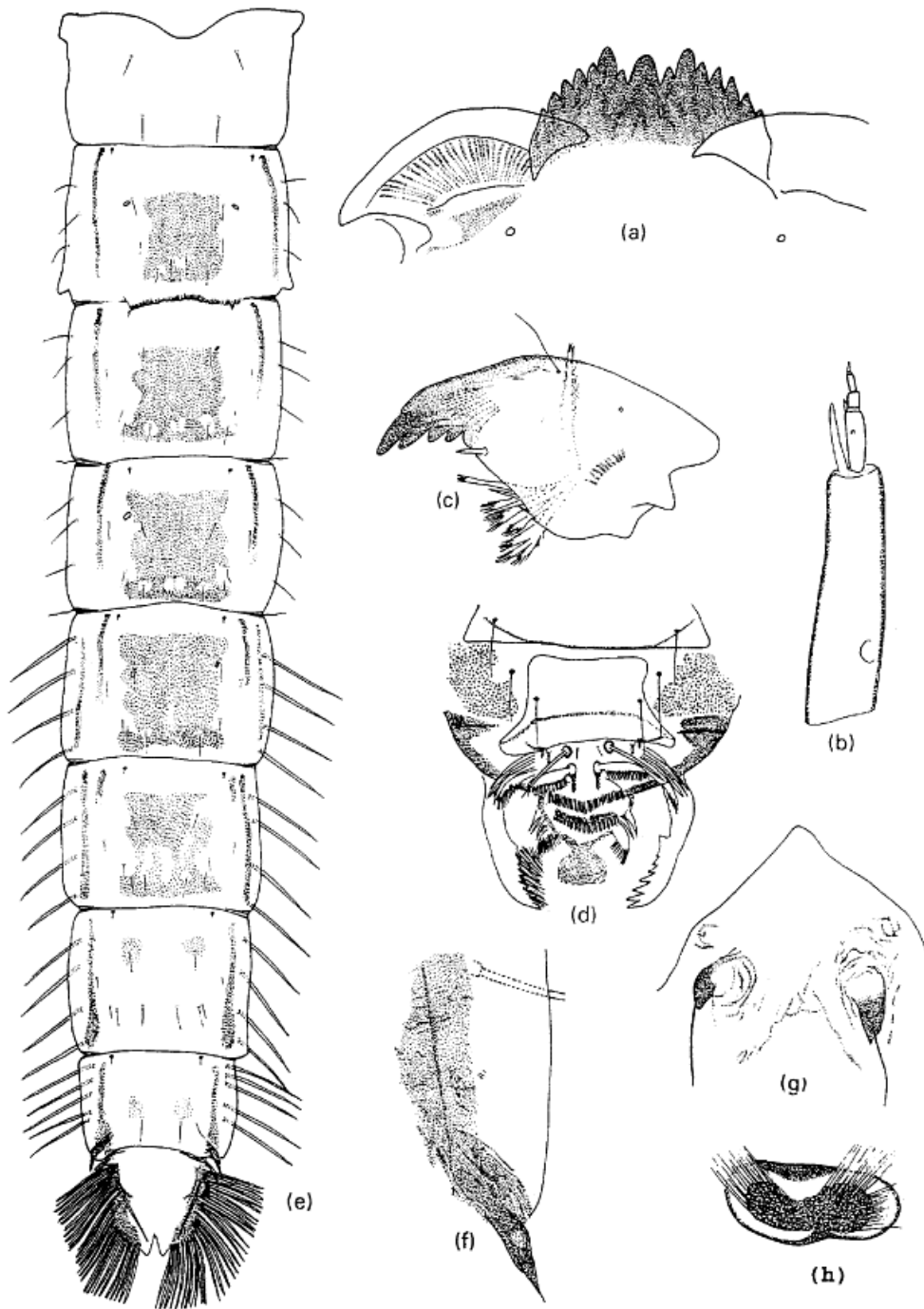
Kieffer gives abdomen as green, unmarked, but Sasa & Hasagawa (1983) imply that the last couple of segments may be darkened. Segment X usually about a half oval, 2.1-3.6 times longer than greatest width, with about 10-13 setae. Sasa & Hasagawa (1983) note that the cercus is roughly rhombic, 112x152 µm; usually with a ventral basal bulge.

Pupa has been described by Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992), and also illustrated by P.S. Cranston in his Electronic Guide to Chironomidae of Australia, as *C. vitellinus* (below):

Length: Male 6.38–6.70 (6.40) mm; female 6.90–7.14 (7.01) mm (6–7 mm in Lenz 1937).

Exuviae grey. Frontal tubercles 0.10-0.11 long and 0.06-0.07 in diameter, subapical seta 0.09-0.10 long, i.e. about as long as the tubercles. It is possible there is slight development of a secondary tubercle (see Cranston figure g below). Respiratory base about 0.11-0.14 wide. 2 pairs of precorneal setae.

Abdomen with PSA caudolateral on segments IV-VI, that on segment IV about 140 (116-157) x 91 (71-111) µm wide and about 21 (18-22)% of the segment length; PSB basolateral on segment I and caudolateral on segment II, which also bears a caudal row of about 66-70 hooks which occupy 61-64% of the segment width. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with 1-4 spines, although commonly only 1 is long. Swim fin with about 70-72 taeniae in a single row proximally and a double row distally.



CHIRONOMINAE: Chironomini: *Chironomus vitellinus* Freeman. Larva: (a) mentum, (b) antenna, (c) mandible, (d) dorsal head; Pupa: (e) tergites, (f) posterolateral spur, (g) cephalic area, (h) base of thoracic horn.

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Fourth instar larva: Medium sized plumosus-type larva (length fem. 9.3-13.7 mm (11), male 13.0 mm (1)), although PLT (about 380 micron long) are more ventrally placed than in other species. Chaudhuri et al. (1992) show the VT arising very close together, but this is not

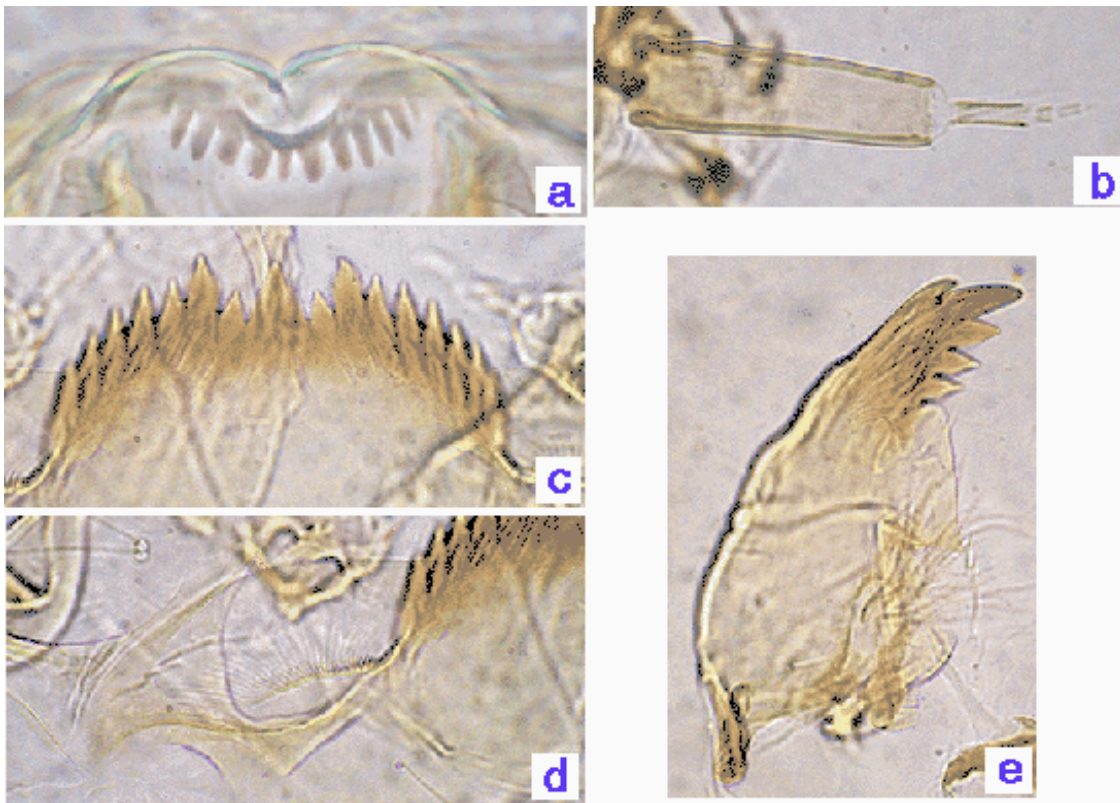
normal in this species from other countries. Anal tubules variable across distribution from about 220-425 micron long, and 3-3.6 times longer than wide with median constriction. Gula pale or slightly darkened on posterior third; frontoclypeus generally not darkened. Mentum (c, below) with the central trifid tooth set below the 1st laterals, and the c2 teeth markedly separated from c1 tooth (type III) and pointed towards it; 4th laterals at most slightly reduced (type I).

PE (a, below) with about 12-13 often irregular teeth (type D). Ventromentum (d, below) about 3.7 times wider than deep; with about 27-28 striae.

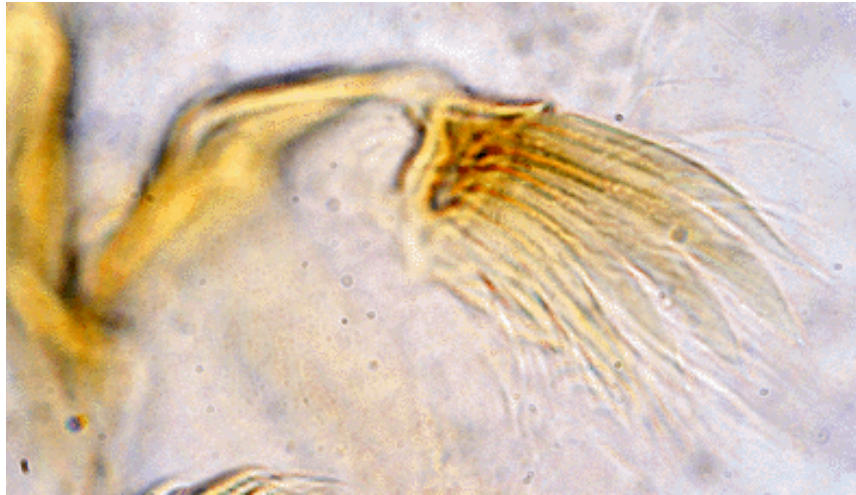
Antenna (b, below) with the basal segment about 4 times as long as wide; AR about 2.4; ratio of segments 125 : 29 : 6 : 9 : 5.

Distance between S4 setae slightly larger than with between antennal bases.

Mandible (e, below) with third inner tooth darkened and completely separated (type IIIB), with three spines on inner margin, and about 12-13 striae at the base.



The larva is most readily recognized by the unusual premandible, which has 6 (as illustrated by Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992) for Indian specimens) or 7 (as illustrated below) teeth rather than the usual two. However, specimens have been described from Malaysia and Singapore (e.g. Kuvangkadilok 1969) where the premandible has a normal premandible with only two teeth.



Some larval characters have been illustrated by P.S. Cranston in his Electronic Guide to Chironomidae of Australia, as *C. vitellinus*. These are reproduced here (with permission).

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the thummi-cytocomplex combination, AB, CD, EF, G. Subterminal nucleolus in arm G, with prominent BR about one third from the other end. Dr. Midya has an alternative species from India identified as *C. javanus*.

javA1:

javB1: Puff (gp. 7) about one third from distal end of the arm with dark bands distal.

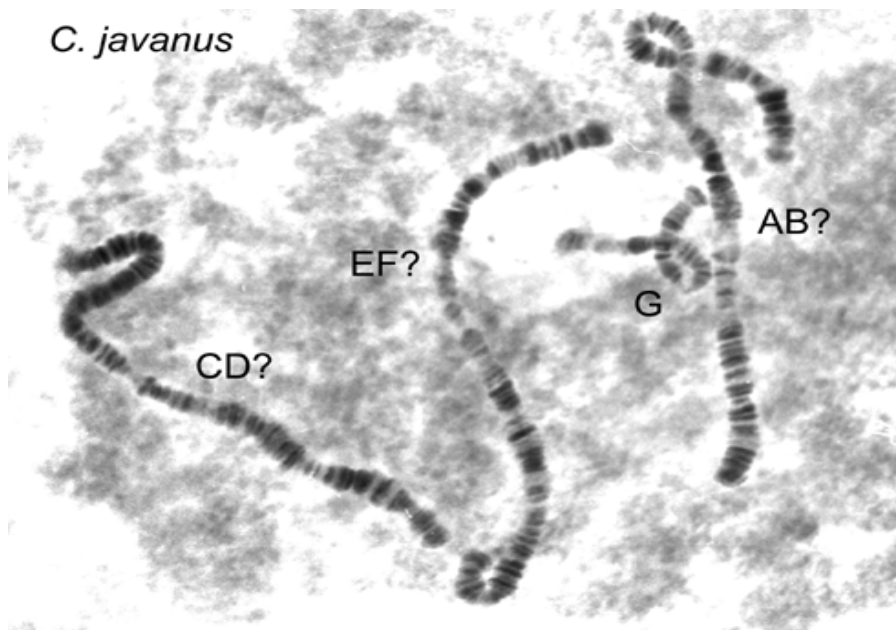
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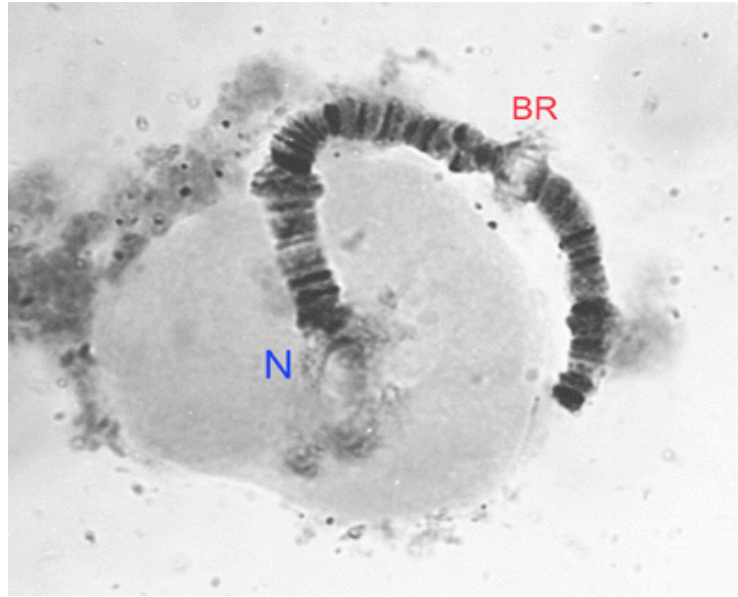
javD1:

javE1:

javF1:

javG1: Nucleolus subterminal, BR about one third from other end; closely paired.





Molecular: The mitochondrial *COI* barcode sequence is available in GenBank (Accession number DQ648203) for a specimen from Japan.

The present measurements differ in some significant details from those of Kieffer's description, although the other details of colour and the unusual genitalia correspond.

However, there are also differences between specimens from different areas.

The males are easily recognised by the unusual genitalia and the larvae by the multitoothed premandible.

The pupa is a fairly typical for *Chironomus* but the possibility of a secondary tubercle is not common.

The female may be distinguished by the oval segment X and the fore Ta4 being longer than Ta3. It may be noted that Sasa & Hasagawa (1983) claim that the foreTa3 is longer than Ta2 in both sexes. However there is no evidence of this in other populations, but fore Ta4 of the female is longer than Ta3.

Found: Type locality - **Buitenzorg, Java, INDONESIA**. also ♀ Sumatra (Johannsen 1932).

India - Jammu & Kashmir: University of Jammu Campus (32.73°; 74.87°); Kasar Lake (18.82°, 76.20°) Dharur, Beed, Maharashtra (Chavan *et al.* 2013).

Japan - Shizuoka, Shizuoka Prefecture, Honshu (34.989°; 138.38°).

Malaysia - Minden (5.13°; 100.13°) and Bukit Merah Rice Res. Stn, Permatang Pauh, Penang; Tregganu.

♀ Thailand - Ban Bangkanark, Chachoengsao Province; San Pa Tong Rice Experimental Station, Amphoe San Pa Tong, Chiang Mai Province; Ban Mae Kachiang, Amphoe Wiang Pa Pao, Chiang Rai Province (Hashimoto *et al.* 1981)

Other regions:

Fiji - Viti Levu

Melanesia - Caroline Islands and Marshall Islands.

Central Africa - Blantyre, Malawi.

Australia - Manning River, Kundibakh, New South Wales; Darwin, Northern Territory (type locality of *C. vitellinus*); Mareeba; Sarina; and 3 km w. Sarina Beach, Queensland.

Papua New Guinea - Mafulu (1200 m), Lae-Goroka Road, Eastern Highlands Province; Sogeri, Central Province

Broadly distributed through India, south east Asia, the Pacific regions and Africa, in rice paddies and small temporary water bodies, even sewage works.

The adult male was described from Thailand by Hashimoto *et al.* (1981), and all stages for India by Chaudhuri, Das & Sublette (1992). The cytological description given here is based on Australian, Papua New Guinea and Japanese specimens. Includes species PK3.

***Chironomus javanus* (sensu T. Midya)**

Fourth instar larva: Not seen. This may be the larva with a standard *Chironomus* premandible.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytochrome combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleoli in arms C (or D?) and A. Arm G subacrocentric and closely paired, with a BR near the centre of the chromosome and another near the distal end. No reported polymorphism.

Found: India: Calcutta (now Kolkata) area.

***C. okinawanus* Hasegawa & Sasa 1987**

Syns: *Chironomus* sp. "Okinawa-yusurika" Sasa & Hasegawa 1983.

Chironomus okicontractus Sasa, 1993: 125; Yamamoto & Yamamoto 2014: 313.[Holotype: male, No. 246:01; holotype missing?].

Chironomus tokarabeceus Sasa & Suzuki 1995 (Yamamoto & Yamamoto 2018)

Adults

Males (From Sasa & Hasegawa 1983):

Length 6.02 (5.38-6.89) mm. Wing length 2.81 (2.50-3.01).

Antennal hairs brown, shaft dark brown; ground color of scutum yellow, scutal stripes reddish brown, scutellum yellow, postnotum dark brown, halteres yellow; wings unmarked, r-m dark brown; 15.0 (13-20 squamal setae.

In all legs, femur and tibia are entirely yellow, tarsi I, II and III largely yellow and each with an apical dark ring, tarsi IV and V largely dark brown; LR1 1.53 (1.49-1.56); LR2 0.64 (0.62-0.66); LR3 0.75 (0.73-0.78); BR2.5 (2.3-2.6), i.e. no beard.

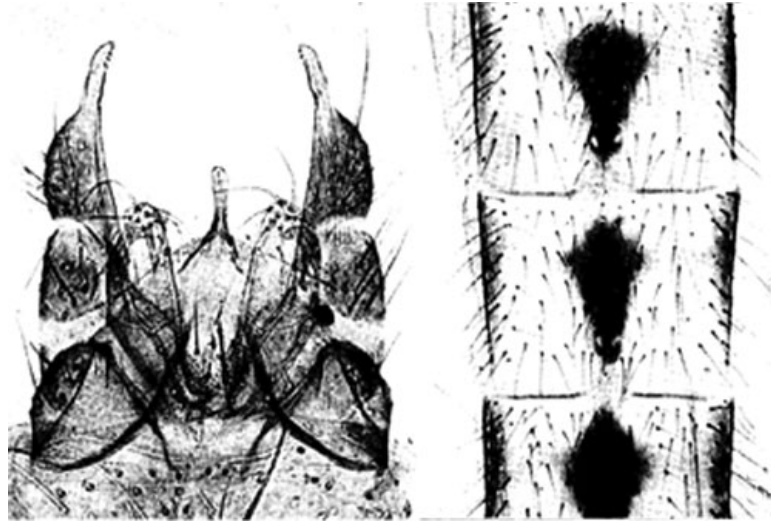
Ground color of abdominal tergites greenish yellow, tergites I to VII each with a large central dark patch which is almost triangular in tergites II to IV (Fig. below); tergites VIII and hypopygium dark brown.

Head: Frontal tubercles well developed, about twice as long as wide (Fig. 1 C-4); AR 3.28 (3.07-3.51); 20.3 (16-23) clypeal setae.

Lateral pronotal setae absent. Thoracic setae: 19.1 (16-23) acrostichal; 17.8 (15-24) dorsocentral; 5.1 (4-6) prealar; 19.3 (16-23) total scutellar setae;

Hypopygium in Fig. 1 C-1. TIX with 12-16 long setae in the middle. Anal point slender and slightly expanded apically. SVo (Fig. I below) composed of a

relatively high, triangular base bearing several long setae, and a hook-like apical process. IVo (Fig. 1, below) relatively short, stout and almost parallel-sided, with 14 long and recurved setae arising from apical 1/5. Gonostylus abruptly narrowed at about apical 1/3.



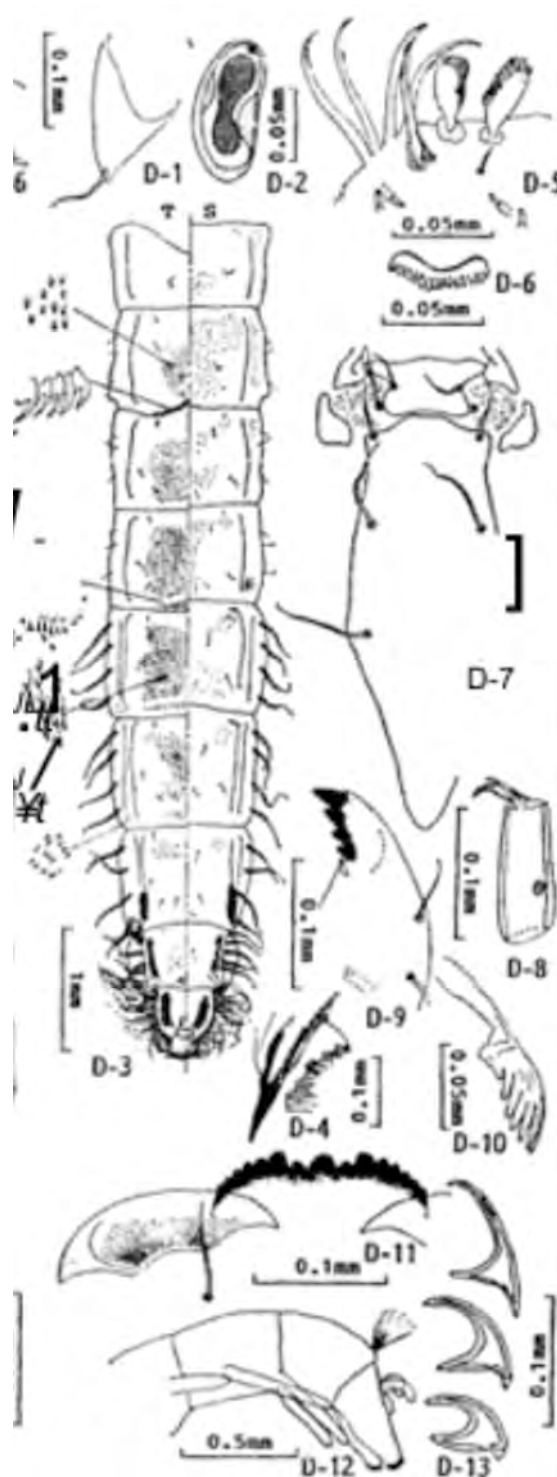
Male hypopygium (left) and abdominal tergites (right) of *C. okinawanus*
From Sasa & Hasegawa 1983.

Female (From Sasa & Hasegawa 1983):

Coloration as in male, presence of a large dark patch on each of abdominal tergites I to VI is also a differentiating character of this species in female. Frontal tubercles prominent, widest at base and tapering, 54 μm long and 18 μm diameter, 48 μm apart from each other. Antenna 6 segmented, segments II to V each with a long neck, last segment with long and curved sensory setae. Spermathecae faint in contour 100 μm long and 74 μm wide in one, 90 μm long and 82 μm wide in another. Cercus roughly rhombic, 176 μm high and 120 μm long.

Pupa: (from Hasegawa & Sasa (1987) (Fig. 2, D1-4, below) Exuviae brown in color, thorax, lateral margins of abdomen and anal lobes darker than the rest part. Length of abdomen 4.2 to 6.6 (mean 5.7) mm. Cephalic tubercles conical, each with a preapical seta which is about half the length of the cephalic tubercle. Thoracic respiratory organ and chaetotaxy as in usual *Chironomus* forms. Tergite I without spines and spinules; II to VI each with a central spinose area, and that on VI sometimes divided into anterior and posterior groups; VII with a pair of anterolateral spinulose areas; VIII with a pair of mid-lateral spinulose areas; a row of relatively small recurved spines present on caudal margin of tergite II, lateral spines of this row simple but median ones with accessory spikes. Spinules also present on caudolateral corners of tergites V to VII. Intersegmental spinulose areas present on caudal margins of tergites IV to VI. Sternite I with a pair of anterolateral spinulose areas and a caudo-medial spinulose area; II with spinules widely in the central area and along lateral margins; III with a large central spinulose area, which sometimes divided into the anterior and the posterior groups, and with spinules in anterior part of lateral margins; IV with a T-form spinulose area and a pair of caudo-lateral

whirl-like spinose areas; V with a pair of anterolateral spinulose areas and caudal spinulose area; VI and VII each with anterolateral spinulose areas which often confluent medially forming a transverse band; VIII without spinules. Caudolateral scales of abdominal segment VIII elongated and apically divided into 1 to 4 pointed spurs. Anal lobe with 75 to 113 (mean 92.8) fringe hairs.



Fourth instar larva (Fig. 2: D-5 to 13, above). (Apparently a melanotus-type larva). Body 11.1 (8.8 to 13.2) mm long, red in color. Two pairs of eyes present. Head

structure closely resembles that of *C. javanus*. Relative length of antennal segments, 47: 12: 3: 3: 2: ring organ in proximal 1/3 of basal segment of antenna. Anterior and posterior pseudopods as in *C. javanus*. Abdominal segment VII with a pair of caudolateral processes reaching middle of abdominal segment VIII. Two pairs of simple and straight blood gills present on abdominal segment VIII, the anterior pair longer. Preanal hair tuft composed of 7 long and 2 short minute hairs on small tubercle. Anal gills slender, almost same in length.

Cytology: not described.

Hasegawa & Sasa (1987) note that the adult is closest to *C. praeapicalis* Tokunaga (1964; while the pupa is similar to *C. circumdatus* in having a pair of spinulose areas in place of transverse band of spinules on the anterior part of tergite VII, but differs in possessing spinulose areas on the antero-lateral corners of sternite I. Yamamoto (2002) has suggested that this species is related to *C. javanus*.

Found: Japan - Type locality - Okinawa, Okinawa Prefecture, Ryukyus, Japan. (In Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University, Toyama, Japan).

The *Chironomus flaviplumus* complex:

***Chironomus flaviplumus* Tokunaga 1940**

Syn: *Einfeldia okisiroia* Sasa 1993

Was placed as a synonym of *Chironomus samoensis* Edwards by Hashimoto (1977), but this synonymy is considered doubtful (Sasa 1978).

According to Sasa (1978), Tokunaga's description was very brief and not illustrated. Notes that tergal side of abdominal segments II to IV each with a small, oval, dark central spot; AR is about 3.5 and larger than the 2.9 of *C. dorsalis* (Sasa assumes this is *C. yoshimatsui*). The hypopygium is also noted as similar to *C. dorsalis*.

The major reason for doubting the synonymy of *C. flaviplumus* with *C. samoensis* is the higher AR (abt 3.5-4) (Sasa 1978), and the difference in the anterior fore leg ratios of the female. He also notes a difference in the distribution of *C. flaviplumus* and the Japanese *C. samoensis*, in that *C. flaviplumus* has a more northerly, cooler, distribution (Although Sasa & Hasagawa (1983) later synonymised *C. flaviplumus* with *C. samoensis* on the basis of specimens collected on the Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan, which is likely a mixed sample).

However, the "*C. samoensis*" used as a laboratory organism and from which the cytology of Japanese specimens obtained (see below) is probably one of the *C. flaviplumus* types.

Found: JAPAN. - Saga, Kyoto (Type locality)

If correctly identified, this species can be bred in the laboratory, as Japanese specimens have been maintained in a laboratory culture (Kuhn *et al.* 1987).

Four species have been found described under this name based on the available sequences in GenBank and the BOLD database: two in Japan, one in China and the Korean material of Ree & Kim (1981), which is actually *C. yoshimatsui*. This indicates that there are a number of species which are closely related and constitute the "flaviplumus complex".

Since there has been no further study of material from the type locality, it is not clear which of these species is the true *C. flaviplumus*.

Specimens found in Northern Australia are probably a closely related member of the *C. flaviplumus* complex.

The three types of *C. flaviplumus* are here referred to as Type A, Type B, and Type C. They comprise a very closely related group of species, showing cytological differences (where known) and small differences in the BARCODE sequences.

Molecular Sequence:

mtCOI: Barcode sequences of these species are in Genbank from Japan (2 species) and China (another species, accession numbers KP902730-731), and there are also sequences in the Japanese Chironomid DNA Barcode database. The Korean samples in GenBank (accession numbers JF412075-077) are misidentified and are actually *C. yoshimatsui*.

***Chironomus flaviplumus* type A.**

This variant was described by Sasa (1978). This is more likely to be *C. flaviplumus* sensu Tokunaga as it was collected in northern Japan and has the higher AR.

Sasa lists important features as the AR of 3.5-4.0; LR of about 1.6–1.8 and the relatively long anterior Ta5, which is about 0.35-0.4 length of anterior Ti.

In a later paper, Sasa and Hasegawa (1983) give a much broader range of values (including Ta5/Ti values of only 0.25) and synonymised *C. flaviplumus* with *C. samoensis*. However, it is more likely that they had a mixture of species.

This species is in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACQ8383](#)

Adult

Male: AR about 3.5-4.0.

Color: Antenna with yellow hairs; thorax pale yellow to yellowish green, scutellum yellow, vittae and post notum orange yellow. Leg segments largely yellow brown, some darkening at distal ends of tibiae and tarsi, with Ta5 almost entirely dark.

Head: Frontal tubercles about 20-39 µm long and 13 µm wide. Palp proportions: 44 : 53 : 189 : 222 : 315; P5/P4 1.42, P5/P3 1.65.

Thoracic setae not recorded.

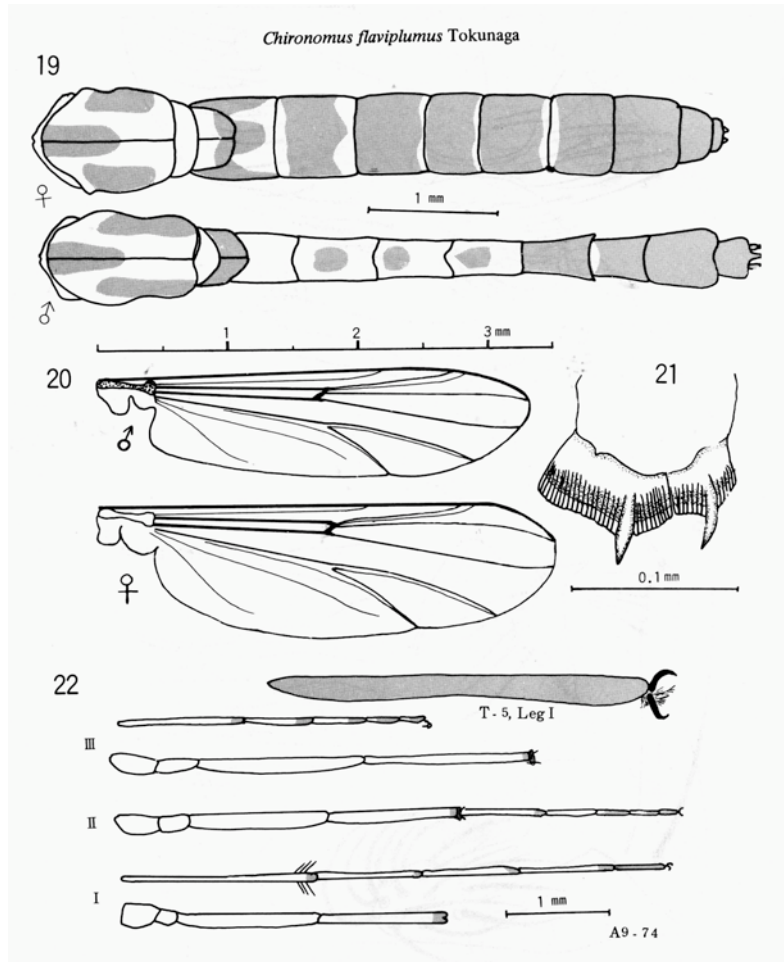
Wing length: 2.85-3.30 mm; wing width 0.60-0.78 mm., VR about 1.0. Wing milky white with crossvein dark.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

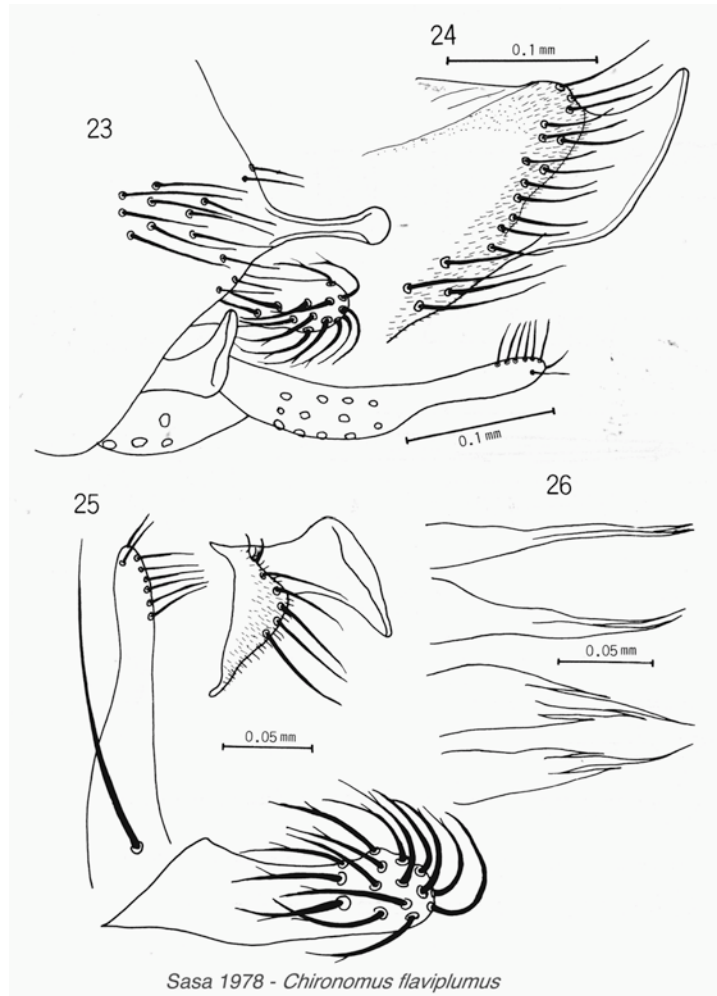
	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR	Ta5/Ti
PI	1390	1240	2030	1020	930	880	500	1.63	1.12	2.1	0.40
PII	1460	1290	810	460	340	190	130	0.62	1.31		
PIII	1660	1660	1240	660	490	280	175	0.75	1.00		

Ant Ta5/Ti – 0.40.

Abdomen yellow to greenish yellow; tergites II-IV with a dark central oval spot, tergites V-VIII almost uniformly dark brown. Setae on tergite IX: 9-12.



Sasa's (1978) illustrations of morphology of *C. flaviplumus*.



Sasa’s (1978) illustrations of *C. flaviplumus*: Male hypopygium (top) and SVo (right) (note boot shape – S-type). Also Gs (25, left) and IVo (below)

Setae on tergite IX: 9-12. SVo “beaked”, S-type, closest to Fig. a of Strenzke (1959). IVo not reaching the end of the anal point, but to about the midpoint of the Gonostyle, which is only moderately swollen and reduces relatively sharply from about half way. Setae of IVo branched.

Female

Head: Antennal proportions (micron): 180 : 130 : 140 : 140 : 250, AR 0.42, A5/A1 1.39.

Frontal tubercles about 26 µm long and 12 µm wide.

Palp proportions (micron): - : 60 : 250 : 250 : 370.

Thorax coloration as in males, although postnotum only dark at posterior end. Setae not recorded.

Wing length: 3.5 mm; wing width 1.1. Crossvein darkened.

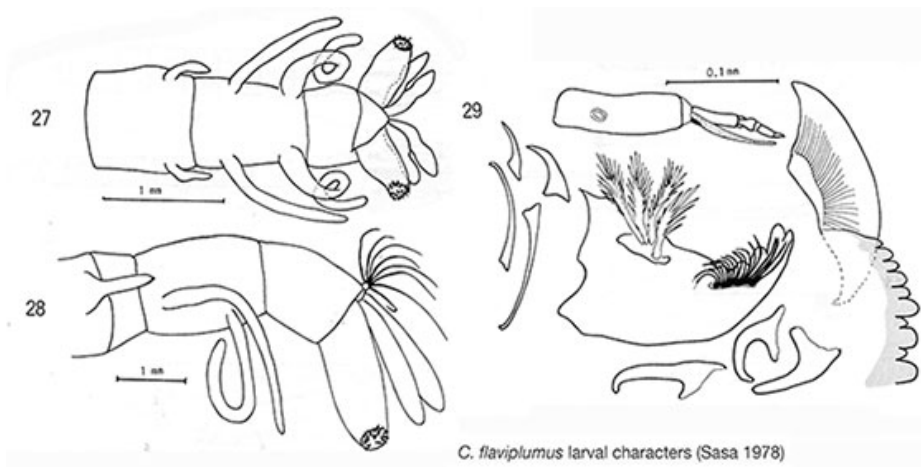
Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1510	1220	2150	1170	1100	1100	510	1.76	1.24	0.90
PII	1540	1370	830	440	340	200	140	0.61	1.12	
PIII	1660	1610	1220	660	500	290	200	0.76	1.03	

Abdomen largely brown, except for a pale area posterior on segments II-VI; II and III with a broader band, with an extension of the brown area in the midline. No information on segment X or the cercus.

Pupa: Exuvia length about 7.8 mm (female), 7.0-7.5 mm (male). Caudolateral spur of segment VIII commonly with 3 spines, but range from 1-4 (Sasa 1978), often with one longer, stronger spine (see Fig. 26 above).

Fourth instar larva: a medium sized plumosus-type larva (length about 14.0-14.8 mm.). Anterior VT (1.14-1.20 mm.) shorter than posterior pair (1.40-1.52 mm.). Anal tubules long and cylindrical, about 250-320 μm , about 2.3-3.2 times longer than wide, ventral pair possibly slightly shorter and thicker (260 x 100; 250 x 110 micron). Gula pale or very slightly darkened on posterior third; FA pale. Mentum with square sharp teeth, c2 teeth of central trifold tooth well separated from c1 tooth (type III), 4th laterals slightly reduced (type I-II). PE with about 16-21 variable but sharp teeth. Ventromentum with about 29-36 striae; VMR 0.27-0.38. Antenna with a moderately long basal segment, which is about 3.5-4.5 times as long as wide; RO about a third to 2/5 up from base; AR about 1.75-2.0. Antennal proportions: 115 : 30 : 10 : 12 : 6. Distance between antennal bases possibly greater than that between the S4 setae. Mandible with third inner tooth only partly separated and darkened (Type I-IIB), and with about 12-14 furrows on outer surface at the base; about 10-12 taeniae in PMan.



Cytology (based on material studied by Wülker *et al.* 1989 and unpublished): 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G. Nucleolus virtually terminal in arm G; well-developed BR about one third from the other end, and a smaller BR close to this other end; closely paired. A nucleolus also occurs near the characteristic bands of arm F. Arm A of Australian “*C. orientalis*” differs from that of this species by a complex inversion, and arm F by possibly a simple inversion.

Polymorphism in arms C and G.

flaA1: 1a-i, 2k-d, 9e - 4a, 13a - 14i, 3h-i, 12c - 10a, 2c - 1k, 3a-g, 15 - 19 (Japan)
 flaB1: Puff with distal dark bands (groups 8-7?) about the middle of the arm
 flaC1: Characteristic band groups 3-4 about one quarter from distal end.

- flaC2: Differs by a small terminal inversion, distal of characteristic band groups 3-4.
 flaD1:
 flaE1: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13 as halophilis, etc.
 flaF1: 1 -2a, 10d-a, 15 - 11, 2b - 9, 16 - 23
 flaG1: Virtually terminal nucleolus, two BRs as noted above.
 flaG2: Simple inversion of most of the chromosome, bringing the large BR close to the nucleolus.

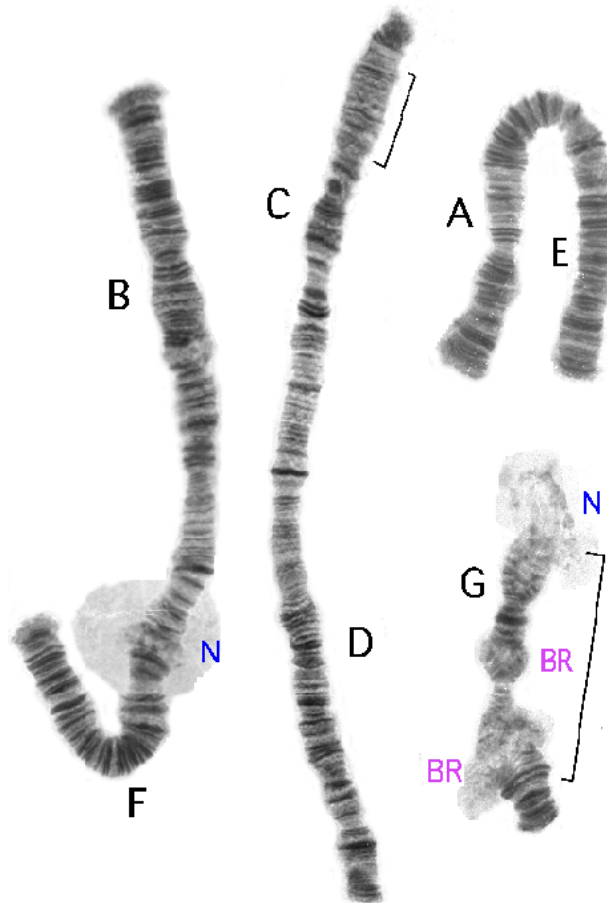


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Chromosome arms A, E and F were described by Wülker *et al.* (1989) as *C. samoensis*. However, some sequences of Australian specimens are not the same, although closely related. Indian specimens described by Chattopadhyuy *et al.* (1991) also do not appear to be the same species, as the LR is reported as 1.4; the ant. Ta5 is only about 0.25-0.28 length of Ti, and the frontal tubercles are only about 18-25 micron. The Indian material is also cytologically distinct. However the mtCOI sequences are very similar to those of *C. flaviplumus* Type B, and a specimen from Bishnah wetlands, Jammu and Kashmir is particularly close.

Important features are the central oval spots on abdominal tergites II-IV, the LR of about 1.8-2.0 and the relatively long anterior Ta5, which is about 0.35-0.4 length of anterior Ti.

Found Japan: NEIS and Hanamuro, Tsukuba; Minitoku, Tokyo; Ohta River, Hiroshima Prefecture. Ryukyu: Mt Omotodake, Ishigaki City, Ishigaki Island, Yaeyama Islands, Okinawa Prefecture.

Molecular Sequence:

MtCOI: Sequence for these specimens is in GenBank (accession numbers AB740235–9), the BOLD Database and the Japanese Chironomid Barcode Database – often identified as *C. flaviplumus*, but as noted above, the identity of the true *C. flaviplumus* has yet to be confirmed.

***Chironomus flaviplumus* Type B**

It is not clear that there is a valid name for this species as names that have been applied to this taxon do not fit the morphology and other species are insufficiently described to be safely applied.

Uncertain synonym: *C. incertipenis* auctt.– not Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992)?

C. ramosus sensu Laviad-Shirit *et al.* (2020) and Sela *et al.* (2021) - not Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992)

Korean specimens under the name *C. flaviplumus* (GenBank accession numbers JF412075 - 077) are *Chironomus yoshimatsui*.

This type was identified as *C. flaviplumus* by H. Yamamoto. BLAST comparisons of available sequences in GenBank or the BOLD Database reveal that the species is widely distributed from India (sometimes as *C. ramosus*), Japan, Pakistan (possibly incorrectly as *C. incertipenis*), Thailand (as *Chironomus* sp.). Given the wide distribution, it is not surprising that there are variations in coloration.

Previously called *C. species* PK2 and PK7 in earlier versions of this document. Also *C. apicatus sensu* Karunakaran (1969) but the Johannsen description is insufficient to clearly associate his specimens with this species as they have a higher LR and are associated with occurrence in warm, acidic pools, so they are probably another member of the *C. flaviplumus*-group. The “*C. ramosus*” of Laviad-Shirit *et al.* (2020) and Sela *et al.* (2021) are this species and do not fit the original description of *C. ramosus* Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992), which has a higher AR and a lower LR (see below).

This species is in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW3997](#)

Adult:

Male

AR 2.94 (2.85-3.05), LR 1.65 (1.59-1.75).

Wing length 3.31 (2.82–3.57) mm., width 0.78 (0.68–0.88) mm., VR 0.96 (0.95-1.0); squamal fringe 18.5 (12-24); SCf on brachiolum 2-3.

Head: Frontal tubercles 38.9 (15-51) x 13.3 (10-18) μm (1.15-3.5 x l/w); palpal proportions (μm) 51 (48-55) : 57 (50-60) : 213 (205-240) : 222 (205-235) : 349 (326-371); P5/P4 1.43-1.61; P5/P3 1.59-1.81. Clypeus width just over half diameter of the antennal pedicel, with 21 (19-24) setae.

Thoracic setae: acrostichal about 14-15 in double staggered row; dorsocentral about 20.3 (14-26) in one to three rows; prealar 5.75 (5-6); scutellar in two or three rows: anterior row of 10.2 (8-12) smaller setae, sometimes with about 2 in a further anterior row, posterior row of 13.5 (11-16) larger setae (total setae 21-25).

Legs yellowish, becoming darker on the tarsi. Foretarsus without a beard (BR 1.35-2.2).

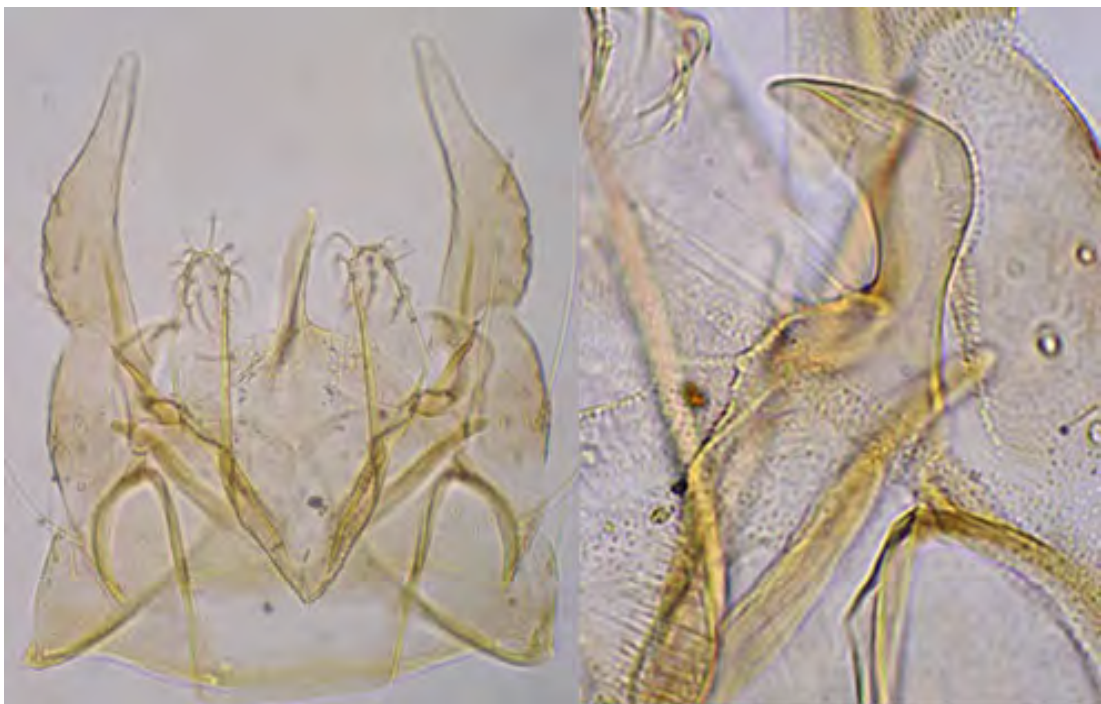
Leg lengths and proportions (μm):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1237	1137	1805	962	826	737	350	1.59-1.75	1.02-1.20	0.24-0.35
PII	1299	1176	734	399	291	185	139	0.58-0.69	1.06-1.17	
PIII	1481	1449	1102	598	452	286	169	0.64-0.83	1.00-1.06	

Sensilla chaetica: Mid Ta1 – 6-10; Hind Ta1 – 5-9.



Abdomen with darker oval markings on tergites III-V or VI with others light brown. About 13 (5-19) setae in multiple pale areas on TIX.

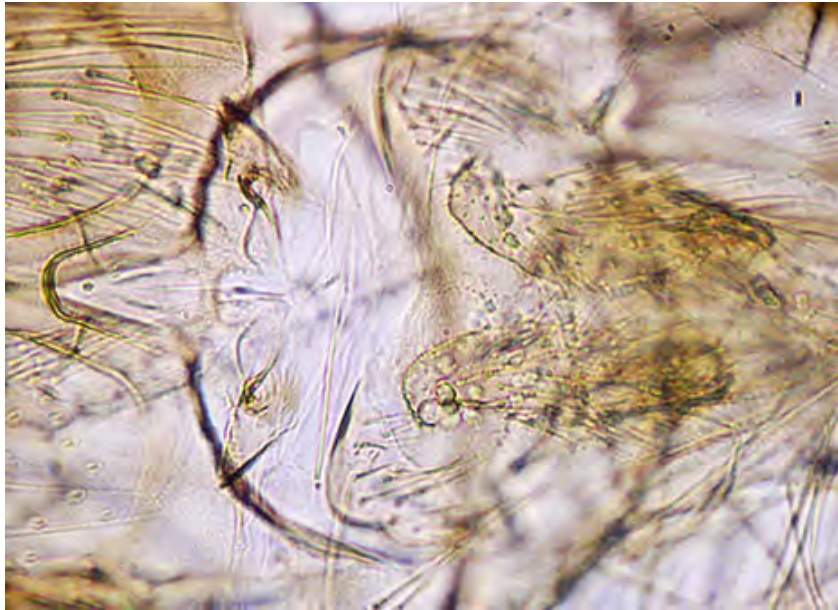


Male hypopygium and superior volsella of *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B
Note that the anal point is not dark and the SVo is strongly bent and “beaked”

SVo beaked and not easily fitted into the scheme of Strenzke (1959), but essentially S-type. IVo not reaching to end of anal point and to about 1/3 of gonostylus length, with forked setae. The anal point narrow at base and does not appear to be darkened or sharply downturned. Gonostylus moderately swollen and narrows over about posterior half.

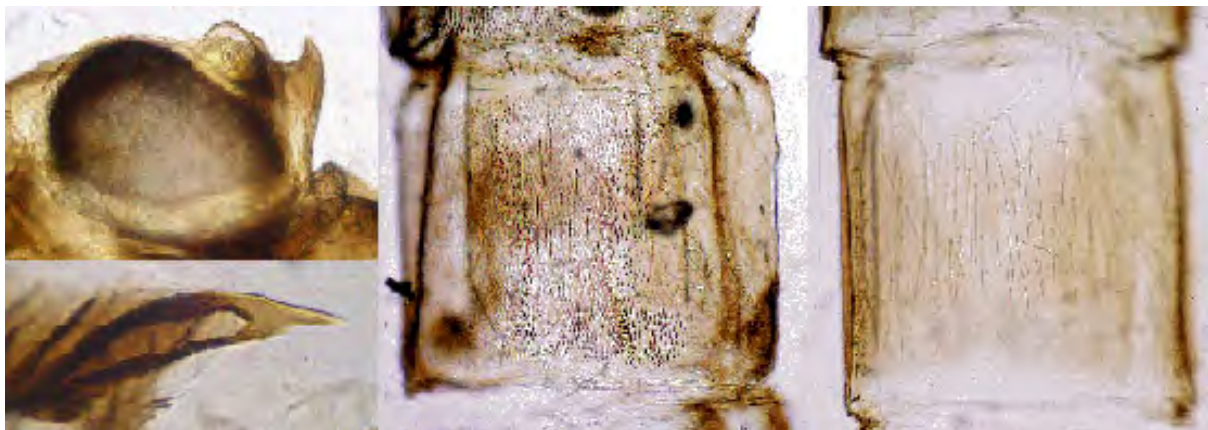
Female:

Some information on genitalia from a pharate female: TX about 1.67x longer than greatest width, with 14 setae; cercus with straight dorsal margin coming to a curved posterior transition to posterior margin, which merges to curved ventral margin.



Genital region of pharate female

Pupa: Exuvia grey. Length of male 5.99-6.61 mm, of female 7.01-7.53. Frontal tubercles about 75 μm long and 57 μm wide. Antennal sheath of female about 540 (540-560) μm long. Wing sheath 1.54 (1.42-1.72) mm in length, respiratory base elliptical and about 0.15 mm wide. PSA caudolateral on segment IV-VI; PSB basolateral on segment I and caudolateral on segment II. Hook row on segment II comprised of about 46-58 hooklets. Shagreen pattern as shown in figure. Caudolateral spurs of segment VIII with 1 or 1 large and one small spines.



Pupa of *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B

Fourth instar larva: A small to medium plumosus-type (length (fem) 12.2-14 mm). Anterior VT about 1.6 (1.04-2.44) mm; posterior pair about 1.85 (1.40-2.64) mm; much shorter in Japanese larvae. Anal tubules about 250-480 μm long and about 2.5-3 times longer than wide. Oesophageal opening 77.2 (68-88) μm wide and 3.75-5.6 times wider than deep.

Gular region pale in some Japanese populations, slightly dark to dark over posterior 1/3 to 1/2, FC darkened.

Mentum (Fig. c, below) with c1 tooth tall, c2 teeth well separated (type III), 4th laterals slightly reduced (type I-II).

Ventromentum (Fig. d, below) with smooth anterior edge and about 38 (34-44) striae; IPD 53-71 μm (0.31-0.40 of mentum width); VMR 0.24-0.32.

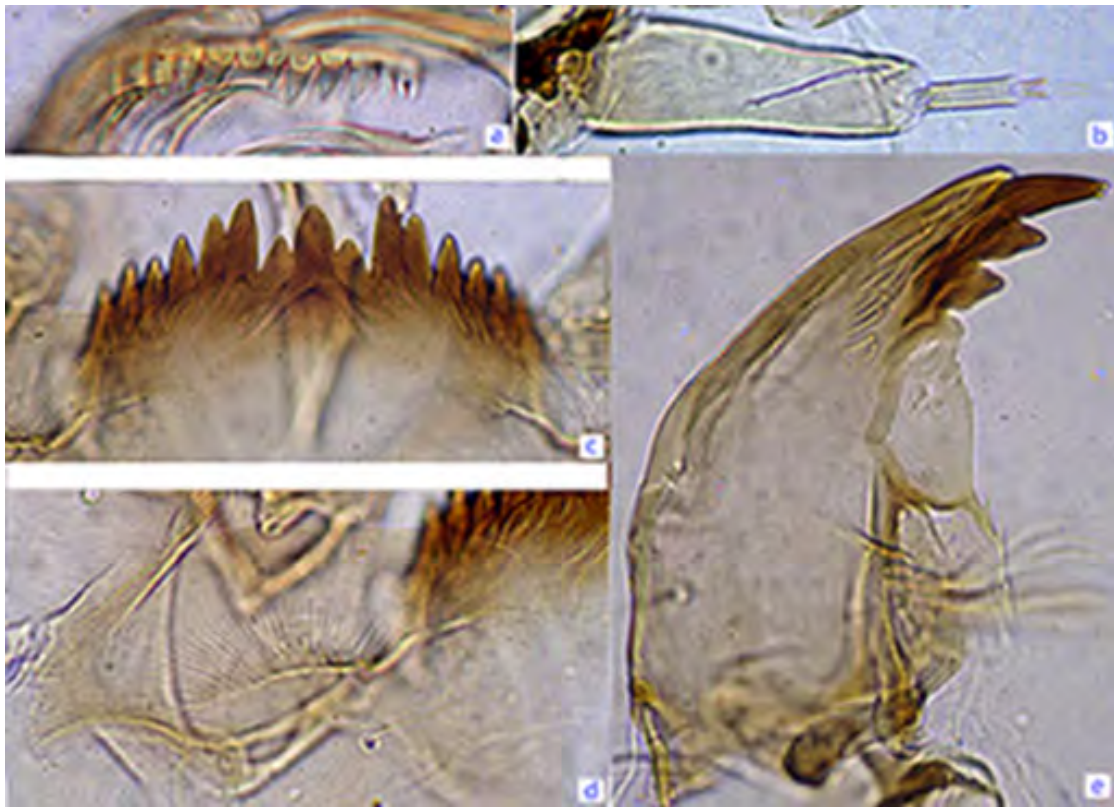
PE (Fig. a, below) with 12-16 teeth broad sharp teeth (type B). Premandible with outer tooth slightly longer and coming to a relatively narrow point, inner tooth coming to a broad point and 2-3.7x wider.

Antenna (Fig. b, below) with basal segment 3.4 (2.8-4.0) times longer than wide, RO about one third to 2/5th up from base; AR about 2.08 (1.94-2.44); segments lengths (μm) 108 : 28.5 : 8.5 : 11 : 6.

Distance between the antennal bases generally greater than that between the S4 setae.

Mandible (Fig.e, below) with 3rd inner tooth partly or sometimes almost fully separated, and partly darkened (type II-III B), with about 13 (10-15) furrows on the outer surface at the base.

PecM with about 10 (9-12) taeniae; Mdt-Mat 25-28 μm ; MTR 0.3-0.39.



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G.

Nucleolus in arm B (at 11B) (as in map of Nath and Godbole 1997) but may be developed in arm F (at 10D - abt. groups 22-23). A small nucleolus may also be present subterminal on arm G. Two BRs, about equally distant from each end, are on arm G.

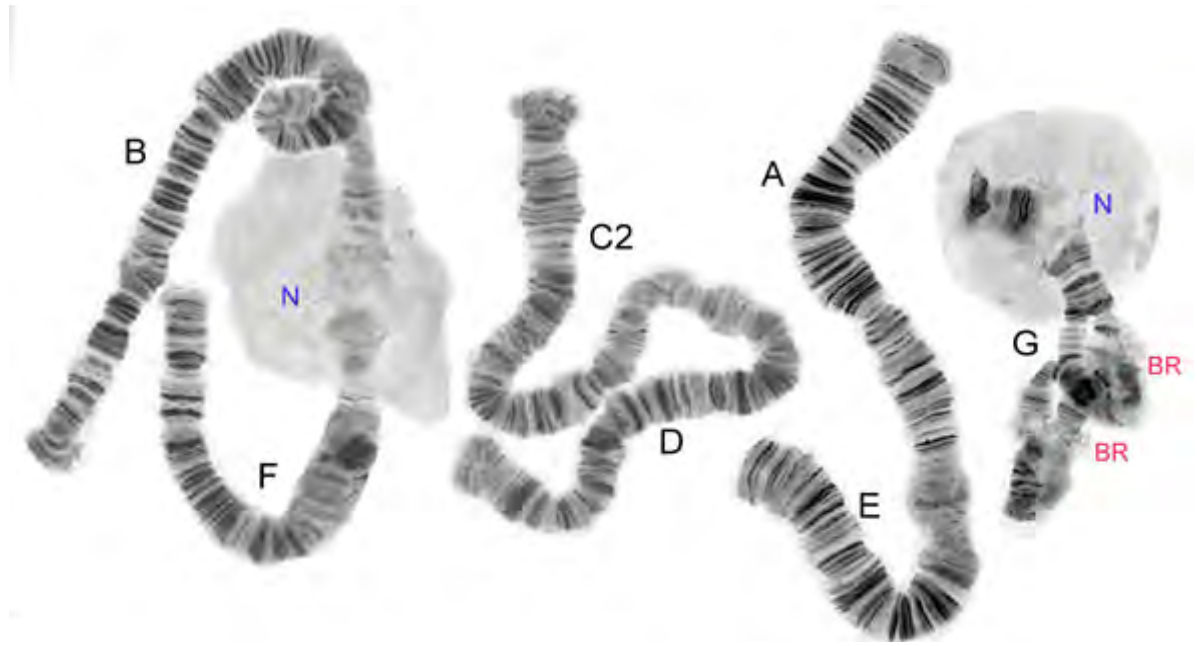
Limited polymorphism present in arms A, C and G.

Some points can be made by comparison to the Keyl (1962) banding patterns for arms A, E and F:

A1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3- 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as *circumdatus* A2, *holomelas*, etc.

B1: Characteristic bands at 10F; a nucleolus at 11B, as in *C circumdatus*.

- C1: Developmentally stage specific puff at 6B.
 C2: Inversion of about two thirds of the arm,
 D1:
 E1: 1a-i, 5 - 10b, 3e - 2, 4 - 3f, 10c - 13 i.e. Inv2-5 from *aprilinus*
 F1: 1 - 2a, 10 - 3d, 14c - 11, 2b - 3c, 14d - 23 Nucleolus about region 22-23, so distinctive bands not visible.
 G1: BRs at 18C and 19C
 G2: Inversion of about 1/3 of arm around the central BR.



The nucleolus is in arm F at 10D. Other probable descriptions of the cytology are: De & Gupta (1994) as “*C. niger*”; *Chironomus* species 1 by Sharma *et al.* (1990), *Chironomus plumosus* form B (although it has no relationship whatever to *C. plumosus*) and incorrectly placed in the thummi-cytocomplex, and the similarly incorrect form A (Sharma *et al.* (2004) is very likely also this species.

It is uncertain that this species is conspecific with *C. incertipenis* as suggested by entries in the BOLD Bin. The two species are similar in many aspects and the comparison of the adult of *C. incertipenis* to *C. yoshimatsui* is consistent with it being a member of the “flaviplumus-group”.

Many of the distinguishing features of *C. incertipenis* in the original description as *C. niger* are typical of the group, but two adult characters of *C. incertipenis* suggest it is distinct from the present species: 1. the anal point of the adult male is dark brown and sharply downturned, cf. the more usual yellow brown of *C. ramosus*, and 2. the SVo of *C. incertipenis* is described as gently curved while that of the present species is strongly curved and beaked (S-type, closest to Fig. a of Strenzke, 1959). A re-examination of the type is required to assess the accuracy of the original description as *C.niger*.

Found: India - Jammu & Kashmir: Deoli Village, Jammu; Farooq Nagar (abt. 28.30°N,76.80°E), Jammu; Kabeer colony (32.70°N, 75.00°E), Jammu; Bishnah wetlands; Gadhighargh (33.00°N, 74.92°E); Sangrampur village; Univ. Jammu & Kashmir (32.73°N, 74.87°E), Jammu;

Japan - Kyushu: Nabikimatsu (33.60°N, 130.33°E), Koge-Machi, Chikujyo-gun, Fukuoka Pref.;

Malaysia – University of Malaya, Selangor (3.1295°N, 101.657°E) (BOLD)

Pakistan – Islamabad (33.6863°N, 73.0763°E) (BOLD)

Singapore - Bedok Canal (1.367°N, 103.939°E).

Thailand – Mahasarakham University (14.85°N, 103.26°E), Kantharawichai District, Maha Sarakham Province; Ban Tha Reu (15.33°N, 103.56°E), Satuek District, Buri Ram Province; Ban Keab (16.26°N, 103.22°E), Kantharawichai District, Maha Sarakham Province; Ban Khi (16.27°N, 103.23°E), Chiang Yuen District, Maha Sarakham Province.

also

Israel - Mt. Hermon (33.40°N, 35.85°E).

It includes some of those Indian samples (besides *C. indiaensis*) that have been classed as “*C. samoensis*” or “*C. nr. samoensis*” and in the BOLD database as “*C. incertipenis*”.

Molecular Sequence:

MtCOI: There is sequence in Genbank (e.g. MN370037 & MN934313) from Laviad-Shirit *et al.* (2020) as *C. ramosus*. These sequences have been mined into the BOLD database where they are included in the Bin along with specimens of from India or Singapore which do not fit the description of *C. ramosus*.

The sequence indicates that this species is relatively close to the European and Asian *C. alpestris*, Goetgh.

***Chironomus ramosus* Chaudhuri et al. 1992**

Incorrect identification: *C. ramosus sensu* Laviad-Shirit et al., 2020.

Original description:

Adult:

Male:

Body 5.77 (5.62-5.89) mm. Wing length 2.33 (2.27-2.40), wing width 0.72 (0.70-0.76). VR 1.01 (1.00-1.03).

Head: AR 3.86 (3.72-3.94). Frontal tubercles small; ratio of palp segments: 14 : 11 : 48 : 66. Clypeal setae 20 (18-20).

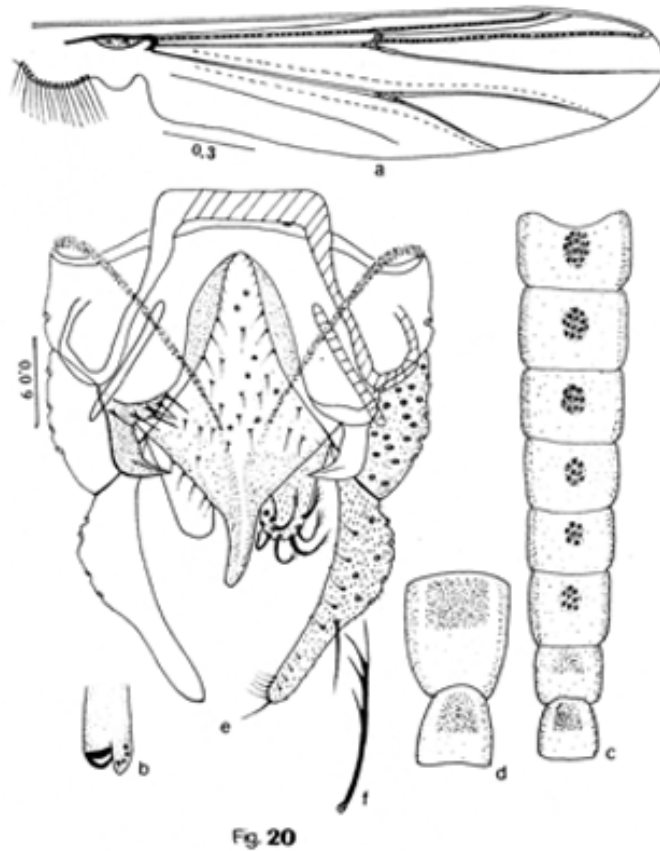
Thorax yellow, postnotum pale brown; 2 antipronotal setae. Mesonotum with 4 brown vittae; Acrostichals 18 (17-20); dorsocentrals 19 (18-19), uniserial; prealars 5 (2-6); supraalars 1; scutellars 26 (26-28).

Legs yellow, fore tibial scale with 4 long setae; tarsomeres of foreleg dark brown, Ta1-3 of mid and hind legs brown at apex, Ta4 & 5 brown.

Leg proportions and ratios (units):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	30	29	43	21	18	15	7	1.48	1.03	no beard?
PII	31	29	18	10	7	4	3.5	0.62	1.07	
PIII	38	35	25	14	11	6	4	0.72	1.09	

Abdomen: Greenish yellow, tergites II-VI with brown oval spot medially; VII & VIII with broad brown patch.

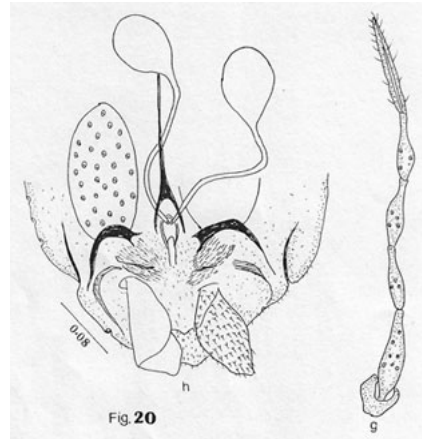


Adult male of *C. ramosus* (Chaudhuri, Das and Sublette 1992)

Curved anal point figured as tapering to end, beak-like SVo (as in *C. samoensis*, *C. flaviplumus*, etc.), S-type, closest to Fig. a of Strenzke (1959); IVo not reaching the end of the anal point, about to basal third of gonostylus, setae finely branched. Gonostylus moderately swollen, narrowing gently over posterior half to third.

Female:

Body 4.68 (4.53-5.12) mm. Wing length 2.59 (2.49-2.66), wing width 0.88 (0.82-0.95). Antenna 5 segmented, relative lengths 10 : 7.5 : 7 : 6.5 : 12. AR 0.38, A5/A1 about 1.2.



Female genitalia and antenna of *C. ramosus* (Chaudhuri, Das and Sublette 1992)

TX shown as long, curved, but inner region with setae not shown; other specimens show it is about 1.67x longer than greatest width, with 14 setae; Cercus with short dorsal margin, then curved around to ventral base; no obvious basal bulge.

Pupa: Colour brown, but exuvia grey. Length of male 6.60 (5.99-7.64) mm, of female 7.25 (6.52-8.86). Frontal tubercles about 75-90 μm long and 57-60 μm wide, with the subapical seta about 0.05 mm in length. Antennal sheath of female about 540 (540-560) μm long. Wing sheath 1.54 (1.42-1.72) mm in length, respiratory base elliptical and about 0.15 mm wide. PSA caudolateral on segment IV-VI; PSB basolateral on segment I and caudolateral on segment II. Hook row on segment II comprised of about 46-58 hooklets. Shagreen pattern as shown in figure. Caudolateral spurs of segment VIII with 1-3 spines.



Fourth instar larva: a small to medium plumosus-type (length 8-13.2 mm). Anterior pair of VT shorter than posterior pair. AT 310 (290-330) μ m long. Gula and FA apparently not darkened.

Mentum with c2 teeth well separated and c1 broad (type IB), 4th laterals slightly reduced (Ty.II).

Ventromentum about 3.9 times longer than its depth; figure indicates numerous striae.

PE with about 20 teeth (type B) – other populations have 12-16 teeth. Premandible shown with two equal teeth, but normally the inner tooth is 2-3 times wider than the outer tooth.

Antenna with basal segment about 2.25 times longer than wide, RO less than 1/3 up from the base; AR 1.69 (1.53-2.10); ratio of antennal segments 23.1 : 6.7 : 2.2 : 3.1 : 1.6.

Mandible figured as type IIB; no information on number of furrows on outer surface; or number of taeniae in PMA; MTR perhaps about 0.33.



C. ramosus larval parts from Chaudhuri *et al.* 1992

Cytology: Although later specimens attributed to *C. ramosus* (e.g. Laviad-Shirit *et al.*, 2020; Sela *et al.* 2021) are actually *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B, the original description by Nath & Godbole (1997) is *C. ramosus*. In their map, chromosome I is comprised of arms D and C, chromosome II of arms F and B; chromosome III of arms A and E, and chromosome IV is arm G. The nucleolus is in arm B at 11B. Two BRs, about equally distant from each end, are on arm G. Band identifications as in Nath & Godbole (1997):

ramA1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3- 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as circumdatus A2, holomelas, etc.

ramB1: Characteristic bands at 10F, nucleolus at 11B

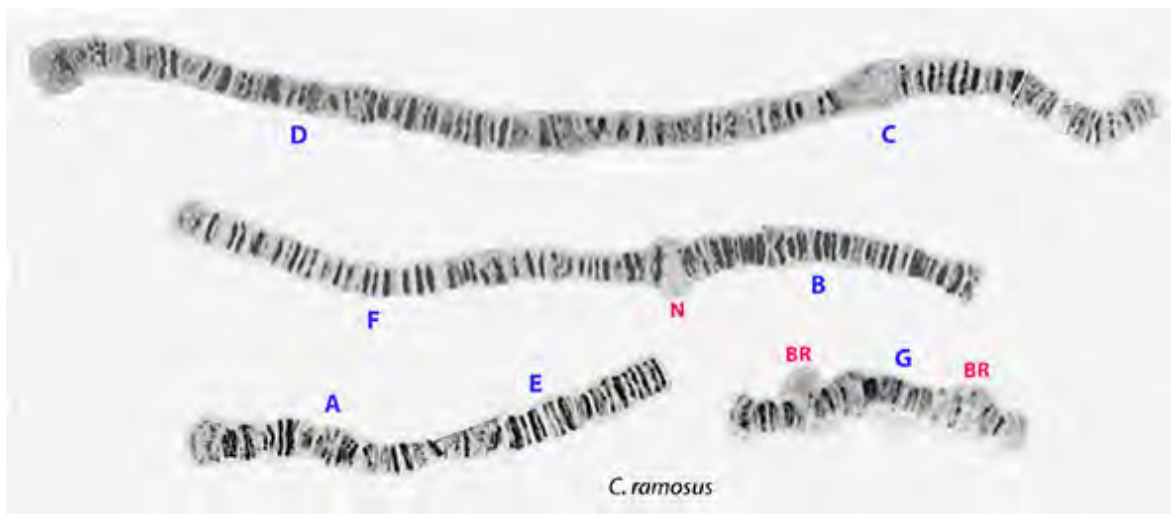
ramC1: Developmentally stage specific puff at 6B. as C2 of incertipenis?

ramD1:

ramE1: 1a-i, 5 - 10b, 3e - 2, 4 - 3f, 10c - 13 i.e. Inv2-5 from aprilinus, as incertipenis

ramF1: 1 - 2a, 10 - 3d, 14c - 11, 2b - 3c, 14d - 23

ramG1: BRs at 18C and 19C



Chromosomes of *C. ramosus*, courtesy of B. B. Nath. N – nucleolus; BR – Balbiani ring

Found: Type locality - Satgachhia, West Bengal, INDIA.

Chironomus species PK4

(based on Kabeer Colony IN.6.1 photos from Pragma. Khanna.)

Adult and Pupa: Not currently known

Fourth instar larva: Morphology not known

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Arm G with three obvious BRs, one near distal end not always developed, but no obvious nucleolus. Nucleolus possibly on arm F, but this is not clear. Polymorphism in arms A, and C.

Arm A1:

Arm A2:

Arm B1: Puff (gp 7) slightly proximal of centre of arm with dark bands (gp 8) distal

Arm C1: Inverted near distal end compared to *striatipennis*

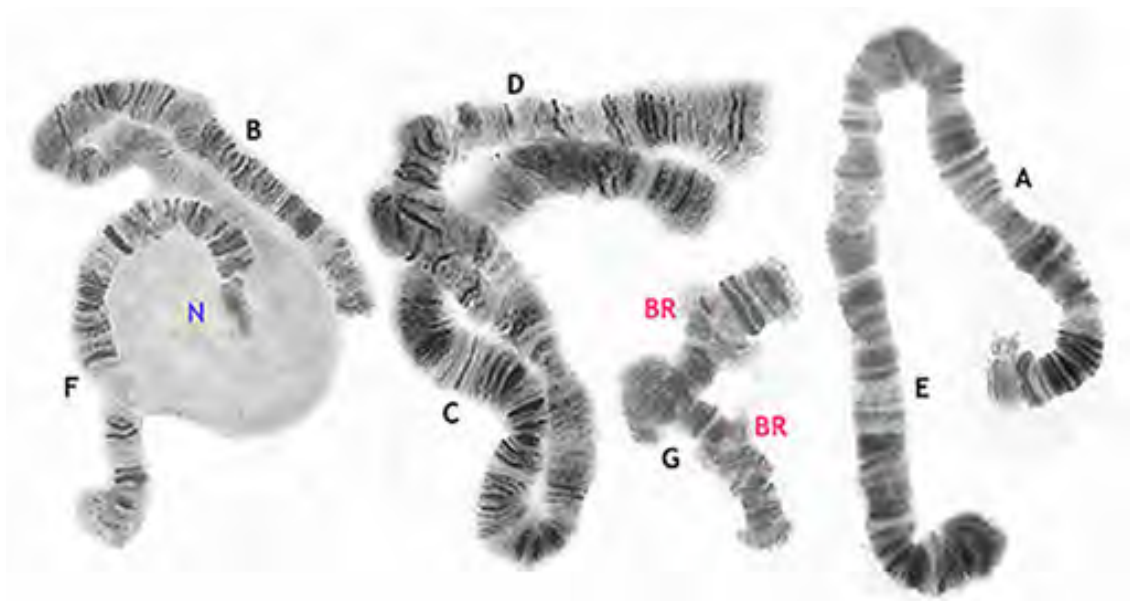
Arm C2: Inversion of about distal two thirds of the arm.

Arm D1:

Arm E1:

Arm F1: Bands 7,8,9 near distal end; nucleolus in group 20.

Arm G1: may be similar to *C. flaviplumus* B.



Found: India - Jammu & Kashmir: Kabeer colony, Jammu.

Probably equivalent to *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B.

***Chironomus incertipenis* Auctt.** (not Chaudhuri & Das 1996)

A widespread species from India, Pakistan, Singapore, Japan, etc., has been called *C. incertipenis*.

However, this appears to have been a misidentification as the adult male SVo is a different type (D-type of Strenzke rather than S-type), and the anal point is not dark as noted by Chaudhuri and Das to be characteristic in *C. incertipenis*.

Probably equivalent to *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B.(but see *Chironomus incertipenis*, below)

***Chironomus flaviplumus* Type C**

This type was identified as *C. flaviplumus* from the Yangtze River basin in China by Chen and Zhang (GenBank 2015 – unpubl.), for which only the DNA BARCODE sequence is available. Limited information on the larva was available from Thailand (Pramual *et al.* 2016).

It is in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAV5954](#)

Fourth instar larva: The larvae of this species are a plumosus-type larva, very similar to those of *C. striatipennis*.

Molecular Sequence:

COI – GenBank accession nos. for Chinese specimens are KP902730 & -31. and for Thailand KT213029- 038. In BOLD they have 99.5% similarity to an early release sequence named as ChironomidaeGC sp. 7 from Queensland, Australia.

Found: **China** – Yangtze River basin
 Thailand - Maha Sarakham; Buriram.
 Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory

See “*C. orientalis*” below.

Other members of the *C. flaviplumus*-group:

“*Chironomus orientalis*”

This species is related to *C. flaviplumus* in Japan and was identified as *C. flaviplumus* from China (see *C. flaviplumus* Ty. C, above) but requires a new name (Martin 2011b). The name *C. orientalis* is suggested, as the species is widespread in Asia, although the only adults available are from Australia.

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAV5954](#)

Adults

Males

Proposed holotype male

Generally greenish, with light brown thoracic vittae and postnotum, legs unmarked, abdomen with brown saddle spots on segments II-V, then mostly brown. Legs pale. Wings clear.

Abdomen pale, greenish, with a brown band on posterior third to half of segments II-VI, then largely brown.

Wing length 2.84 mm; width 0.67 mm; VR 0.95; 14 setae on squamal fringe, 3 SCf on brachiolum.

Head: AR 2.44. cephalic tubercles about 33 µm and 2.5 times longer than wide.; clypeal width about 0.65 of diameter of antennal pedicel with 15 setae; palp proportions (micron) 45 : 50 : 188 : 208 : 308.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichals – about 18; 16-17 dorsocentrals; 5 prealars; 1 supraalar; scutellars in two rows, 6 in anterior row, 12 in posterior row.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1320	970	1905	950	855	725	335	1.96	1.36	2.20
PII	1290	1155	720	380	270	175	120	0.62	1.12	-
PIII	1445	1350	1120	575	435	260	145	0.83	1.07	-

abt 12 SCh on hind Ta1

9 setae on tergite IX in individual clear spots. SVo beaked, between S(d and e) types of Strenzke (1959): IVo reaching close to distal end of anal point (about middle of gonostyle, i.e. where it begins to narrow); some setae appear bifid. Anal point slightly broader at distal end.

Pupa. Exuvia length 7.8 mm; inner margin of wing case 1.45 mm. Shagreen at centre rear of seg. II; over rear 2/3 of segs. III-V but with central gap on seg. V; only vague on seg. VI except around posterior setae, and not obvious on segs. VII-VIII; spicules in intersegments V-VI and VI-VII.

Cephalic tubercles, 23-25 µm long and width at the base about 30-40 µm, with subterminal setae up to 75 µm long. Basal ring of respiratory horn kidney shaped, about 133 µm long and 65 µm wide, HR about 2.0. About 72 recurved hooks at rear of segment II, occupying about 78% of the segment width. Pedes spurii small on segment II; pedes spurii large on segment IV – about 132 µm long and 78 µm wide, about 18% of the segment length; about 75 µm on seg V; 70 µm on seg VI. Spur of segment VIII with 3 spines (2 large and 1 small); about 86 taeniae on each side of swim fin.



Adult from Queensland, Australia (photo by Graeme V. Cocks)

Other males:



C. "orientalis": Male hypopygium (left) and superior volsella (right) - note the beaked appearance.

AR about 2.4-2.9. (Specimens from Japan have an AR of 3.5-4.0, and should probably be placed as *C. flaviplumus* – see also below under Cytology)

Wing length: 2.85-3.15 mm; wing width 0.30-0.67 mm, 2-4 SCf on brachiolum, 12 (9-14) setae on squamal fringe. VR about 0.95 (0.93-0.95).

Frontal tubercles about 33-39 μm and 2.5-3 times longer than wide. About 11-22 clypeal setae.

Palp proportions: 44 : 53 : 189 : 222 : 314; P5/P4 1.42, P5/P3 1.66.

Thorax: Setae – acrostichal about 10-18; dorsocentral about 13-18; prealar about 5-6; supra alar 1; scutellar in 2 approximate rows, 6-7 in anterior row, 11-17 in posterior row (total 17-24).

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

Male	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1350	975	1820	925	837	712	362	1.82-1.96	1.35-1.44	1.7-2.2
PII	1305	1155	750	395	268	168	125	0.62-0.67	1.11-1.17	-
PIII	1478	1385	1180	595	448	262	152	0.81-0.92	1.05-1.09	-

Setae near centre of TIX: 9-12 in individual clear spots. The SVo is essentially a D(e)-type, although in some specimens of a beaked type not illustrated by Strenzke (1959), but possibly could be classed as an S-type, i.e. the SVo in this species is marginal between Strenzke's S- and D-types. IVo not reaching to end of anal point but to mid-point of gonostyle; some setae on IVo with simple or trifid fork. Gonostyle narrows gently or sharply from about the midpoint.

Female:

Only three damaged specimens have been available for study, two with the head missing. Wing length 3.3 (3.28-3.53) mm; width at cross vein 0.87 (0.83-0.90) mm, VR 0.87 (0.81-0.93). About 2.6 (2-3) Scf on brachiolium and about 16 (14-18) setae on squamal fringe. Head with frontal tubercles about 14 µm long and 13 µm wide.; about 21 clypeal setae. Antennal segments (microns) (fraction of neck in brackets): 190 (0.24) : 127 (0.51) : 147 (0.54) : 121 (0.48) : 215. AR about 0.37; A5/A1 about 1.13. Only palpal segments 1 and 2 were present, lengths 78 and 61 µm.

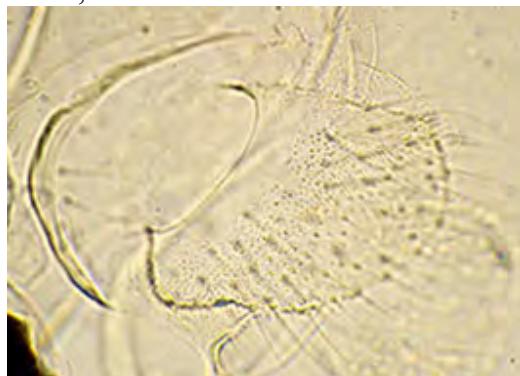
Thoracic setae - acrostichal about (16) 13-17; humeral 7 (6-8) in approx. zigzag; dorsocentral about 29 (23-36) (Humeral+DCs 36 (29-46)); prealar about 5.5 (5-6); supra alar 1; scutellar in two approximate rows, 5 (5-6) in anterior row; 11 (11-12) in posterior row. (Total 16.6 (16-18)).

Leg lengths(micron) and proportions:

Female	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1640	1180	2290	1347	1102	1112	410	1.91-1.92	1.37-1.42	0.90-0.97
PII	1565	1400	828	438	309	192	143	0.58-0.61	1.11-1.14	-
PIII	1703	1640	1322	695	544	311	185	0.79-0.82	1.02-1.06	-

Fore Ta4 about same length as Ta3. About 91-96 Sensilla chaetica on hind tibia.

Abdomen pale (probably greenish); segment X crescent shaped, about 4.2-4.5 times longer than its greatest width, with about 4-7 setae.



Cercus and segment X (at left) of *C. 'orientalis'*

Cercus roughly oval, posterior margin curved, dorsal margin longer and with a basal bulge at the ventral base.

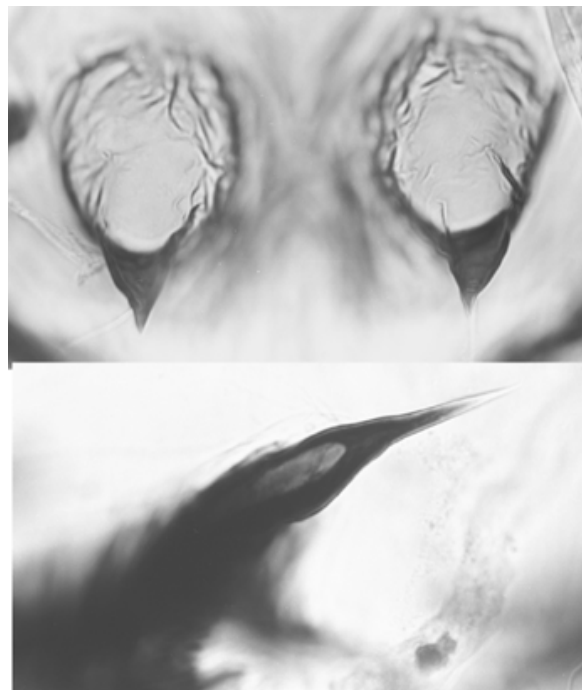
Differences from other members of the *C. samoensis/flaviplumus* group:

Important features of males are the AR of 2.4-2.9 (lower than that of *C. flaviplumus*, but similar to *C. samoensis*), the LR of about 1.8 - 2.0 and fore Ta5, which is about 0.35 - 0.4 length of Ti. In Australia, it is the only presently known species with a boot-shaped superior volsella (variant of S-type of Strenzke 1956).

In the female the fore legs are very long, with LR about 1.9, and Ta3 and Ta4 are about equal in length, only a little shorter than Ta2, and Ta5 about a third of the length of the Ti.

Pupa: Exuviae length about 7.4 (7.2-7.8) mm; inner margin of wing case 1.42-1.45 mm. Cephalic tubercles (see below) variable, length from 23-121 μm , with subterminal setae about 60 μm long. No indication of frontal warts.

About 51-68 recurved hooks on abdominal segment II. Caudolateral spur (see below) of segment VIII with 1, 2 or sometimes 3 spines. Anal fringe with about 74-100 taeniae in multiple rows.



Fourth instar larva: a medium sized plumosus-type larva (length about 11.8 (9-14.3)(female), 10.9 (10.7-11)(male) mm., lab. reared). Anterior VT 1.49 (1.24-1.84) mm., shorter than posterior pair 1.72 (1.40-2.48) mm.

Gula pale or very slightly darkened on posterior third; FC pale to dark. Clypeal aperture about 3.64 (2.60-4.43) times longer than wide.

Mentum (Fig. b, below) with square sharp teeth, c2 teeth of central trifid tooth well separated from c1 tooth (type III), 4th laterals slightly to moderately reduced (type I-II); about 0.53-0.59 times the VHL. PE (Fig. a, below) with about 16-19 sharp teeth which become much smaller at the ends.

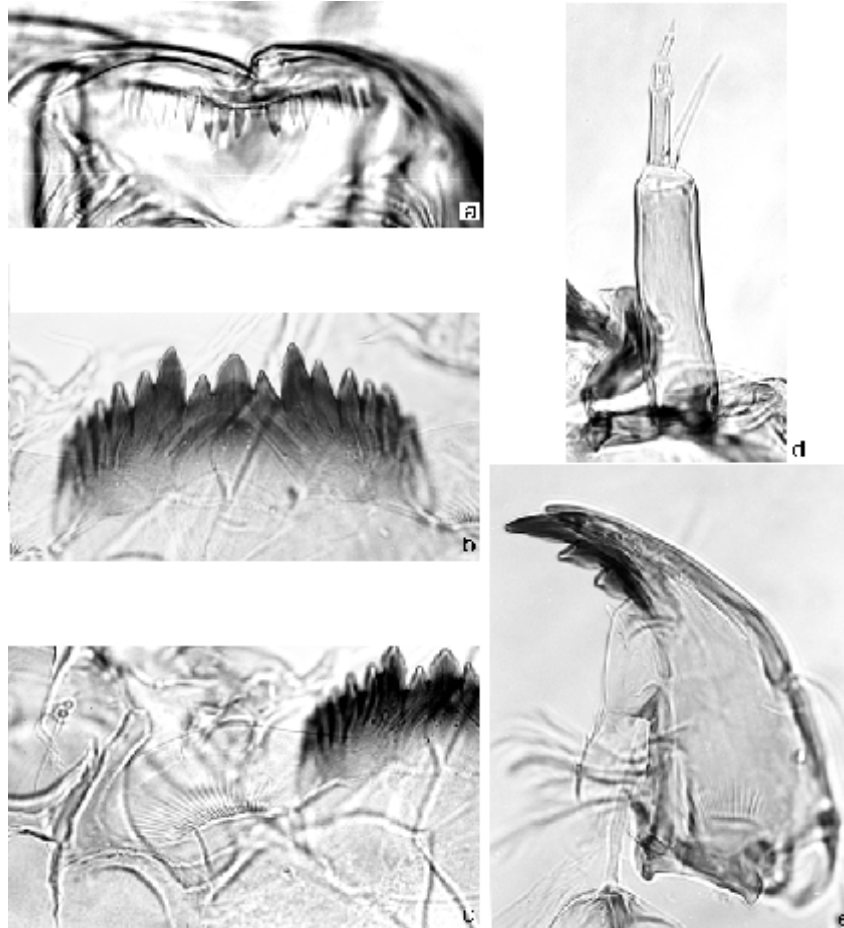
Ventromentum (Fig. c, below) about 183 (180-185) μm long and 3.87 (3.72-4.05) times longer than deep, with about 34.2 (31-38) striae; VMR about 0.29 (0.25-0.32); about 1.17 (1.13-1.22) times the mentum width.

Distance between the antennal bases slightly larger than the distance between the S4 setae, which are separated by about 0.82-0.87 of the width of the mentum at that point.

Antenna (Fig. d, below) with a moderately long basal segment, which is about 3.74 (3.62-4.03) times as long as wide; AR about 1.87 (1.62-2.05). Antennal proportions: 116 : 34: 9 :

12 : 8.

Mandible (Fig. e, below) with third inner tooth only slightly darkened (Type IA/B), and with about 13.1 (12-14) grooves on outer surface near the base; MTR about 0.35 (0.32-0.38); 11.8 (10-13) taeniae in PMa.



Cytology: 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G.

Nucleolus virtually terminal in arm G; well developed BR about one third from the other end, and a smaller BR close to this other end; closely paired. No nucleolus in long chromosomes of Australian specimens, but one near the characteristic bands of arm F in *C. flaviplumus*.

Arm A of Australian specimens differs from that of *C. flaviplumus* by a complex inversion, and arm F by possibly a simple inversion. Irradiation experiments indicated that the MD region was not on the CD chromosome.

“orl”A1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3 - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 *holomelas* (Australia)

“orl”B1: Puff of group 7 just distal to the middle of the arm with dark bands distal of it.

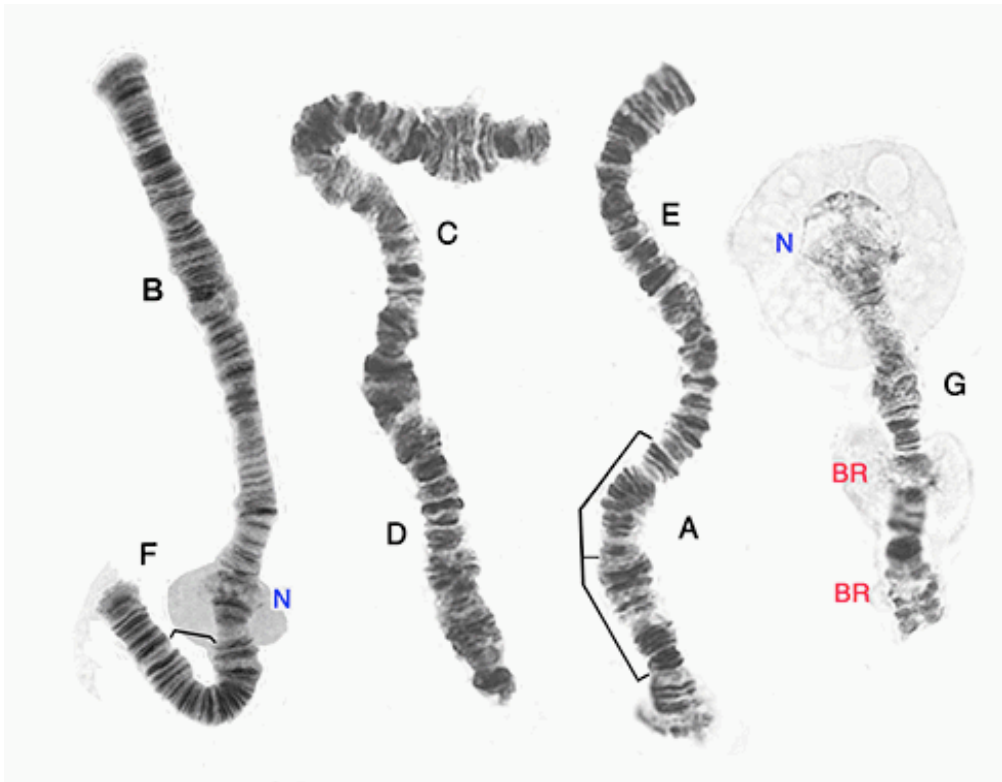
“orl”C1: Characteristic groups 3-4 about one third from distal end of the arm.

“orl”D1:

“orl”E1: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13 as *aprilinus*, etc.

“orl”F1: (possibly) 1 - 2a, 10a-d, 15 - 14e, 9 - 2b, 11 - 14d, 16 - 23 In14d-9
from *flaviplumus*

“orl”G1: Subterminal nucleolus, median and distal BRs.



Polytene chromosomes of *C. "orientalis"*.

BR - Balbiani Ring; N - Nucleolus

Chromosome arms A, E and F of a "*C. samoensis*" were described by Wülker et al. (1989) based on Japanese specimens, but are probably *C. flaviplumus*. The sequences of arms A and F of Australian specimens are not the same, although closely related to the Japanese material.

A major difference to the cytology of specimens believed to be *C. samoensis* Edwards, from Tutuila, American Samoa, is the nucleolar position in arm G, which is medial in the Samoan specimens.

This species is probably most closely related to the Japanese *C. flaviplumus* Tokunaga. Aspects of the relationships between some of the members of this group, from a molecular perspective, are given by Pramual *et al.* (2016)

Material identified as *C. samoensis* from India is also cytologically distinct, one species has been renamed *Chironomus indiaensis* (Martin 2011b), and others are the widespread species PK2.

Found:

Australia: - **Northern Territory** - Radon Creek, Kakadu National Park (12.75°S, 132.93°E);
Twin Falls, off Jim Jim Road, Kakadu area (13.00°S, 132.58°E)

Queensland - 3 km w. Sarina Beach.

China - Yangtze River basin (30.09°N, 115.12°E) (GeneBank)

Bangladesh - Chittagong (22.4685°N, 91.7808°E)(BOLD)

Malaysia - Botanical Gardens, Univ. Malaya, Selangor (3.1295°N, 101.656°E)(BOLD)

Thailand - Mahasarakham University (16.242°N, 103.260°E), and Ban Keab (16.250°N, 103.210°E), Kantharawichai Dist., Maha Sarakham; Ban Tha Reu (15.303°N, 103.392°E), Satuek Dist. Buri Ram.

Molecular sequence

COI: There is sequence in BOLD and in GenBank

This species can be bred in the laboratory, as fertile egg masses were obtained from adults reared from wild collected larvae in Australia. The related Japanese species has also been maintained in a laboratory culture (Elbetieha and Kalthoff 1988).

Chironomus* nr. *flaviplumus

This species is a member of the “*C. flaviplumus*-group”

Adult:

Male: (based on one specimen)

AR about 3, LR not known. Wing length about 3.4 mm; width about 0.73 mm; VR about 1.05.

Frontal tubercles relatively small, 18x13 µm; Palp proportions (µm) 48: 60 : 240 : 225 : (shrivelled). Clypeal setae about 24.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals - abt 14; dorsocentrals - 14-15; prealar - 6; scutellar - 8 in anterior row, abt 29 in posterior row (of which 14 are in an intermediate row).

Wing with 2 setae on stem vein and about 20-22 on the anal fringe.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T
PI	1240	1189	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.04
PII	1365	1250	720	415	305	210	160	0.58	1.09
PIII	1520	1505	1105	610	480	290	190	0.74	1.01

Sensilla chaetica: Mid Ta1 - 9,10; Hind Ta1 - 6,6.

About 19 setae on tergite IX. SVo beaked, of D-type, between d and e of Strenzke (1959). Setae of IVo forked.

Pupa: Not currently known.

Fourth instar larva: a medium sized plumosus-type larva (female abt 12.2 mm). Anterior ventral tubules shorter (abt 2.44 mm) than the posterior pair (abt 2.64 mm); lateral tubules well developed (abt 400 µm).

Gular slightly darkened, frontoclypeus dark, particularly at posterior of head.

Mentum with 4th laterals reduced almost to height of 5th laterals (type II), 6th laterals originating slightly below the level of other teeth; teeth relatively sharp; centre trifold tooth with c2 teeth well separated, tending to type IV.

Pecten epipharyngis with about 16 sharp teeth. Ventromental plates separated by about 30% of the mentum width, with about 42-44 striae.

Premandible relatively broad and blunt, teeth about equal in length, inner tooth about 1.5-2 times the width of the outer tooth.

Antenna with a moderately long basal segment, which is about 4 times as long as wide; AR about 2.06; ring organ just under half way up from base. Antennal proportions: 130 : 29 : 8 : 13 : 6.

Mandible with 3rd inner tooth well developed but only slightly darkened (type IIIB), about 14-15 striae on inner margin at base.

Cytology: 4 pairs of chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G. Does not appear to be a nucleolus in arm G, but a large medial BR. Nucleolus in arm F probably at about group 19. Polymorphism at least in arms D and G.

Arm A1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3, 14c - 13, 4 - 9, 2ed, 14d - 19 as "sam" A2

Arm B1: Puff (group 7) about one third from distal end, with dark bands (group 8) distal to it. possibly as cirB1

Arm C1:

Arm D1:

Arm D2: Small simple inversion near the middle of the arm

Arm E1: 1 - 2c, 5 - 10b, 3e - 2d, 4 - 3f, 10c - 13 as incertipenis, flaviplumus

Arm F1: possibly 1 - 2a, 10d-a, 15 - 11, ??, 19-23

Found: India - Jammu & Kashmir: Bishnah wetlands; Deoli Village; Farooq Nagar; Gadhigargh; Sangrampur Village.

Molecular Data:

The mtCOI sequence is very similar to that of *C. flaviplumus*.

***Chironomus circumdatus* (Kieffer 1916)**

Syn.: *C. basitibialis* Tokunaga 1936 (Yamamoto 2013)

C. bharati Singh & Kulshretha 1976 (doubtful synonymy – see description above)

C. costatus sensu Karunakaran 1969 (mtCOI - Wong, unpubl.; cytology - Martin unpubl.)

C. daitoefeus Sasa & Suzuki 2001 (probable synonym – Yamamoto, unpubl.)

C. plumatisetigerus Tokunaga, 1945 (Martin & Saxena 2009)

C. setonis Tokunaga 1936 (Yamamoto 2013)

A member of the broader "*C. flaviplumus* complex"

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAG5483](https://www.boldsystems.org/index.php/AAG5483)

Adult:

Male

AR about 3.12-3.8. The high value comes from Japanese material (Sasa 1978), Indian specimens are less than 3.5.

Frontal tubercles about 25-43 µm long, 10-17 µm wide. Palpal proportions (µm) 56 : 54 : 213 : 218 : 334. Clypeal setae - 17-34.

Thorax greenish, scutal stripes conspicuous with dark brown margins; scutellum pale yellow, postnotum dark brown. Thoracic setae: acrostichals - 13-18; dorsocentrals - 18-27; prealar - 5-6; scutellar - 8-14 in anterior row, 13-26 in posterior row (higher numbers have an intermediate row of 11-12 setae).

Wing length: 2.72-3.04 mm; wing width 0.67-0.74 mm. VR about 1.02-1.05
 Wings without darkening of the crossvein. 25-27 setae in squamal fringe.
 Legs pale, with darkening at distal ends, also on distal half of Ti4 and all of Ta5.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1145	1060	1610	835	745	645	325	1.42-1.67	1.04-1.12	1.64-1.9
PII	1230	1110	705	395	295	165	135	0.62-0.66	1.05-1.13	
PIII	1350	1350	1000	560	475	250	170	0.72-0.81	0.97-1.02	

(i.e. ant Ta5/Ti about 0.31)

Abdominal segments pale, but with increasing central dark oval patch, so that tergites V-VIII are virtually all dark.



Male terminalia of *C. circumdatus*

Anal point relatively narrow, superior volsella D-type curved at the tip.

Anal point narrow; 1-16 setae on tergite IX. SVo of the D-type, between d and e of Strenzke (1959), but tip may be more bent. Sasa classifies Japanese material as E-type, although one illustration looks more like a D-type. Basal setae on IVo ramose.

Female (based on Sasa 1978):

Wing length 2.8 mm.

Antennal proportions (µm): 80 : 190 : 120 : 120 : 130 : 280.

Frontal tubercle short and stout, 24 µm long and 17 µm wide.

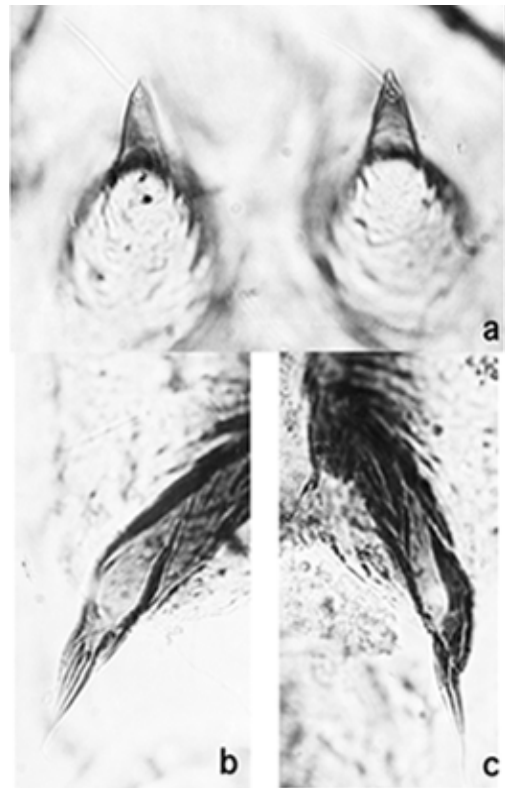
Palpal proportions (segs. 2-5) (µm): 60 : 240 : 250 : 540.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1440	1150	2050	1000	930	880	410	1.79	1.25	0.58
PII	1630	1340	810	410	290	180	150	0.60	1.22	0.13
PIII	1490	1490	1150	560	460	270	180	0.77	1.00	0.18

Abdominal tergites brown, with narrow apical pale bands or spots on tergites I to VI.

Pupa: Brown. Exuviae pale brown.
 Body about 6.6-7.7 mm (male) and 6.5-7.6 mm (female). Frontal tubercles (a, right) about 70-100 μ m, with a subapical seta (40-80 μ m). Thorax rugose, with 2 pairs of precorneal setae. Abdominal tergite II with median shagreen and about 52-68 hooklets, tergites III-V entirely with shagreen, tergite VI with T-shaped shagreen, tergites VII-VIII with 2 broad patches of shagreen. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII (b & c, right) with about 2-4 spines.



Fourth instar larva: a medium plumosus-type (length 10.6-13.7 mm; females 11.2-12.5 mm), lateral tubules well developed (about 480 μ m). Posterior pair of VT generally longer than anterior pair (ant. 1.84; post. 2.48) and coiled. Anal tubules may vary in size in different areas, from about twice as long as wide (Allahabad) to almost three times as long as wide (Jammu), length 290-440 μ m, width 165 μ m.

Gular region darkened, FA variable from very slightly darkened to dark.

Mentum (c, below) with fourth laterals reduced to about the level of the 5th laterals (type II), 6th laterals pointed outwards; c2 teeth of the central tooth (type III) well separated.

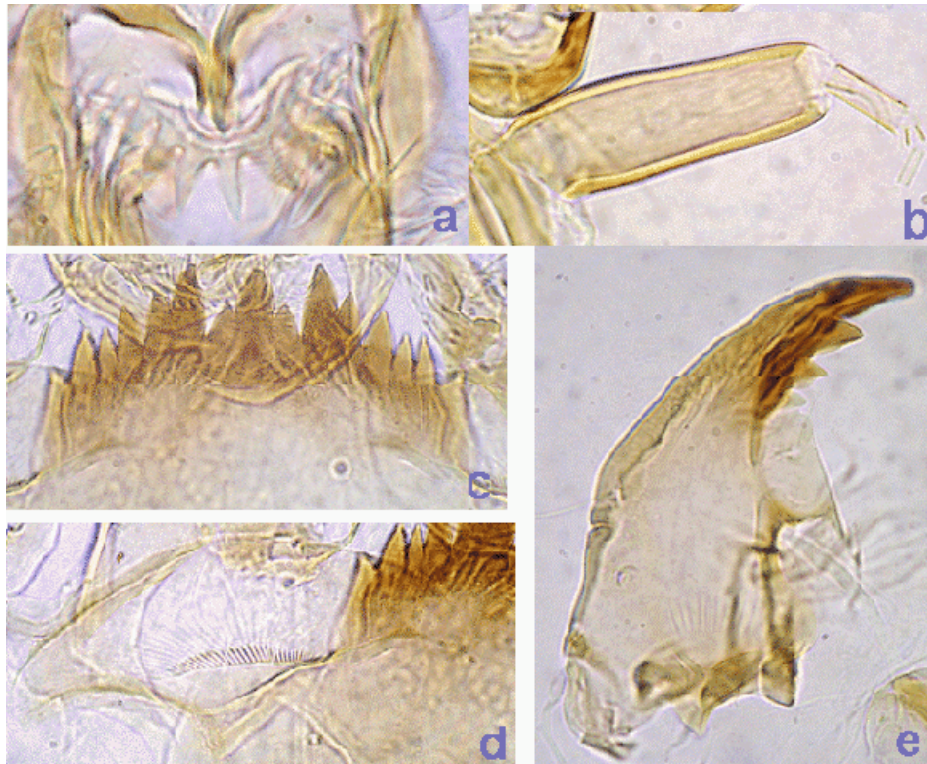
VM (d, below) with about 30 - 36 striae. PE (a, below) with about 12 - 15 teeth.

Premandible with inner tooth shorter and about twice the width of the outer.

Antenna (b, below) with basal segment less than 3.5 times as long as wide; A2/A1 about 0.24; A4/A3 about 2.3 - 2.6. AR about 2-2.3.

Distance between antennal bases greater than that between the S4 setae.

Mandible (e, below) with third inner tooth slightly darkened and only partly separated (type IIB).

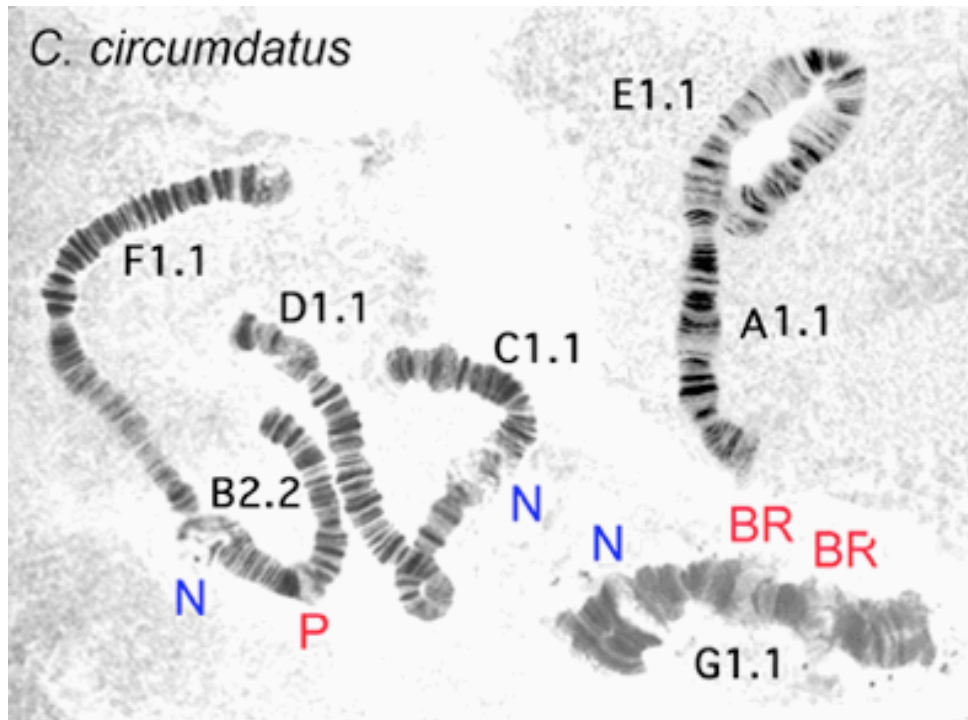


Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleoli in arm B and C, with a small one also present subterminal in arm G (which is not always present/active). Arm G closely paired with generally 3 obvious BRs from near the nucleolus to the opposite end, depending upon the sequence.

Polymorphism in arms A, B, C, D and G, although Pamual *et al.* report pericentric inversions involving the AE and BF chromosomes. Most polymorphism in arm B.

- cirA1: 1 - 3, 12 - 4, 13 - 19 as *pseudothummi* (widespread)
 cirA2: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3 - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as *holomelas, incertipenis* (widespread)
 cirA3: approx. 1 - 2d, 11 - 12, 3 - 2e, 10 - 4, 13 - 19 (Thailand)
 cirA-E (called A4): A1-3, 12-5, E11-13, A6-4, 13-19, E 10i-c, 3f, 3a-e, 10ba-4, 2-1 (India and Thailand)
- cirB1: Puff just beyond middle of arm with dark bands distal (gps. 8 - 7) (widespread)
 cirB2: Puff near nucleolus, with dark bands on proximal side (gps. 7 - 8) (widespread)
 cirB3: abt same size as B2, but moved a few bands proximal, ending at nucleolus (India)
 cirB4: small inversion distal to the distal break of B2 (Thailand)
 cirB5: Similar to B2, but about 2-3 bands shorter at each end (Thailand)
 cirB6: Inversion of distal third of arm (Thailand)
 cirB7: Small subterminal inversion (Thailand)
 cirB8: Small inversion of the region of the BRs (northern India)
 cirB-F: involves the characteristic bands (groups 24-26) of arm B, to about F19 (Thailand)
- cirC1: Median nucleolus (widespread)
 cirC2: Inversion of about a third of the arm distal of the nucleolus (widespread)
 cirD1: differs from oppD1 by at least one inversion (widespread)
 cirD2: Inversion of approximately the middle third of the arm (widespread)
 cirD3: noted by Kumar & Gupta, but seems to be in same region as cirD2 (India)

- cirE1: 1 - 2, 4 - 10ab, 3e-a, 3f, 10c - 13 from *aprilinus* by Inv4-3a
 cirF1: 1 - 2a, 10d - 2c, 15c - 11a, 2b, 15d - 23 as *oppositus* F3
 cirG1: Nucleolus near one end, three BRs towards the other end (most distal not always visible) (widespread)
 cirG2: Inversion of over two thirds of the arm, from proximal of the nucleolus to between the two larger BRs (widespread)
 cirG3: Inversion of region around the BRs (India)



Found: Type locality – Tainan (abt 23.0°N, 120.0°E), Yentempo, (formerly Takao Prefecture), FORMOSA (TAIWAN).

India to Thailand, to New Guinea, Australia and the Pacific area.

India - University of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu (32.73°, 74.87°); Bishnah wetland 32.70°, 75.00° Jammu & Kashmir; Madurai, Tamil Nadu (9.91°, 78.00°); Varanasi, Banaras, Uttar Pradesh (25.20°, 83.03°)

Indonesia - Kampung Damai, Balikpapan (-1.25°, 116.82°), Kalimantan.

Malaysia - Langat River, Selangor.

Singapore - Sungei Api Api (as *C. costatus*).

Thailand - Ban Bangkanark, Chachoengsao Province (Hashimoto *et al.* 1981); Bangkok area; Ban Don Chi, Amphoe Phibun Mangsahan, Ubol Ratchathani Province (Hashimoto *et al.* 1981), Ban Haet; Ban Phai; Ban Thung Ka La, Amphoe Chiang Dao, Chiang Mai Province (Hashimoto *et al.* 1981); Borabue; Changan; Chiang Khwan; Chiang yuen; Kamalasai; Kantharavichai; Kham Ta Kla; Meuang Kalasin; Meuang Khon Kean; Meuang Nakhon Phanom; Meuang Roi Et; Na Kae; Phang Khon, Pra Yuen; Renu Nakhon; Rong Kham; Sawang Daen Din; Si Somdet; That Phanom; Yang Talat; Wanon Niwat (mostly from Pramual *et al.* 2008)

The morphology was redescribed by Sasa (1978) and Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992). Chaudhuri *et al.* claim the larval VT are not coiled.

Chromosomes described by Kumar & Gupta (1990) and Pramual *et al.* (2008) as *C. circumdatus*, by Kuvangkadilok (1985) from Thailand, and for arms A, E and F (with some errors) by Saxena (1995) as *C. plumatisetigerus*.

There have been numerous studies of mitochondrial *COI* sequence (indicated below).

The species can be bred in the laboratory (Kuvangkadilok 1994).

DNA Sequence:

mt*COI*: sequence is in GenBank for India (acc. no. KX271850), Pakistan (acc. no. KJ768129), Malaysia acc. no.), Thailand (acc. nos. GU944724, JQ287743-51, KT212956 - 977), Singapore (acc. no. KJ530964-69, KP462069-74, KP462468-69, KP462389-94,68-70, KP462650, 53-56, 59, 62-70, 84), Australia (acc. no. AF19225), China (acc. no. KP902724-29), Japan (acc. no. LC050935).

***Chironomus yoshimatsui* Martin & Sublette 1972**

Synonyms: *C. daitoefeus* Sasa et Suzuki, 2001 (Yamamoto, unpubl.)
C. echizensis Sasa, 1994 (Yamamoto, unpubl.)

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW3949](https://www.boldsystems.org/index.php/AWW3949)

Adult:

Male

AR 2.85 (2.58–3.88) ;Wing length 3.44 (2.97-3.88) mm, VR 1.04 (1.00-1.07); LR 1.65 (1.57-1.85).

Head: Frontal tubercles 25 x 9 µm, palpal proportions (segments 2-5, units) 5 : 30 : 29 : 40. Clypeus as wide as the antennal pedicel, with 19 setae.

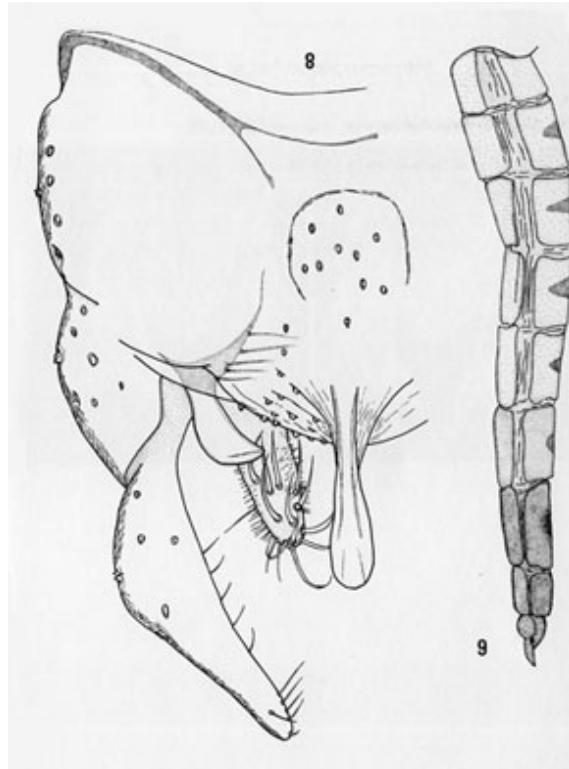
Thorax with vittae most of postnotum, and mesosternum yellowish brown, dark central spot on postnotum. Thoracic setae: acrostichal in one staggered row; dorsocentral about 24 in one to three rows; prealar 5; supra-alar 1; scutellar anterior row of 10 smaller setae, posterior row of 13 larger setae (total 23 setae).

Wing with r-m slightly darkened, squama with 17 fringe setae in a partial double row.

Legs yellowish, becoming darker on the tarsi, tarsal joints one to three infuscate with a narrow apical dark band, segments four and five almost completely dark. Foretarsus without a beard.

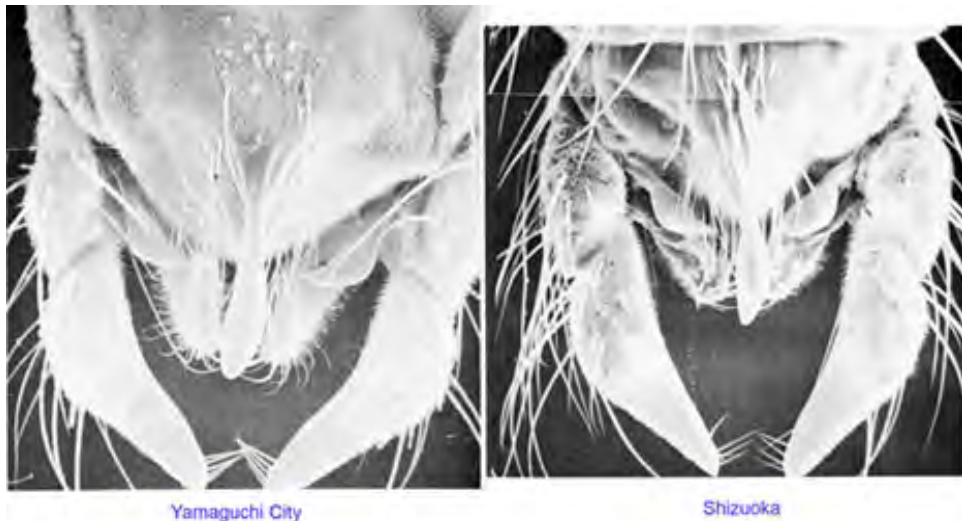
Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	880	750	1200	600	520	450	190	1.57-1.85	1.17	0.25
PII	890	820	490	260	190	170	100	0.57-0.64	1.08	
PIII	1000	1000	730	400	300	250	100	0.63-0.75	1.00	



From Holotype male (Martin & Sublette 1972)

Abdominal tergites II-VI with a transversely elongated central spot, that of VII merges into background. TIX with about 10-17 setae in a single patch.



Style reduces gradually from about half way. SVo of type D(d-e) of Strenzke. IVo with simple setae, reaching almost to end of anal point or a third to half way along the gonostylus, which is moderately swollen and narrows relatively gently over posterior third.

Female (mostly Allotype):

Wing length 4.44 (3.39-4.44) mm, VR 1.09 (1.06-1.09); squama with 38 setae in a partial double row.

Antennal proportions: 10 : 30 : 34 : 31 : 44. AR = 0.42; P5/P1 = 4.4. Frontal tubercles 25 x 11 μ m, i.e. 2.27 times longer than wide. Clypeus 1.36 times the diameter of the antennal pedicel, with about 40 setae. About 33 postocular setae in 1-3 rows.

Mesonotum with a conspicuous median tubercle. Acrostichal setae in a staggered row; 5 humerals in a sparse clump, 28 dorsocentral (humeral plus dorsocentrals – 33); 5 prealars; 1 supra-alar; scutellum with a slightly staggered posterior row of larger setae and anteriorly with a row of about 16 slightly smaller setae.

Leg lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1180	960	1430	780	680	630	260	1.45-1.50	1.23	0.66
PII	1240	1100	600	310	220	150	110	0.53-0.57	1.13	
PIII	1350	1350	-	-	-	-	-	0.55	1.00	

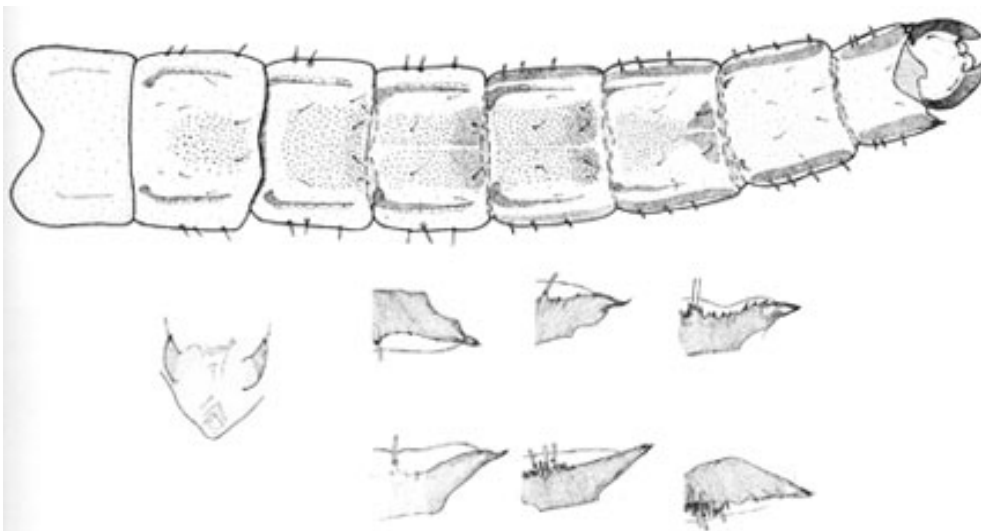
Cercus with rounded margin, ventral margin longer and with a prominent basal bulge.

Pupa: Total length females 7.90-9.99 mm; males 7.99-8.66 mm. Coloration generally darkish
Frontal tubercles (below) small and conical, with a subapical seta.

Base of respiratory organ 200 x 100 µm., HR=2; above this base is an elongate, narrow, rugose patch; anterior to the base is a smaller rugose patch. Two *Oth* setae near the anterior rugose patch, four *Mth* setae in a longitudinal line parallel to and below the median raphe.

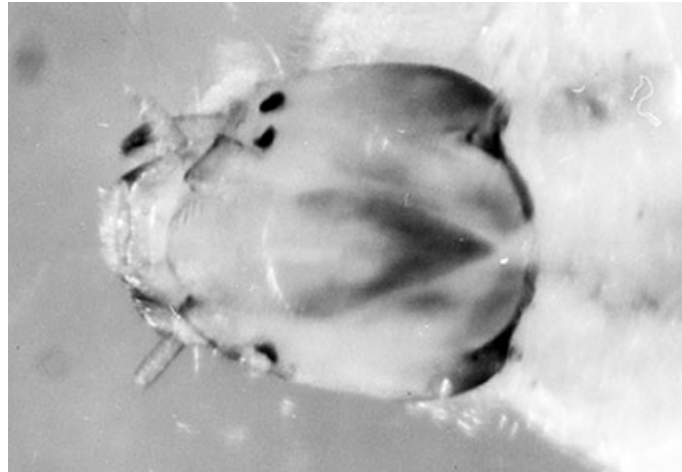
Recurved hooks on tergite II variable 94 (26-117). Posterolateral spur of segment VIII usually with a single spine but varying up to four.

Swim fin with one dorsal and 82 (61-97) lateral taeniae.



Fourth instar larva: A medium sized (len. 9.8 – 15.3 mm, females (mean 12.68 mm) generally longer than males (mean 11.43 mm) bathophilus-type – however Sasa (1978) notes that one larva had small PLTs, so this character may be polymorphic. VT relatively short, posterior pair generally longer (Ant.: 0.72 (0.30-1.16) mm; Post. 0.94 (0.48-1.36) mm.). Anal tubules finger like, length about 205-280 µm and 1.8-2.9 times longer than wide; ventral pair sometimes longer than dorsal pair.

Gula and FA darkened; FA generally darker along the edges and the posterior end.



Mentum (Fig. c) with c2 teeth well separated (type IIA), and 4th laterals not reduced (type 1).

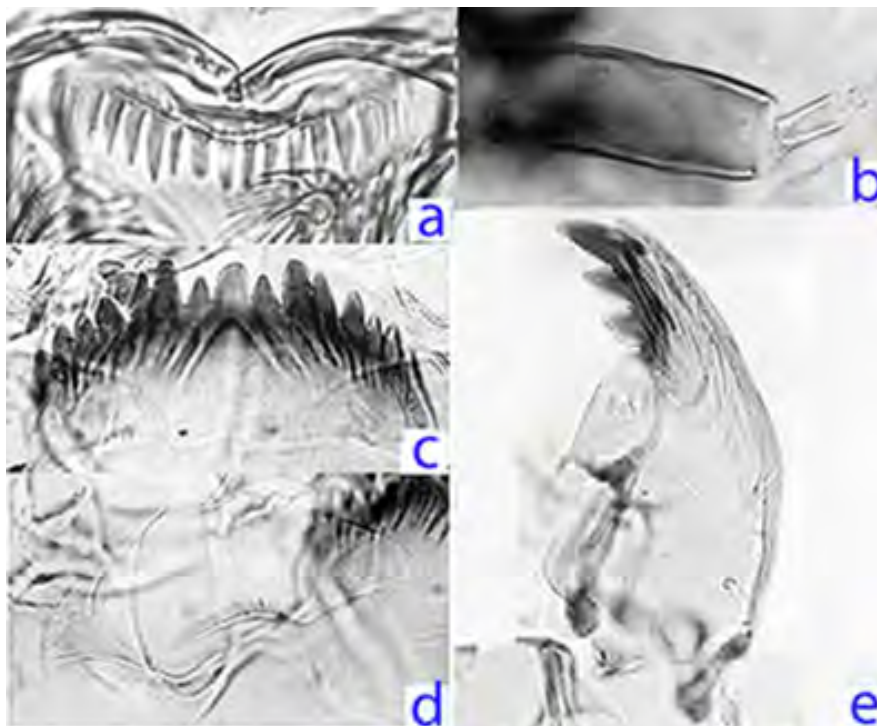
PE (Fig. a) with about 9–19 fine sharp teeth (type A of Proulx *et al.*) unless worn. Premandible with teeth about equal in length and inner tooth about twice the width of the outer tooth.

Ventromentum (Fig. d) about 3.4 times wider than deep and about the same width as the mentum, with about 44 striae; VMR about 0.28.

Antenna (Fig. b) with A1 about 2.8-3.4 times longer than wide, RO from a quarter to half way up from base of segment; AR 2.33 (2.16-2.46); A2/A1 0.21-0.24; ratio of segment lengths (micron) 99 : 22 : 7 : 9 : 6; length of blade about 38-49 μm .

Mandible (Fig. e) length about 205-233 μm , third inner tooth partially separated and coloured (I-IIB); about 11-14 furrows on outer surface at the base; PecM with about 10-14 setae; MTR about 0.33.

Some larvae showed abnormalities, possibly due to contamination in the habitats.



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleolus terminal in arm G, and in groups 18-19 in arm F. Polymorphic in all arms.
yosA1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3 - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as holomelas A1

- yosA2: 1a-k, 2k-d, 9 - 4, 13a-f, 3d-i 12 - 10, 2c-a, 3a-c, 14 - 19 from holomelas A2
- yosA3: 1a-k, 11d - 12, 3i-d, 13f-a, 4 - 9, 2d-k, 11c - 10, 2c-a, 3a-c, 14 - 19
- yosB1: Puff near center of arm with distal dark bands (groups 8-7)
- yosB2: Puff near center of arm with proximal dark bands (groups 7-8)
- yosB3: Small inversion of the region of the puff.
- yosC1: 1 - 2g, 13e - 11d, 6e-h, 6d - 2h, 11c - 8a, 15 - 13f, 17a - 16a, 7d-a, 17b - 22
- yosC2: 1 - 2g, 13e - 11d, 6e-h, 8 - 11c, 2h - 6d, 15 - 13f, 17a - 16a, 7d-a, 17b - 22
- yosC3: 1a-e, 5d-6d, 6h-e, 11d-13e, 2g-1f, 5c-2h, 11c-8a, 15-13f, 17a-16a, 7d-a, 17b-22
- yosD1: 1 - 6c, 13g-a, 6d - 12, 14 - 24 2 inv from ST
- yosD2: 1 - 6c, 13g-a, 6d - 12, 14a-c, 19 - 14d, 20 - 24
- yosE1: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13
- yosE2: 1 - 2, 12c - 10c, 3f - 10b, 3e-a, 12d - 13
- yosF1: 1 - 2d, 9 - 2e, 10 - 23
- yosF2: 1 - 2d, 16e - 10, 2e - 9, 16f - 23
- yosG1: Virtually terminal nucleolus.
- yosG2: Simple inversion from yosG1, known only as heterozygote.
- yosG3: Complex inversion, known only as heterozygote.

Molecular Data:

mtCOI: Japanese specimen (AB740260), and Japanese Chironomid Barcode Database. There are sequences for Korean specimens under the name *C. flaviplumus* (accession numbers JF412075 - 077). These are very similar to those of *C. sp.* PK6 (see below).

Found in ditches in Japan, and rapid streams in Russia.

Found: Type locality - Yamaguchi; Hokkaido, JAPAN (Holotype male in U.S. National Museum Collection, No. 71268, March 1970, H. Yoshimatsu)

Also Honshu (possibly Otsu City), Japan

Korea - Shilim-dond, Kwanak-gu, Seoul and numerous other localities (as *C. flaviplumus*. Ree & Kim 1981).

Russia: Sakhalin Island; nr. Vladivostok (Kiknadze *et al.* 2003).

Adults redescribed by Ree & Kim (1981) under the name *C. flaviplumus*. Karyotype redescribed by Kiknadze *et al.* (2003).

Langton & Visser (2003) list this species as a synonym of *C. dorsalis* on the basis of pupal similarity, but the cytology and BARCODE data clearly show that this is incorrect.

***Chironomus costatus* Johannsen 1932**

This species as recognized by Karunakaran (1966, 1969) is a synonym of *Chironomus circumdatus* Kieffer 1916 – but see notes under “Fourth instar larva”.

It could be a member of the *C. flaviplumus*-complex.

Adult:

Compiled from description of Johannsen (1932)

Male: Body length 4.5 mm. AR greater than 3. LR about 1.73.

Head pale yellow, including proboscis and palpi; scape deeper yellow, flagellum brownish; eyes deeply emarginate, narrowly separated on the front; frontal tubercles well developed; twelfth antennal segment over three times as long as segments 2-11 combined.

Thorax pale yellow; mesonotum with three deep yellow vittae each margined on both sides with brown, making it appear as if there were six short narrow brown vittae, the lateral pairs connected on the front margin; metanotum deep yellow with two closely approximated brown spots; pleura with a brown spot below wing; sternum deeper yellow; scutellum pale.

Abdomen pale yellow, perhaps greenish in life; each tergite with a large, brown, transverse, oval spot which does not touch the incisures.

Abdominal tergites with a large brown transverse oval spot, which does not touch the incisures.

Legs yellow; extreme tips of fore femora, immediate bases of fore tibiae, and the extreme tips of tarsal segments 1-4 and whole of 5 of mid and hind legs, brown.

Anterior leg proportions: 45 : 37 : 64 : 33 : 30 : 26 : 13 (i.e. Fe/Ti abt 1.22; Ta5/Ti abt 0.20); fore tibia with rounded scale; middle and hind tibiae each with two spurs on the usual combs; empodium long, pulvilli large; fore tarsi not bearded.

Wings hyaline, veins pale, crossvein faintly tinged with brown; costa not produced, ending slightly farther in front of wing tip than the media does behind it; cubitus forks under the crossvein. Squama fringed. Halteres pale.



Male hypopygium of *C. costatus* from Johannsen 1932.

Hypopygium yellow, gonostylus slender, gradually tapering over about posterior half, with some short stiff, inwardly directed bristles near apex; inferior appendages with the usual curved bristles; superior appendages bare, curved, pointed, reaching the base of the spur (anal point) of the ninth tergite, the spur extending almost as far caudad as the tip of the inferior appendage (IVo). Apparently without setae at the base of the anal point. Superior appendage difficult to interpret from illustration, but possibly narrow and reaching to base of the GC.

Female: In coloring resembling the male but with the darker marks on the mesonotum nearly black and rather broader thus nearly obliterating the yellow on the lateral vittae.

Abdominal tergites with brown transverse fasciae which do not reach incisures.

Basal third of fore tibiae and tips of all femora dark brown.

Antennae six-segmented, second compound; sixth segment brown, twice as long as the fifth, intermediate segments flask-shape, the neck about as long as the bulbous part.

Similar to male, but body stouter, markings darker and abdominal fasciae very broad covering almost the entire tergites.

Johannsen also notes considerable variation in the extent of the brown on the thorax and legs, In the palest specimens the legs and thorax show only traces of brown. In the darkest females the vittae of the mesonotum are almost wholly dark brown and the leg markings are sharply defined.

Pupa: Lenz (1937) describes it as “thummi-type”

Fourth instar larva: There is no larval description from the type locality, but Lenz (1937) (see below) describes 4 larval types for this species, three of which are plumosus-type, of length 10-13 mm, with ventral tubules either long or not very long. The fourth type is a thummi-type with long ventral tubules and moderately long anal tubules which are swollen at the base.

Cytology: (from unillustrated description by Alfred & Michael, 1990):

Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G.

No mention of nucleoli. Polymorphic in arms A and G, both for small terminal inversions.

This description is insufficient to distinguish these chromosomes from those of *C. circumdatus*.

Found: Type locality - Buitenzorg, BOGOR, INDONESIA.

Also Malang and Ngebel,

‡India - Madurai University, Madurai (Alfred 2006): Shillong, Meghalaya (Alfred & Michael 1990)

‡Malaysia - Selangor, (Habib *et al.* 1997)

In pools and ditches and in running water.

Lenz (1937) describes six immature types for this species:

1. A small plumosus-type, length about 10-12 mm, ventral tubules long, anal tubules long.
2. A plumosus-type, length 12-13 mm.
3. A plumosus-type, about 12 mm long, ventral tubules not very long.
4. **A pupal type from the type locality, larva not known .**
5. A thummi-type larva, with long ventral tubules, moderately long anal tubules, the hind tubuli swollen at the base.
6. from a pupal type, larva not known.

Since Johannsen notes variation in coloration of the adults and Lenz ascribes a number of different larval types to this species, it raises the possibility that more than one species is included under this name. In the absence of a good adult description of material from other countries, it remains uncertain whether these reports relate to the same species, and whether *C. costatus* or one of the variants is the synonym of *C. circumdatus*.

The report by Karunakaran (1966) of nematode parasitism in *C. costatus* actually refers to *C. circumdatus*.

***Chironomus apicatus* Johannsen 1932**

as variety of *C. costatus* Johannsen

Possibly a member of the *C. flaviplumus*-group

Adult:

Male:

Length 5 mm.

Very similar to *C. costatus*, but LR about 1.85, the tarsi largely brown, only the two apical segments somewhat paler.

Thoracic vittae are brownish.

Crossvein of wings brown.



Male hypopygium of *C. apicatus* from Johannsen 1932

Additional data on anterior tarsi of type (thanks to Duncan Sivell, Natural History Museum): Ta1 twice the length of Ta2; Ta2-4 subequal but decreasing in length; Ta5 less than half the length of Ta4.

Anal point narrow at base; IVo not reaching to the end of the anal point, but to about the middle of the gonostylus, which is illustrated as only moderately swollen and narrowing gently over about the distal half. No information on the abdominal coloration but in view of Johannsen's statement that it is similar to *C. costatus*, it probably has a large brown transverse oval spot on most segments.

Fourth instar larva: described by Lenz 1937. "Plumosus-type".

Found: Type locality – Toba Dist., Samosir, Sumatra, INDONESIA.

Also Sigaol, Samosir.

In Indonesia found in salt ponds and a pool at 29°C and pH2.83 (Lenz 1937)

Possibly the correct name for some of the samples in the Oriental region that have been incorrectly attributed to *C. samoensis* (not Edwards), other than the species renamed as *C. indiaensis* by Martin (2011). See also *C. flaviplumus* Ty. B.

Chironomus species PK6

Probably another member of the *C. flaviplumus* group.

Adult and Pupa: not currently known.



Fourth instar larva: a small-medium plumosus-type. Head capsule with gular region and FA pale. Mentum (Fig. c, above) width abt. 0.5-0.6 of VHL; 4th lateral reduced slightly (Ty. I-ii), 6th lateral arising from lower level, center tooth probably Ty. IB. Ventromental plates (Fig. d, above) about 190-195 μm wide, separated by about 0.35 of the mentum width, 3.41-3.85 times wider than deep and 1.07 times the mentum width; with 41 (40-43) striae; VMR about 0.38.

PE (Fig. a, above) with 10-13 teeth of type B.

Antennal segments (Fig. b, above) (micron): 1050 : 315 : 98 : 125 : 80. A1 about 1/3 of VHL and 2.8-3.3 times longer than wide; RO about 0.36-0.45 up from base of segment. AR 1.59-1.78.

Distance between the antennal bases greater than that between the S4 setae, which are separated by 77-82% of the FC width at that point.

Mandible (Fig. e, above) abt. 238-243 μm long, 3rd inner tooth only partly separated and not darkened (I-IIA); about 14-16 furrows on outer surface at the base; 10-11 taeniae in PecM; Mdt-Mat 23-25, MTR 0.26-0.34.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleolus terminal on arm G, which may be unpaired in this region. Arm G also with two well developed BRs. Polymorphic in arms A and C.

Arm A1: 1 - 2c, 11 - 7, 12, 3 - 2d, 6 - 4, 13 - 19 as A1 of species SS?

A2: Inversion of approx distal half of arm, bringing "olive" near distal end

Arm B1: Puff about 1/3 from centromere, with dark bands distal (as sp.SS)

- Arm C1: As species SS and large inversion c.f. *striatipennis*
Arm C2: Small inversion of about 6 bands just near distal end of arm.
Arm D1: Differs by simple inversion from species SS
Arm E1: 1 - 3c, 12b - 10c, 3f - 10b, 3ed, 12c - 13 inv3d-12b from *luridus*, etc.
Arm F1: Inv. cf. species SS?

Found: **India:** Jammu & Kashmir - Deoli village; Kabeer colony; Jammu.
Pakistan: (BOLD)

This species is close to, but not identical with, the *Chironomus* species (*C. sp. SS*) of Sumitra Saxena (1995).

Molecular sequence:

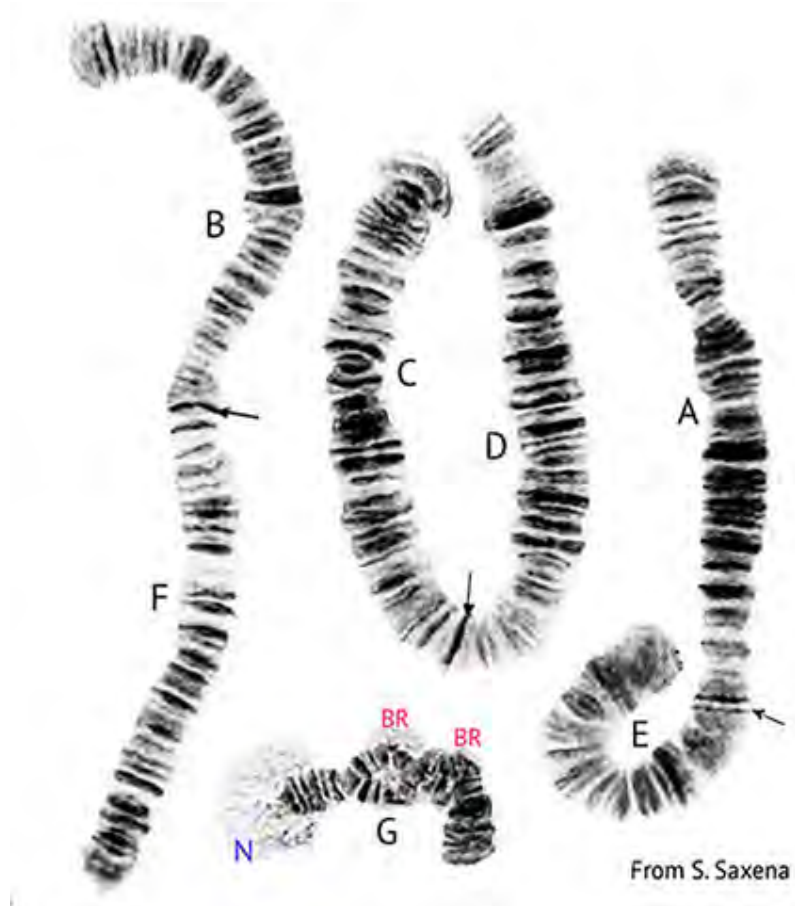
DNA BARCODE suggests it is probably another member of the *C. flaviplumus*-group.
Probable conspecific specimen in BOLD cannot be accessed for Bin number.

***Chironomus* species SS**

Appears related to Sp. PK6

Adult, Pupa and Fourth instar larva: not described.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleolus terminal in arm G, which has two well developed BRs near the middle of the arm. Arm G closely paired. Arms A, E and F described, with some errors, by Saxena (1995).



- Arm A: 1 - 2c, 11 - 7, 12, 3 - 2d, 6 - 4, 13 - 19 Inv4-12 from *striatipennis*
 Arm B: Puff in arm B about one third from centromere with dark bands distal.
 Arm C: as species PK6
 Arm D: Differs by simple inversion from species PK6
 Arm E: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13 as *luridus*, etc.
 Arm F: 1 - 2a, 15 - 11, 7 - 2b, 8 - 10, 16 - 23 Inv2b-7 from *striatipennis*

Found: India - Delhi area.

***Chironomus incertipenis* Chaudhuri & Das**

Chironomus species 1 Sharma *et al.* 1990

Chironomus niger Chaudhuri, Das & Sublette 1992: 21 (Name preoccupied by Wiedemann)

Chironomus plumosus form A Tripathi *et al.* 2002 (probable synonymy)

Chironomus plumosus form B Sharma *et al.* 2004

All morphology from Chaudhuri, Das & Sublette 1992. Many of the measurements seem unrealistic to be millimetres, as claimed.

Adult:

Male

Body length 5.68-6.32 mm; Wing length 2.34 (1.96-2.40) mm. Wing width 0.78 (0.68-0.82) mm. VR 1.01 (1.00-1.03). AR 3.0

Head: Vertex with 18 setae. Frontal tubercles well developed

Clypeus with 28 setae. Relative length of palpomeres 1-5: 7 : 6 : 22 : 25 : 31.

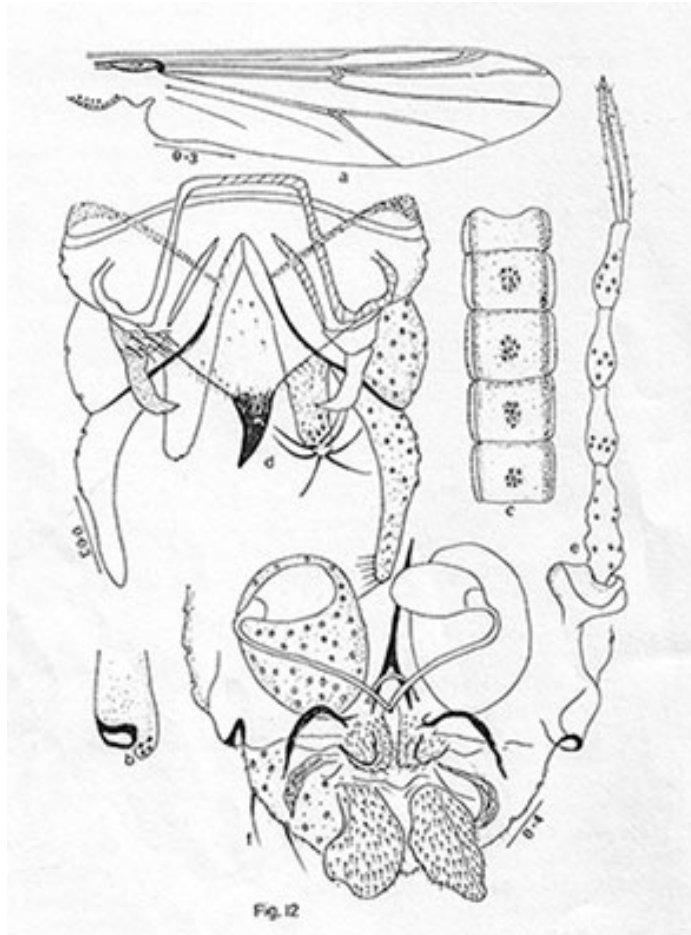
Thorax yellow with 3 dark brown vittae. Setae: Acrostichal - 17 biserial; dorsocentral – 24 biserial; prealar – 4; supraalar – 1; Scutellar – 26-28.

Legs with femora, tibia and tarsomeres 1-3 yellow, but tarsomeres with dark apex and tarsomeres 4 and 5 brown.

Leg proportions and ratios:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	55	47	79	42	38	32	16	1.67	1.17	0.34
PII	56	51	32	19	14	8	6	0.63	1.10	0.12
PIII	64	62	49	27	21	12	8	0.79	1.03	0.13

Abdomen yellowish, tergites II-V with brown oval median spot. About 8-14 setae on tergite IX. SVo appears to be a D-type, perhaps closest to e-type of Strenzke (1959). Anal point dark brown and widest at base - a diagnostic characteristic.



C. incertipenis adults, from Chaudhuri et al. 1992

Female

Body length 5.75 (5.61- 5.98) mm; Wing length 2.79 (2.89-2.87) mm, width 0.99 (0.96-1.06) mm.

Antennal segments in the ratio 8 : 5 : 5 : 6 : 11; AR - 0.46; A5/A1 – 1.38.

Gonopophysis IX ovoid, Coxosternapodeme well developed and bow shaped. Gonopophysis VIII divided into an elongated dorsomesal lobe and a stout ventrolateral lobe, apodeme lobe prominent; Postgenital plate broad. TX a narrow crescent; Cerci stout and finely setose, margins curved and possibly a basal bulge on ventral margin.

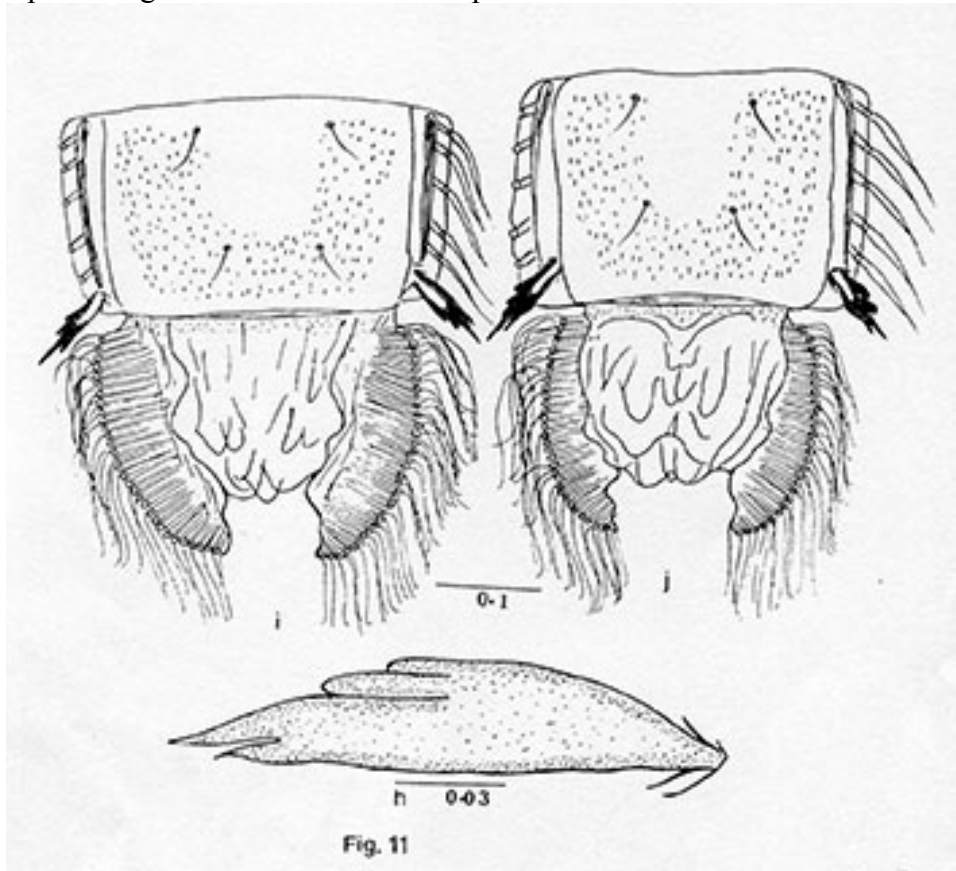
Pupa: Exuviae grey. Length 6.22-6.62 mm (fem.); 6.98-8.04 mm (male). Frontal tubercles 0.06-0.08 mm long and 0.080-0.087 in diameter at base.

Wing sheath 1.58-1.72 mm long. Respiratory organ with an elliptical base, 0.11 mm wide.

Abdomen with usual PSB caudolaterally on segment II and PSA on segments IV-VI. Tergite I bare, tergites II-VI with median shagreen, tergite VII with two longitudinal patches and tergite VIII with a V-shaped patch of shagreen.

About 28-40 recurved hooks posteriorly on tergite II

Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with about 4 spines.



Pupa of *C. incertipenis* from Chaudhuri et al. (1992) (as *C. niger*)

Fourth instar larva: A plumosus-type larva, 6.25-12.64 mm long. Gula and frontoclypeus apparently not darkened. VT illustrated as about the same length, AT as long and narrow, about 3.5 times longer than wide.

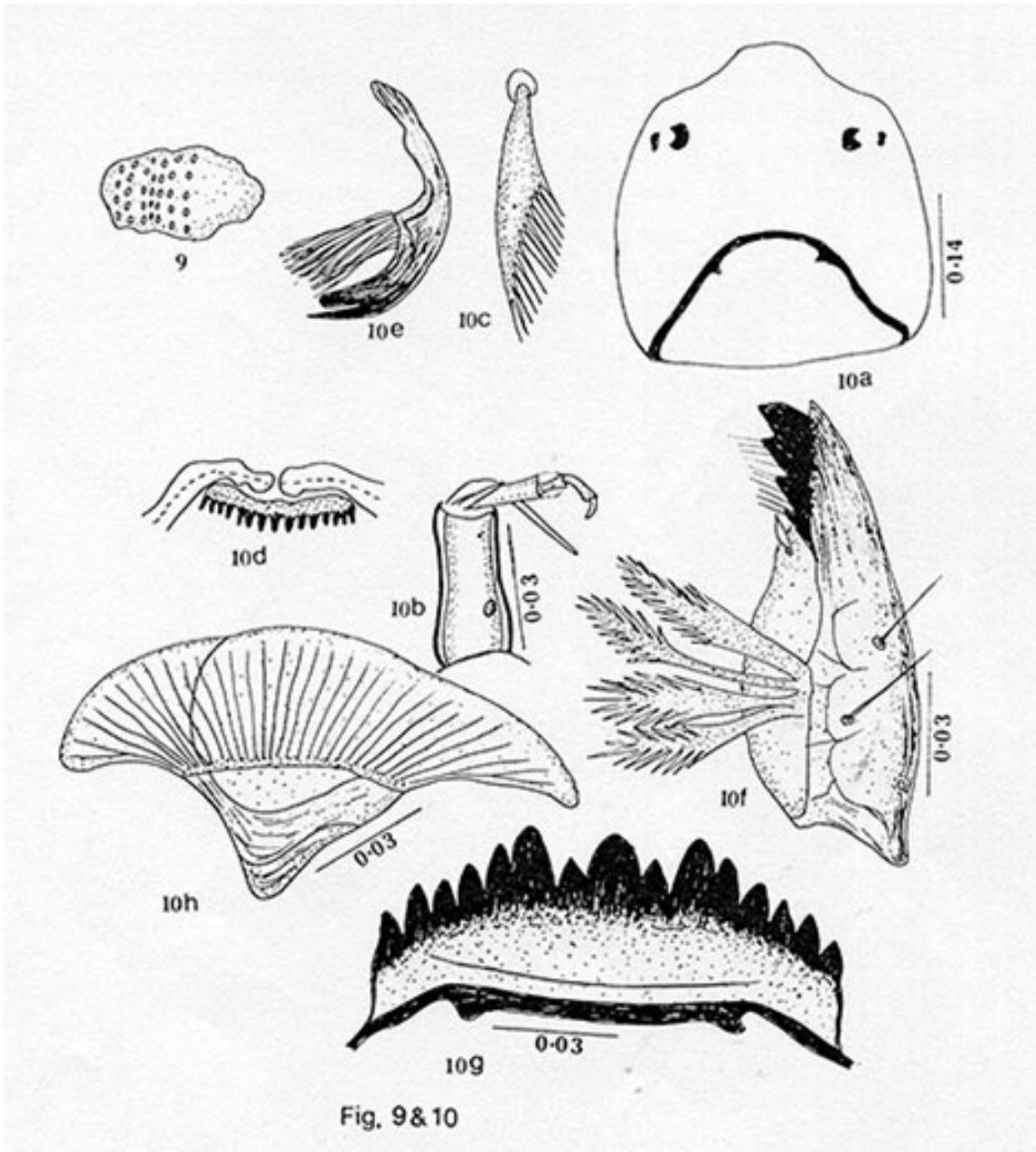
Mentum (Fig. 10g) with 4th laterals hardly reduced (type I), centre trifid tooth with c2 teeth well separated (either type IIa or III).

Pecten epipharyngis (Fig. 10d) with about 13 sharp teeth. Ventromentum about 0.042-0.05 wide about 3.9 times longer than the depth, figure suggests about 33 striae, finishing before the margin.

Antenna (Fig. 10b) with A1 about 3 times longer than wide, RO about 0.3 up from the base; AR 1.76 (1.74-1.79); A2/A1 about 0.27; relative lengths of segments: 22.3 : 6.1 : 1.9 : 3.1 : 1.6.

Premandible (Fig. 10e) with 2 unequal teeth, outer long and pointed, inner blunt.

Mandible (Fig. 10f) about 0.19-0.23 mm long; third inner tooth apparently separated and darkened (type IIIC), pecten manibularis shown with 10 setae.



Larval mouthparts of *C. incertipenis* from Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992) (as *C. niger*)

Cytology: De and Gupta (1994) described polytene chromosomes which they attributed to this species (as *C. niger*). However, as with most subsequent work claimed to be this species, they actually described *C. flaviplumus* type B. (see below).

Found: INDIA - Type locality - Barasat, West Bengal.

Other Indian localities: Varanasi - Banaras Hindu University.

Singapore, and Japan, but all other than type locality are probably misidentifications

All life stages described by Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992) as *C. niger*. This species is apparently smaller than *C. flaviplumus* B, which is often incorrectly called *C. incertipenis*. The original Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992) name related to the dark anal point.

***Chironomus acutus* Das et al. 2016** (junior homonym of *C. acutus* Goetghebuer 1928 - [New name required.](#))

Adult

Male: Wing length 2.08-2.50; width 0.64-0.76. AR 2.95-3.02.

Head and thorax light brown, wing veins brown; postnotum dark brown. Legs and abdomen pale yellow; tergites II-IV with faint spots.

Frontal tubercles 82-90 µm long and 34-40 µm wide; clypeus 170-180 µm long and 34-40 µm wide, with 18-20 setae. Ratio of papal segments: 68-85 : 34-51 : 170-187 : 255-227.

Thoracic setae: 10-12 acrostichals; 12-14 dorsocentrals; 6-8 prealars; 16-18 biserial scutellars. 2 Scf on brachiolum, 16-18 setae on squamal fringe; VR 0.96-0.98.

Leg lengths (µm) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1120-1160	960-1000	1560-1640	840-920	760-800	640-680	320-360	1.59-1.62	1.16-1.17	2.62-2.65
PII	1080-1120	960-1000	640-720	320-360	200-280	160-220	120-160	0.64-0.67	0.96-1.12	
PIII	1000-1040	1200-1260	880-920	480-520	320-360	240-320	120-160	0.69-0.73	0.83	

Tergite IX with 15-17 setae, apparently in individual clear pale spaces.

Anal point 82-87 µm long with an expanded end; SVo somewhat sickle shaped, of D-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo reaching about to end of anal point (1/3 of length of gonostylus), with 10-12 incurved setae near apex; gonostylus only moderately swollen and narrowing markedly from about midpoint.

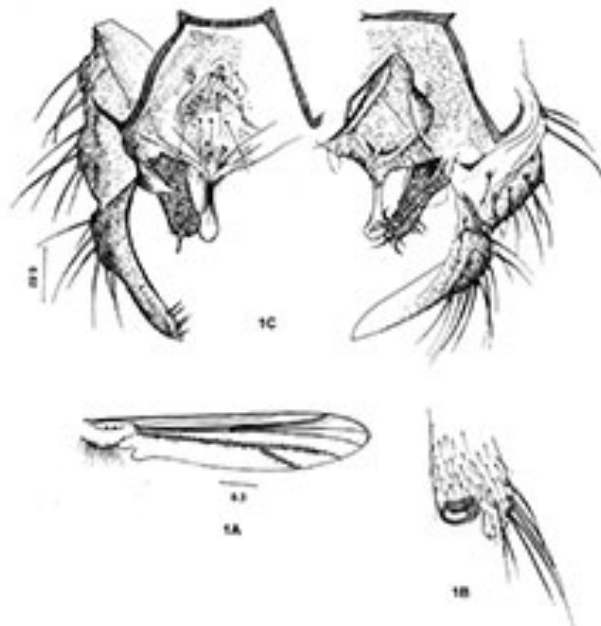


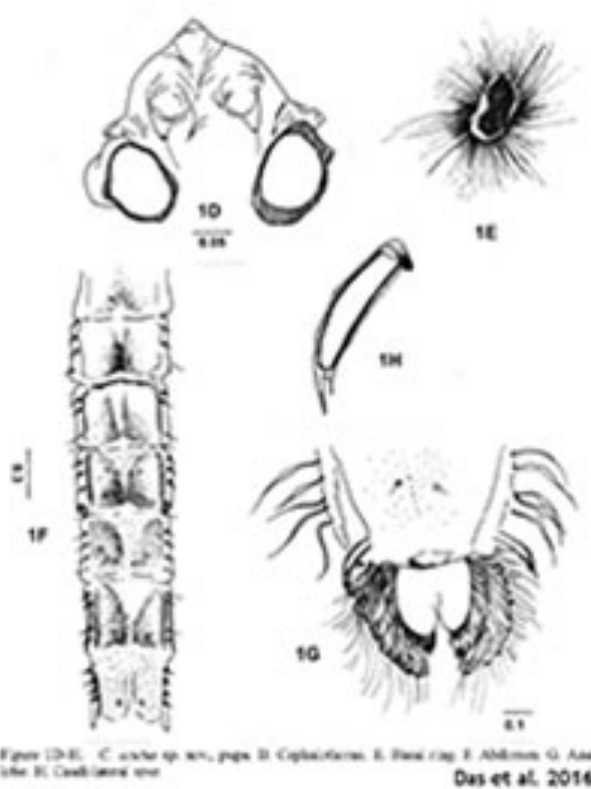
Figure 1A-C. *Chironomus acutus* sp. nov., male pupa. A. wing. B. Fore-thibial scale. C. Hypopygium. Das et al. 2016

Female not described.

Pupa: Length 5.56-6.92 mm.; wing sheath 1.36-1.44 mm long. Yellowish, exuviae grey. Frontal apotome triangular with subapical frontal setae 30-38 µm long. Cephalic tubercles cone-shaped 86-92 µm long and 64-69 µm wide. Basal ring of thoracic horn bean shaped.

Abdomen yellowish brown, tergites II-VI with median shagreen, VII with a single semicircular patch of basomedian shagreen, VIII with little shagreen. Hook row comprising 52-56 hooklets. Segment II with caudolateral PSB (69-72 x 52-56 µm), with a PSA (77-82 x 65-69 µm).

Caudolateral spur with two spines. 160-166 taeniae in multiple rows on anal lobe.



Fourth instar larva: Deep red in color, 5.68-8.60 mm long, VT 880-1120 μ m long, anal tubules 560-880 μ m long. There is no mention of PLT or indication of whether the VT are coiled or straight. Mentum 163-184 μ m wide, possibly of type I with the central trifid tooth of type IA. Ventromentum 52-66 μ m wide with a serrated margin, IPD 73-84 μ m. Prementum illustrated with inner tooth narrower than the outer tooth. PE with 12-14 teeth, two apical ones dark brown. Mandible 220-238 μ m long, with pale apical tooth and the inner teeth dark (type IIIC); MTR perhaps 0.29.

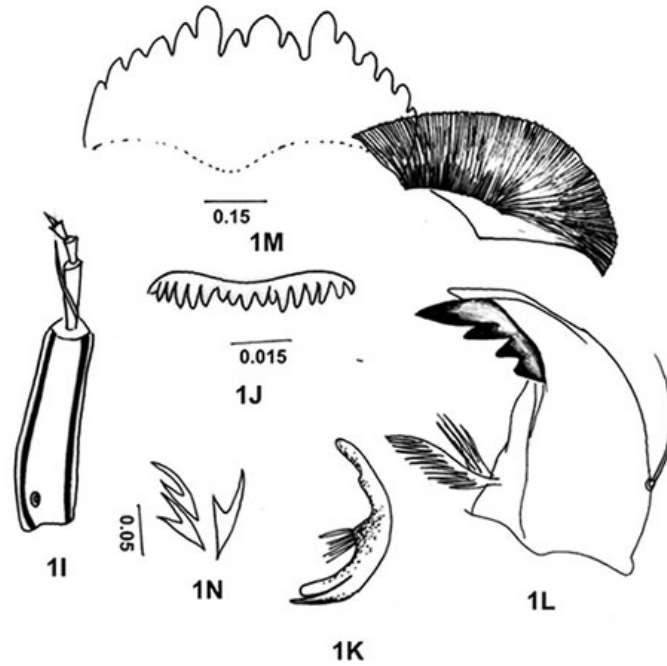


Figure 1I-N. *C. acutus* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw.
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Noted as close to *C. incertipenis* and *C. ramosus* in structure, but thoracic chaetotaxy is quite different. Tentatively placed as a possible member of the “flaviplumus complex”.

Found: India - Type locality Itanagar (27.03°N, 93.065°E, 440 m a.s.l.) Arunachal Pradesh.

***Chironomus samoensis* Edwards 1928**

Although not found in Asia, this description is given here so that the differences of the Asian species can be understood

Tokunaga’s (1964) description of *C. samoensis* seems to be the most reliable description of the adult with much more information than in the original description.

***Chironomus (Chironomus) samoensis* Edwards (fig. 12, a).**

Chironomus samoensis Edwards, 1928, *Insects of Samoa* 6 (2): 67.

Chironomus dorsalis, Tokunaga, 1940, *Philippine Jour. Sci.* 71: 220.

Chironomus eximius Johannsen, 1946, *B. P. Bishop Mus., Bull.* 189: 193.

Large yellow species, scutal vittae yellow; legs yellow, but all tarsal segments apically black or brown; frontal tubercles cylindrical or oblong; AR 2.7-3.09; LR 1.75-1.92, in female fore tarsus with segment 4 far longer than 3 and slightly longer than 2; wing with fR and r-m usually more brownish or fuscus than other veins; abdomen pale brownish yellow or yellow, tergites of basal segments 2 to 6 of male and 2 to 4 of female with round or rhombic pale fuscus spots; male hypopygium of *dorsalis* type.

Male: Body about 4.5 mm. long; wings 2.2-2.3 mm. by 0.59-0.61 mm. Almost entirely yellow. Head with mouthparts pale brownish yellow, eyes separated above by one-fourth length of eye, frontal tubercles subcylindrical and slightly shorter than width of two facets; palp five-segmented (about 15.7: 14: 62.7: 69.3: 100); antenna with scape yellowish brown, other segments brown, plumose hairs very pale brown, AR 2.86 (2.7-3.09). Thorax mainly yellow, scutum white, with vittae yellow, scutellum white, with 9 to 10 bristles along caudal margin and seven to nine small setae on anterior part, postscutellum faintly fuscus on middle part. Legs yellow, only dark or brown at distal ends of all tarsal segments; LR 1.81 (1.75-1.84), RL-FT 85: 70. Halter yellowish white. Wing with fR and r-m usually somewhat fuscus, fMCu under origin of r-m, RL-V 72: 49.5: 81.5: 75.2. Abdomen pale brownish yellow, basal segments 2 to 6 with oval or rhombic faint spots on tergites; hypopygium (fig. 12, a) of *dorsalis* type, anal point rather large, style normal, dorsal appendage setigerous (with eight to nine setae) on basal part and bare caudal projection stout and subtriangular, ventral appendage stout, with 12 to 18 strong apical bristles, some of these bristles bifid or trifid apically.

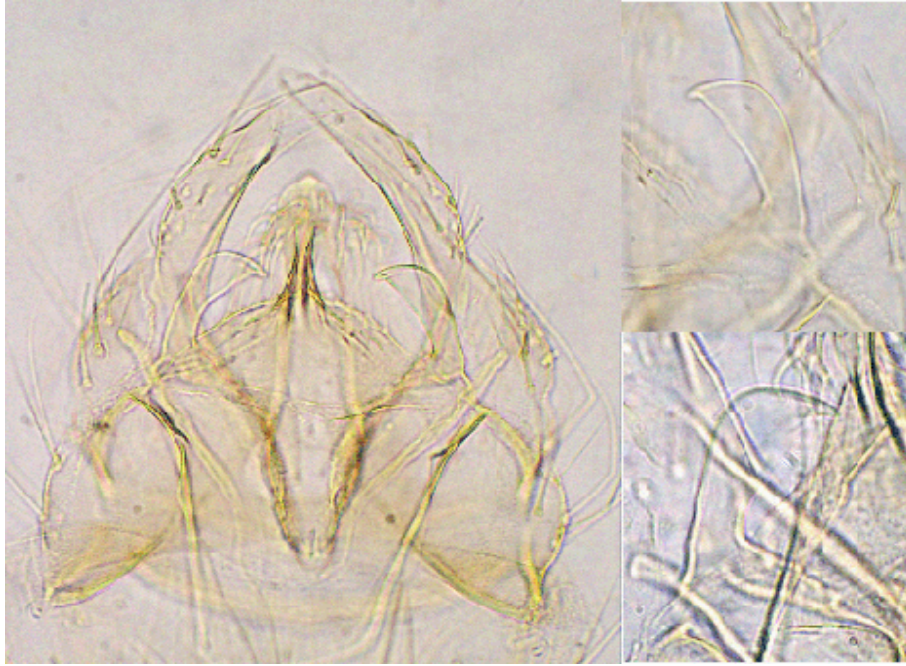
Female: Body 4.92 (4.68-5.07) mm. long; wings 2.88 (2.52-3.12) mm. by 0.84 (0.78-0.91) mm. Similar to male in color and structure with usual sexual differences. Head with eyes separated above by one-sixth length of eye, frontal tubercles oblong; palp five-segmented (13.5: 12.5: 57.5: 70: 87); antenna with scape and basal two-thirds of segment 2 yellow, other parts fuscus, neck parts rather long, six-segmented (22: 49.5: 38: 39.5: 37.3: 55.3). Scutellum with 13 to 14 bristles and 8 to 11 small setae. LR 1.86-1.92, RL-FT 110: 86.5, RL-T 163.5: 84.5: 81.5: 88.5: 38.5. Wing with fMCu under or just beyond origin of r-m, RL-V 85.3: 67.3: 110: 92.7. Abdomen yellow, with tergal oval faint fuscus spots on segments 2 to 4.

Micronesia are probably *C. samoensis*, and the illustration is presumably intended to depict the somewhat beaked SVo seen in some specimens. The misinterpretation of this illustration may be partly responsible for the identification of *C. samoensis* in other locations, which have an S-type SVo. However, they also differ in other characters and are mis-identifications.

While the females are largely dismissed as “like the male apart from the usual sexual differences”, the relative lengths of the fore leg segments appear to be useful in separating the species of this group.

Tokunaga makes the important point that the fore tarsus has Ta4 far longer than Ta3, and slightly longer than Ta2, although examination of a pharate female from Tutuila, American Samoa, suggests that Ta2 and Ta4 can be about equal in length.

Additional data from specimens from Tutuila, Pago Pago, American Samoa:



Male hypopygium of *Chironomus samoensis* (left), superior volsella (right)
 Note the appearance of a beak in the lower figure.

Male

Head: AR - 2.94 (2.51 - 3.23, 4); frontal tubercles 33 µm (29-38,4) long and 15µm (14-17,3) wide; palpal proportions (micron) - 46 : 46 : 193 : 234 : 354; clypeal setae 17-23.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichal - at least 14 or 15; dorsocentral - 17-21; prealar - 4-5; scutellar in two rough rows, ant. 5-12, post. 12-15.

Wing length 2.58 mm (2.40-2.68, 4), width 0.63 mm (0.60-0.66, 4), VR 1.03 (1.02-1.04, 4).

Legs, pale, tarsi slightly darker.

Relative length of leg segments (micron) (4)

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1107	1000	1507	810	750	670	330	1.50-1.52	1.08-1.12	1.54-1.75
PII	1290	1155	720	380	270	175	120	0.62	1.12	-
PIII	1445	1350	1120	575	435	260	145	0.83	1.07	-

Abdomen pale, with darkening as described by Edward. Hypopygium (above) similar to that of *C. dorsalis*, with the SVo of the D type, similar to fig. e of Strenzke (1959), but sometimes with the development of a beak. The IV has mainly simple, curved setae, but a small number appear to have a small simple fork near the tip. About 4-6 setae on the 9th tergite near the base of the anal point.

Female:

No females are available amongst the material, but some characters could be obtained from a pupa with a paratype female. An important character is the relative proportions of the fore leg, particularly the tarsi, as Tokunaga (1964) notes that the Ta4 of specimens he assigned to *C. samoensis* was unusually long. The approximate lengths of these segments were measured (in micron) as:

Fe 900 ; Ti 750 ; Ta1 1020 ; Ta2 620 : Ta3 470 : Ta4 610 : Ta5 340; Ta4 about same length as Ta2, and about one third longer than Ta3.

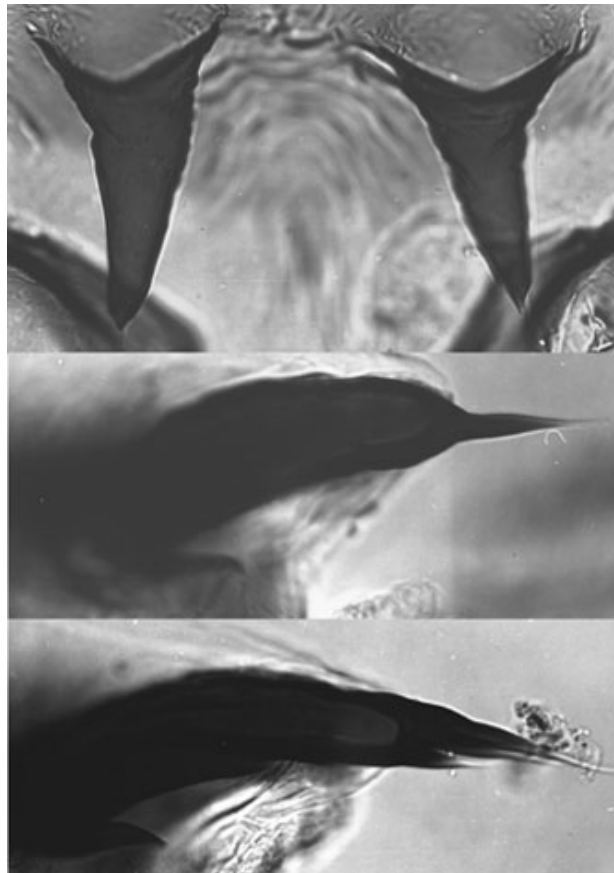
Other characters:

Head - frontal tubercles - length 23µm, width 13 µm. Antennal segments (µm) 144 : 109 : 116 : 106 : 215. About 24 clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichal 14, dorsocentral 31, prealar 5, scutellar in two rows, ant. 14, post. 14.

Pupa:

Exuviae length (male) 6.8 (6.5-7.0, 3) mm (male), inner margin of wing case about 1.34 (1.27-1.42, 3) mm (male). Pale, with darkened caudolateral spurs. Cephalic tubules 93 (76-115, 4) µm long and 78 (56-94, 4) µm across the base, subterminal bristle about 68-80 µm in length. Basal ring about 142 (129-164,5) by 68 (54-85,5) µm. About 67-77 hooks in row on segment II. Slight development of PSB on segment II, progressive development of PSA from segments IV to VI. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with 1-3 spines. 78-88 taeniae on each side of the anal lobe of male.



Fourth instar larva:

A medium sized plumosus-type; length about 12.5-12.7 mm (female) and 10.8-11.8 mm (male); PLT about 280-360 µm; VT relatively long (anterior 1.76-2.16 mm; posterior 1.80-2.68 mm), posterior pair longer and coiled; AT moderately long (about 1.6-2.6 times longer than wide), dorsal pair (240-410 µm) slightly longer than ventral pair (215-370 µm). Head capsule pale with darkening of the posterior half of the gula, FC sometimes pale but mostly with slight darkening, ventral head length 261-318 µm. Distance between antennal bases greater than the distance between the S4 setae.

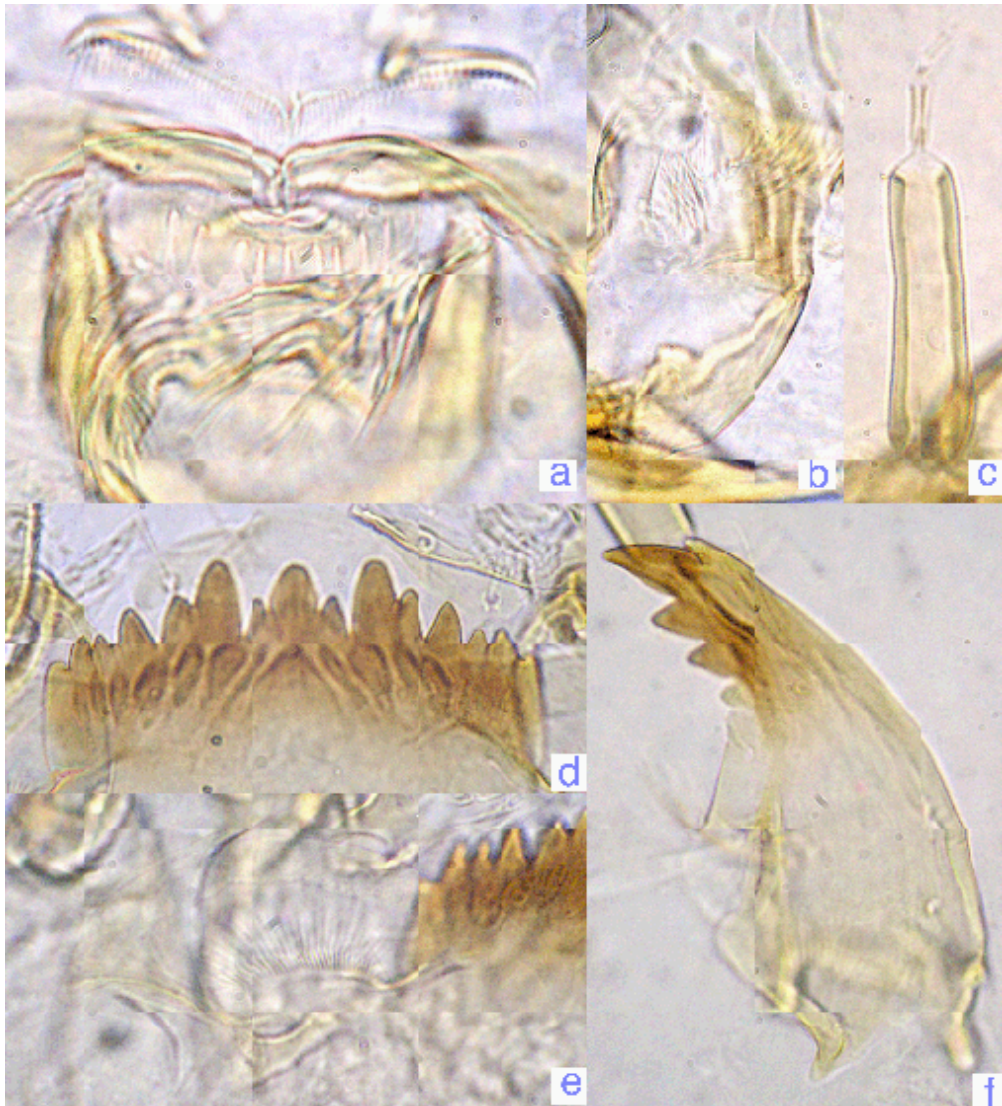
Mentum (Fig. d, below) wider than usual, about 0.6 of ventral head length; centre trifold teeth with c2 teeth well developed (essentially type IV); 4th laterals reduced to about the level of 5th laterals (type II), 6th lateral variable, sometimes arising at same level as other laterals but generally appearing to be at a slightly lower level, apparently due to wear.

Ventromental plates (Fig. f, below) separated by about 35-41% of the width of the mentum; each with about 32-35 striae; VMR about 0.36. PE (Fig. a, below) with about 13 (10-16, 8) sharp pointed teeth.

Premandible (Fig. b, below) with sharp teeth, outer tooth shorter than inner tooth, which is about twice as wide as the outer tooth.

Antenna (Fig. c, below) with moderately long A1, almost 4 times longer than wide, RO between 0.4 and 0.5 up from the base of the segment; relative length of antennal segments (micron) 110 : 24 : 6 : 11 : 7 ; AR 2.03-2.30.

Mandible (Fig. f, below) about 208-228 mm long, with 3rd inner tooth relatively pale and only partly separated (type IIA), about 13 (12-14,8) furrows on outer surface at base, PMa sparse, with about 8 (7-10,5) setae.



Larval head capsule characters of *C. samoensis*

Cytology: 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G.

Nucleolus medial in arm G; two Balbiani rings distal to the nucleolus.

A further nucleolus at about group 20 of arm F and there is a large puff in arm C that might also be a nucleolus.

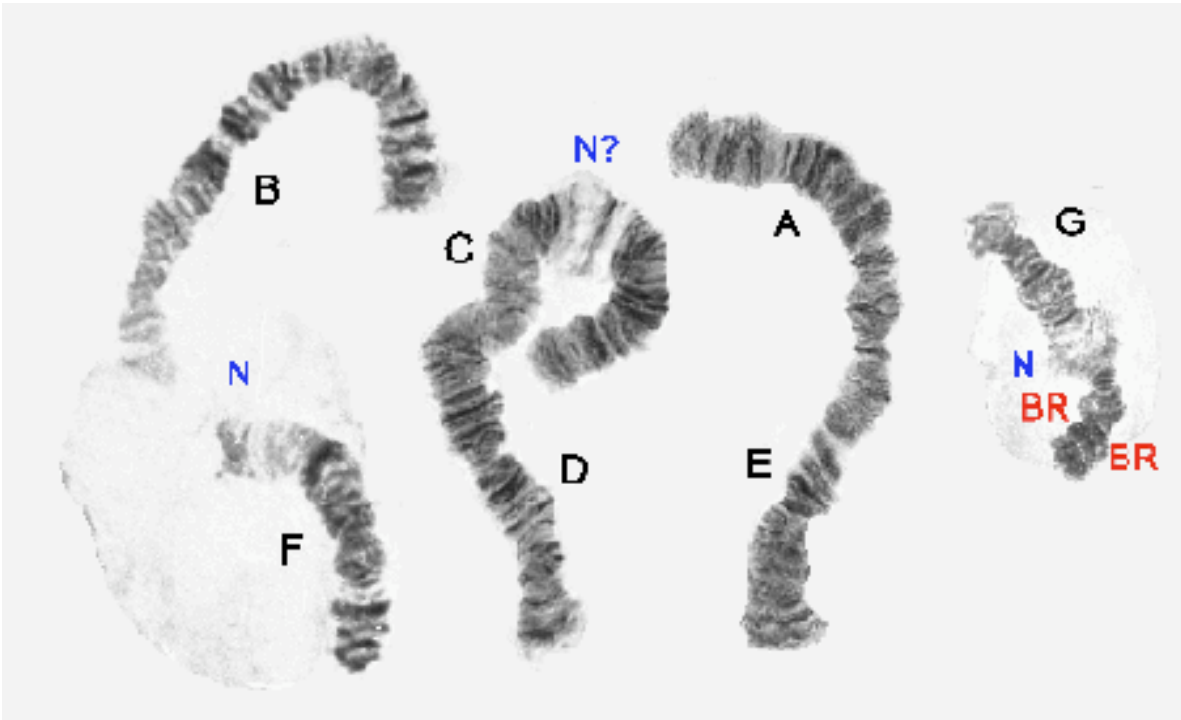
All chromosomes closely paired. No polymorphism in the available specimens.

samA1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3 - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as *holomelas*

samB1: Puff of group 7 near distal end of the arm with dark bands proximal to it.

- samC1: Characteristic groups 3-4 just proximal to the large puff.
samD1:
samE1: groups 11-13 near centromere.
samF1: Groups 20-23 near centromere, with nucleolus about group 20.

The polytene chromosomes of *C. samoensis* also differ from those described for the other species in the group. The arm combination is pseudothummi-cytoplex, as in the other species, but the most obvious difference is that the nucleolus in arm G is near the middle of the arm, rather than almost terminal. There is a second nucleolus near the diagnostic bands of arm F, and generally a large puff, which may be a nucleolus, near the middle of arm C.



Polytene chromosome complement of *C. samoensis*

Diagnosis

Based on these descriptions, diagnostic features of the species are: Frontal tubercles relatively long; LR about 1.50-1.52, fore Ta5 about one third of the length of the fore tibia, SVo of the D-type, or “beaked”; in female fore Ta4 longer than Ta3 and about the same length as Ta2. In larva, antennal segment 3 relatively short, usually shorter than A5. In the polytene chromosomes, the nucleolus in arm G is median, and there is a further nucleolus about region 20 of arm F and usually a large puff in arm C.

Found: Type localities - Apia, Western Samoa; Faratogo, Tutuila (now American Samoa); Tonga. American Samoa - Mapusaga, Tutuila. Micronesia - (Tokunaga 1964)

Specimens from other areas (Australia, Japan, and India) are related species, but not *C. samoensis*.

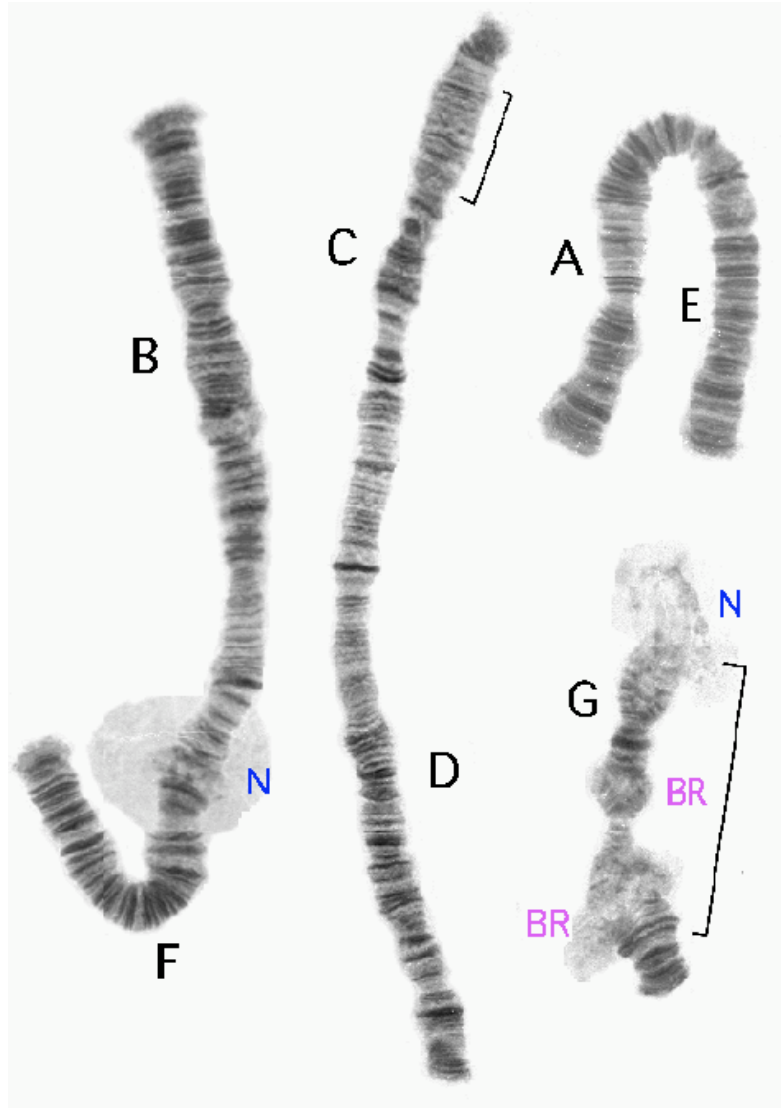
“*Chironomus samoensis*” (Japan)

A stock obtained from Dr. Hideo Yajima, Ibaraki University, Mito, Japan and called *C. samoensis* was studied genetically by Kuhn *et al.* (1987), Elbetieha and Kalthoff (1988) and for the polytene chromosome patterns of arms A, E and F by Wuelker *et al.* (1989).

The location of specimens reared by Prof. Wülker is uncertain, but from his notes (provided by Martin Spies from the Museum in Munich) there is very limited information on the larvae which suggests they were a plumosus-type with a slightly to dark clypeus and a pale gula.

Cytology: 4 polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi arm combination AE, BF, CD, G. Nucleolus virtually terminal in arm G, but may not always be visible, or may be broken off; well-developed BR about one third from the other end, and a smaller BR close to this other end; closely paired. Nucleolus near the characteristic bands of arm F (abt group 18).

- ArmA1: 1a-i, 2k-d, 9 - 4, 13 - 14, 3h-i, 12 - 10, 2c - 1k, 3a-g, 15 - 19 complex inv
from *holomelas*, etc.
- ArmB1: Puff near the middle of the arm with distal dark bands (gps. 8 - 7)
- ArmC1:
- ArmC2: Differs by a small terminal inversion, distal of characteristic band groups 3-4.
- ArmD1:
- ArmE1: 1 - 3e, 10b - 3f, 10c - 13 as *aprilinus*, etc.
- ArmF1: 1 - 2a, 10d-a, 15 - 11, 2b - 9, 16 - (nucleolus abt 18) - 23
- ArmG1:
- ArmG2: Inversion of central half of the arm from just distal of the nucleolus to just distal of the second BR.



Polytene chromosomes of the Japanese form of “*C. samoensis*” (courtesy of W. Wuelker)

The brackets indicate the approximate limits of known polymorphic inversions.

BR - Balbiani ring; N - Nucleolus

Specimens identified as “*C. samoensis*” from Jammu and Kashmir:

Adult:

Male: Wing length 3.39 - 3.57 mm, width 0.73 - 0.88 mm. AR 2.85 - 3.05.

LR - 1.4; the fore Ta4 about 0.28 of the length of Ti.

Head: Frontal tubercles present, abt 18 - 28 µm; abt 23 - 25 clypeal setae.

Palpal proportions (micron): 49 : 53 : 218 : 230 : 370

Thorax: Setae - Acrostichal 14-16; dorsocentral 11-19; prealar 5-6; scutellars in two or three rows, ant. row 6-10, posterior rows 14, and/ or 11-15.

Legs: Lengths (microns) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1255	1198	1895	1035	760	680	400	1.59	1.02-1.10	4.3
PII	1390	1263	750	412	305	203	158	0.58-0.62	1.09-1.12	-

PIII	1570	1553	1148	620	484	303	185	0.64-0.78	1.00-1.01	-
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About 9 - 10 sensilla chaetica on midTa1 and about 5 - 9 on Hind Ta1

The SVo is D-type, with an extended 'beak' (above); IVo with some forked setae; and tergite 9 has 12-19 setae (c.f. sp. 5), GS moderately swollen and narrowing from about half way.

Pupa: Not known.

Fourth instar larva: larva a small to medium plumosus-type. Posterior third of gula dark, FA very dark. Anal tubules long, cylindrical, about 340 µm in length. Antenna with basal segment about 2.7 times longer than wide; AR 1.86; ratio of antennal segments (µm) 80 : 25 : 9 : 6 : 3.

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Nucleolus subterminal in arm G and also in arm F, a nucleolus sometimes developed in arm D.. Nucleolus in arm G may only appear as a large puff. Polymorphism in arm C, D and G. Although no polymorphism has been observed in arms A or B, two different homozygous sequences have been observed (associated) in different populations.

- “sam”A1: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3 - 2d, 9 - 4, 13 - 19 as *circumdatus* A2, *holomelas*, etc.
 “sam”A2: 1 - 2c, 10 - 12, 3, 14c-13, 4 - 9, 2ed, 14d-19 (in2d-14c c.f. *incertipenis* & “sam”A1)
 – probably *C. nr. flaviplumus*
 “sam”B1: Puff (gp 7) medial, with dark bands (gp 8) proximal.
 “sam”B2: Puff (gp 7) more distal, with dark bands (gp 8) distal.
 “sam”C1: Typical constriction (gp 3-4) proximal.
 “sam”D1:
 “sam”D2: Small inversion at distal end of arm.
 “sam”E1: 1-2c, 5-10b, 3e-2d, 4-3f, 10c-13 as *incertipenis*
 “sam”F1: 1a - 2a, 10d-a, 15 - 11, 2b - 9, 16 - 23 (not proven) as *flaviplumus*
 “sam”G1: two dark bands immediately distal to nucleolus.
 “sam”G2: inversion of middle third of arm.

Found: India - Bishnah wetland (A2,B2) Deoli Village (A2,B2); Gadigagh; Sangrampur village (A1,B1), Jammu region. Berhampore, Farakka, and Burdwan, West Bengal.

Not identical to material from Japan, Korea, Java, Australia, Samoa & other Pacific Islands.

Cytology differs most notably from *C. samoensis* by the position of the nucleolus in arm G, which is medial in *C. samoensis*. Some polytene chromosome sequences, are similar to those of *C. flaviplumus* from Japan, while the mtCOI sequences also indicate relationship.

It is likely that this species is a complex of closely related forms. The included specimens have very similar mitochondrial COI sequence (result of hybridization?), but the cytology differs (as noted above). All examined larvae have a darkened gula and FA.

Chironomus species DSC1

This species is being described as *C. kangleipak*

Notable for an unusual larval type (yama-type) and pupal spur. May be a new subgenus showing indications of relationship to the genus *Yama*.

Adult:

Male:

AR about 2.30 (2.13-2.58); Wing length about 2.76 (2.45-2.99) mm, width about 0.69 (0.62-0.76) mm; about 12.7 (9-17) setae on squamal fringe; abt 2.75 (2-4) SCf on brachiolum. VR about 0.97 (0.96-1.0); LR about 1.54 (1.51-1.58).

Head: frontal tubercles about 25.7 (15-38) μm and 1.9 (1.4-3.2) times longer than wide.

Palpal proportions (μm): 51 : 45 : 185 : 185 : 278; P5/P4 1.54-1.55, P5/P3 1.43-1.54.

Clypeal width about 0.70 (0.56-0.71) the diameter of the antennal pedicel, about 16.4 (12-22) clypeal setae.

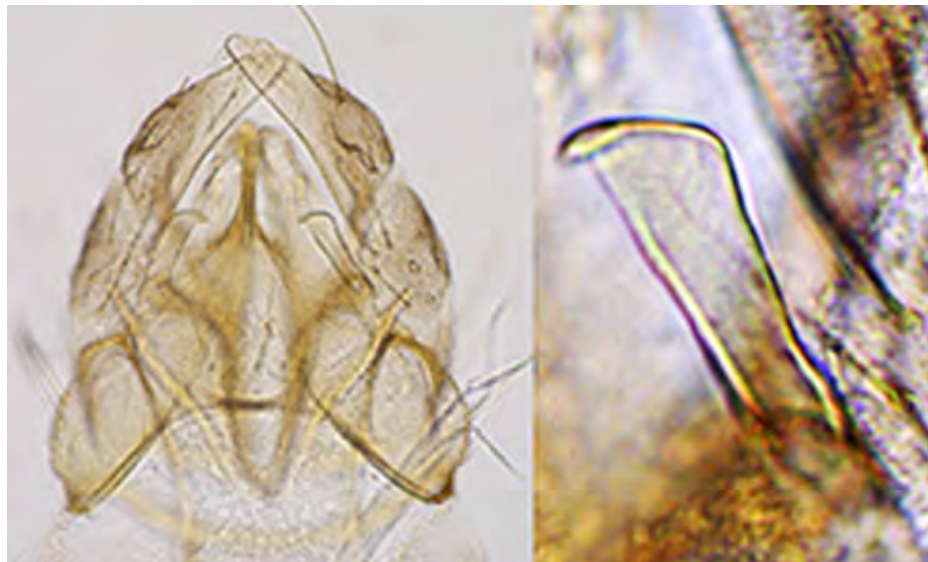
Thoracic setae: about 13 (10-15) acrostichal; 10.4 (9-15) dorsocentral; 4.3 (4-5) prealar; 1.3 (1-2) supra-alar; 0-2 in anterior row, 10.6 (9-13) in posterior row (total 11.4 (9-14)) on scutellum.

Leg lengths and proportions (μm):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1203	1020	1466	742	620	536	280	1.24-1.58	1.10-1.34	0.29-0.30
PII	1214	1050	637	316	225	148	111	0.52-0.70	1.07-1.17	
PIII	1322	1216	827	412	295	182	137	0.67-0.78	0.96-1.09	

BR – 1.6 (1.36-1.80) i.e. no beard

Abdomen with a band across the middle of the anterior tergites, which expands posteriorly on segments V-VIII; about 6.2 (4-7) setae in several pale areas on tergite IX.



Male hypopygium (left) and SVo (right) of *C. kangleipak*

SVo variable (mounting variants?) mostly E type of Strenzke (1959); IVo, with simple setae, reaching to end of anal point which is darkened and narrow at the base. GS somewhat swollen proximally and tapering over posterior third to quarter.

Female:

Wing length 3.2 (2.35-3.85) mm, width 0.62-0.81 mm; about 10.7 (8-15) setae on squamal fringe, abt 2-3 SCf on brachiolum. VR 0.89-0.93.

Head: frontal tubercles small, about 20 (15-25) μm and 1.1-1.3 times longer than wide.

Antennal proportions (micron) 181 : 110 : 126 : 122 : 206; necks of segs 2-4 comprising 0.35, 0.275 and 0.4 of the segment length, respectively; AR 0.38 (0.37-0.39); A5/A1 1.14 (1.05-1.18).

Palpal proportions (μm) 59 : 66 : 170 : 185 : 300; P5/P4 1.4-1.62, P5/P3 1.45-1.75.

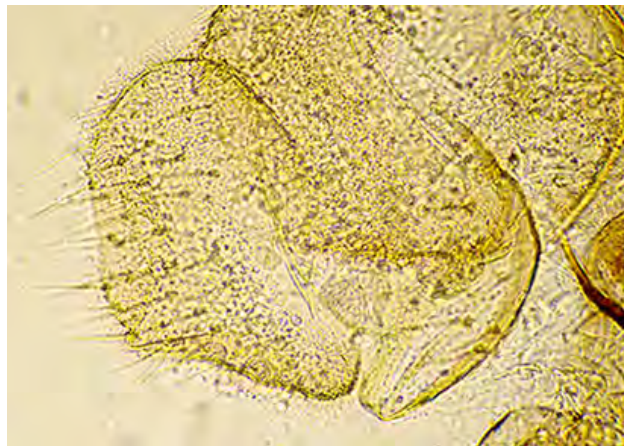
Clypeal width about 1.3-1.6 times that of the antennal pedicel, about 26 (24-29) clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae: about 13 (10-20) acrostichal; 2-5 humeral (roughly linear or in small group), 11 (10-12) dorsocentral, (14.3, 12-17 dorsocentral+ humeral); 4-5 prealar; 1 supra-alar; 2 in anterior row, at least 9 in posterior row (total 11-13) on scutellum.

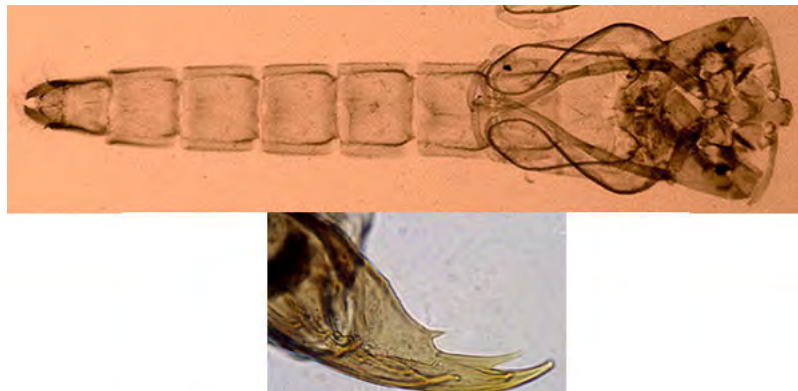
Leg lengths and proportions (μm):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1225	1070	1805	890	775	685	330	1.51-1.55	1.13-1.15	0.61
PII	1270	1175	635	310	215	140	120	0.53-0.56	1.06-1.11	
PIII	1365	1370	1005	510	380	230	160	0.60-0.69	0.99-1.06	

Abt 19 setae on abdominal GpVIII; abt 8-11 on Seg.X, which is wider at its widest point, (len/gr.wdth. 1.7-2.1) sometimes almost a “half-moon”, than in other species of *Chironomus*. Cercus essentially rectangular although dorsal margin may be curved, longer in the dorso-ventral dimension, with a broad ventral bump.



Pupa: Length abt 8.4 mm (7-10 mm); inner margin of wing case about 17.5% exuvial length (1.3-1.6 mm). Cephalic tubules about 155-180 μm long and 130-135 μm wide at base, seta at least 40 μm long.



Respiratory base about 130-140 μm long and 60-80 μm wide (i.e. 1.8-2.2 times longer than wide). Hook row at posterior of abdominal segment II is interrupted into 2 parts (top fig. below), containing about 28-33 hooks (lower fig. below) on each side. Segment width about 970-1063 μm , the total extent of the hook row being 180-202 μm hooks, 100-278 μm gap and a further 180-202 μm hooks.



There are L-setae on the intersegments of III/IV and IV/V, but they are very difficult to see.

That of seg IV/V is at the anterior of the conjunctive.

PSA of segment IV well developed, length (12-13 μm , about 0.17 of the segment length (70-73 μm).

Armature of segments covering most of segment but with a clear spot at mid line of posterior region, larger on the anterior segments.

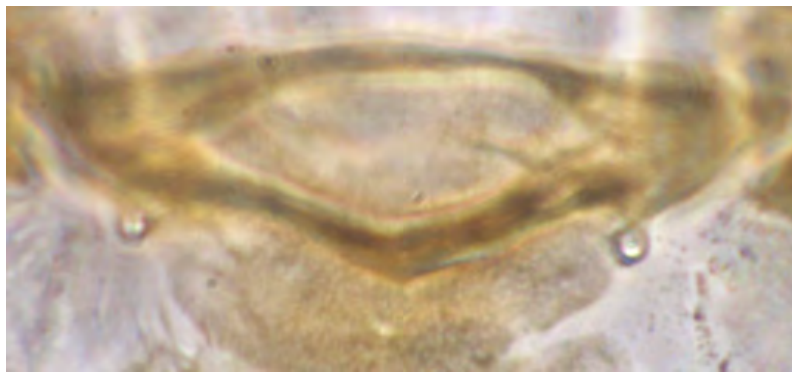
Posterolateral spur of eighth segment strong and curved with about 5 short spines and sometimes a further 2 very small 'teeth'.

About 69-78 taeniae on each side of the swim fin, mostly in a single row.

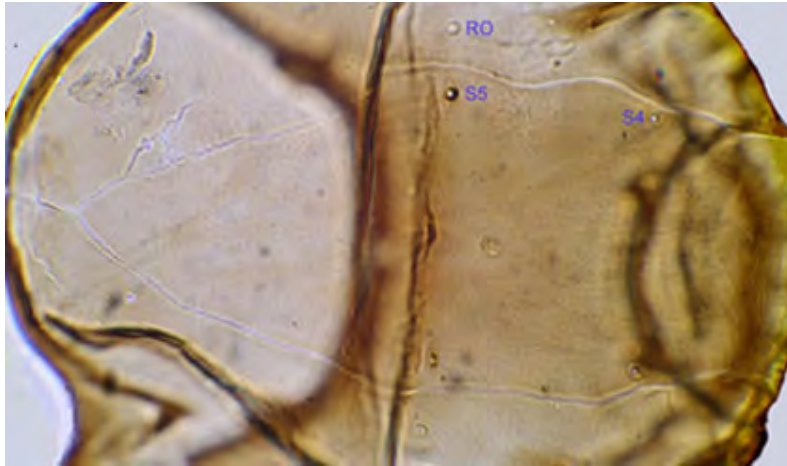
Fourth instar larva: A small 8.4 mm (7-10 mm) yama-type, i.e. no ventral or lateral tubules, anal tubules conical, in a "star"-arrangement, dorsal pair longer and wider than the ventral pair. Posterior prolegs about 4 times longer than width at base, terminal hooks either about 139 μm or 63 μm long..

Gula and frontoclypeus slightly dark to dark: gula over posterior 2/3; sometimes slight darkening outside the frontoclypeus. This may be a difference between the two localities.

Clypeal aperture wider at mid-point with a curved ventral border, about 2.5 times longer than width at widest point.



VHL about 233-238 μm , with mentum width about 0.63-0.70 of VHL (149-153 μm). Distance between the S4 setae about the same, or slightly larger (141.83 μm :138.83 μm) than that between the antennal bases; S5 setae level with RO of dorsal head.



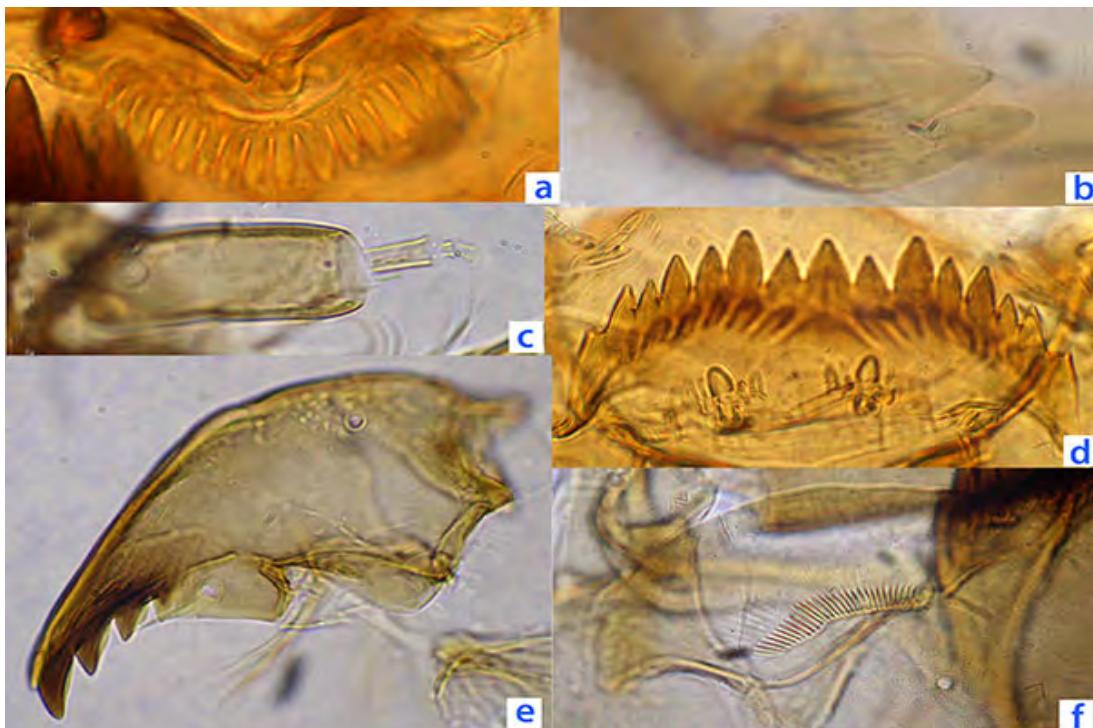
Mentum with 4th laterals reduced almost to level of 5th laterals (type II), central trifid tooth of type IV, 4th laterals at least partly reduced to level of 5th laterals (type I-II); 6th laterals reaching only to base of 5th laterals.

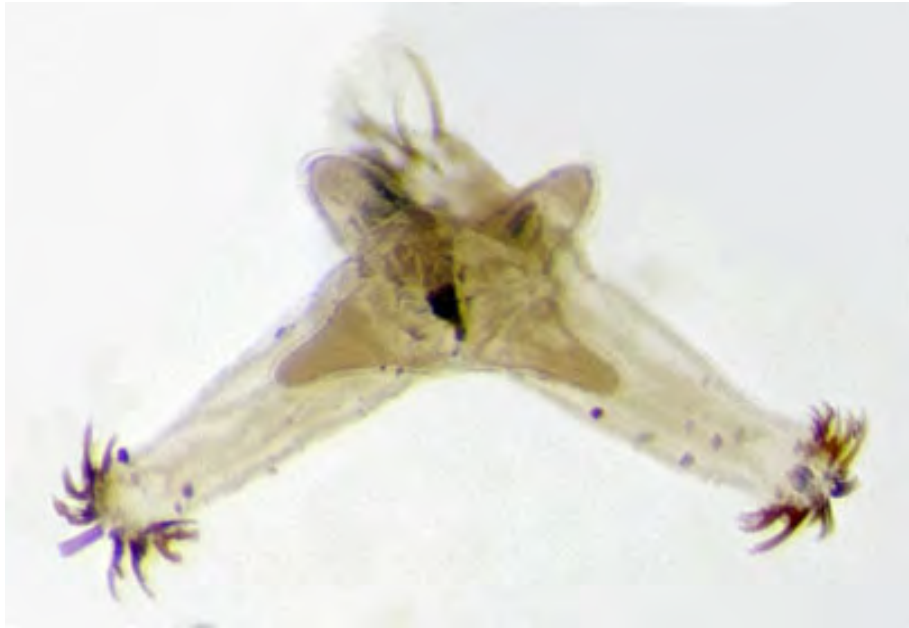
VM plates about 3.4-3.8 times longer than deep; separated by about 40% of width of mentum, with about 37-39 striae; VMR about 0.21-0.26, but increasing to about 0.39 near internal end.

PE with about 11-17 relatively broad teeth. Premandibles with inner and outer teeth about the same width, outer tooth slightly shorter.

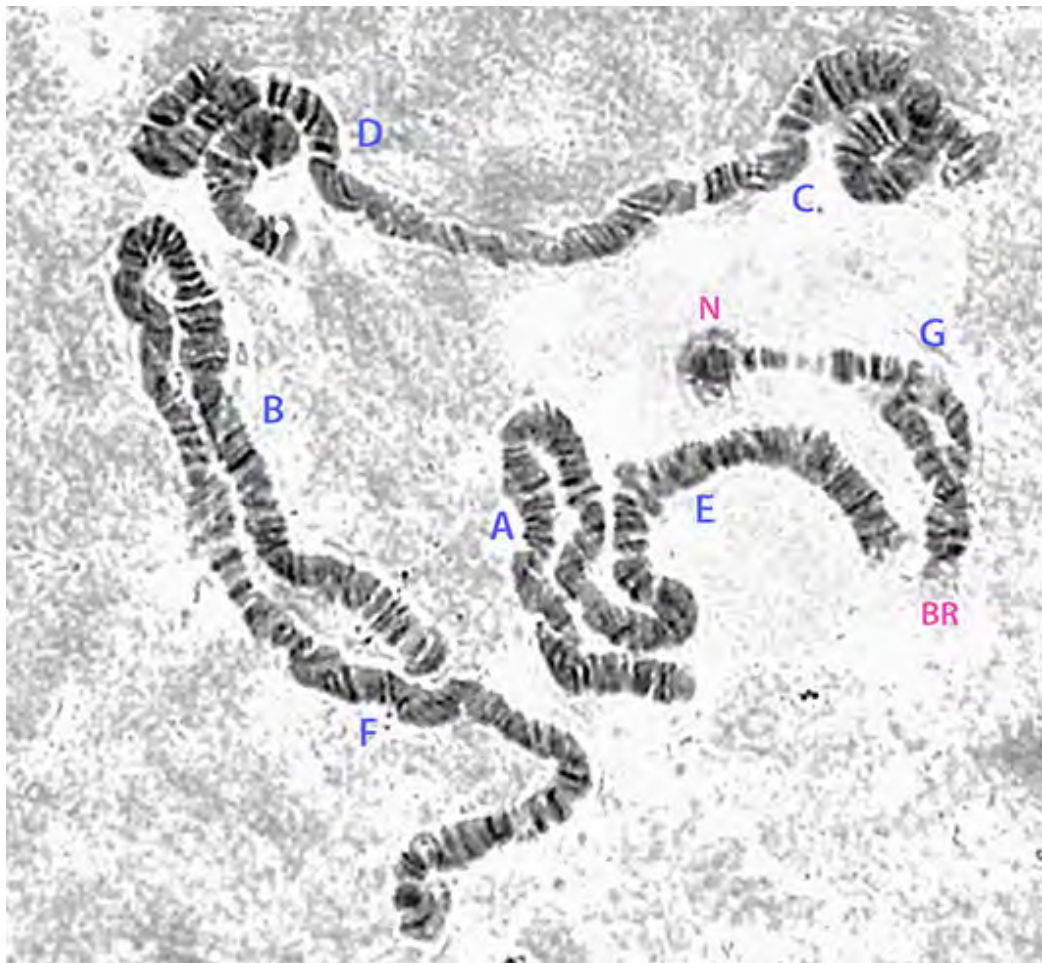
Antennae relatively short, basal segment about 3-3.5 times longer than wide, RO generally less than a third up from base; AR about 2.53-3.11. Relative lengths of segments (μm) 103 : 21 : 5 : 6 : 5.

Mandible with 3rd inner tooth at most partially separated and slightly darkened (type I-IIB); about 8-9 furrows on outer surface near the base, about 11-12 tainiae in PMA; MTR about 0.31 (0.16-0.42).





Cytology: Four relatively long thin polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination AE, BF, CD. G. Arm G with a terminal nucleolus and a BR about a third from the other end.



Found inflowing, heavily polluted man-made sewage drains; water quite dark.

This species shows similarities to the genus *Chironomus* in most life stages; including male and female genitalia, larval head characters and chromosomes with the pseudothummi chromosome arm combination. On the other hand it also shows similarities to *Yama tahitiensis*, notably the larval type, the divided hook row and the weak shagreen pattern of the pupa. The *COI* sequences differ by about 12.8% so, using the figure of 0.75% change per million year (Martin *et al.* 2002), the lines diverged perhaps 17 million years ago.

Molecular:

MtCOI: Sequence is available from both Devchand and Manipur. It matches a sequence in the BOLD database for which the information is private.

Found: India - Manipur: Central Agricultural University Campus (24.8111°N, 93.8894°E) and Devchand (24.8095°N, 93.8924°E), Iroisemba, Imphal.

***Chironomus striatipennis* Kieffer 1910**

- as *Chironomus* (*Prochironomus*), on basis of adult female

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Syn: *Chironomus kiiensis* Tokunaga, 1936. As currently used, this name is a junior synonym of *C. striatipennis* (Prumal *et al.* 2016). The location of type material is not recorded, so it is not certain whether the original specimens are identical to those currently recognized, since morphological and DNA data from Japan and Korea indicates the presence of a second species with similarly patterned wings.

However, considering the extensive use of the name for specimens of *C. striatipennis*, it is recommended that the name NOT BE USED, as its application to a different taxon would only cause further confusion.

Chironomus pallidinubeculosus - incorrect synonymy by Hashimoto *et al.* 1981, as this is a distinct species with similarly patterned wings.

- *Chironomus calipterus* – misidentification by Saxena (1995)
- *Chironomus strenzkei*, Fittkau 1968.

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Reflecting the geographic cline from Japan to India.

Note this also includes the bin in which most specimens identified as *C kiiensis* have been placed.

Kieffer 1910, description of *Chironomus* (*Prochironomus*) *striatipennis*, sp. nov.
(there are no figures)

Female. Brun; tête et antennes roussâtres, nodosités des antennes noirâtres; mesonotum d'un gris blanchâtre, avec 4 bandes d'un brun roux, les deux médianes séparées par une ligne et raccourcies en arrière, les deux latérales raccourcies en avant; scutellum d'un gris blanchâtre; balanciers blancs; pattes blanchâtres, extrémité des 3 ou 4 premiers articles tarsaux et le dernier ou les deux derniers en entier d'un brun noir. Antennes de 5 articles, dont le 2^e est rétréci au milieu; 3-5 ellipsoïdaux, plus longs que leur col, sauf le 5^e, dont l'appendice terminal est de moitié plus long que la nodosité; verticilles 2-3 fois aussi longs que l'épaisseur des articles. Ailes blanchâtres, avec des stries enfumées le long de la partie distale de la discoïdale, de la posticale et de ses deux rameaux, de l'anale et le long du bord du lobe anal; en outre, deux bandes longitudinales et étroites sont situées l'une distalement de l'autre, entre le cubitus et la discoïdale; nervures jaunâtres; transversale, base du cubitus et de la partie distale de la discoïdale noires et bordées de noirâtre; extrémité du radius également distante de l'extrémité des deux rameaux de la posticale; cubitus à peine arqué, non dépasse par la costale, distant du bord, aussi rapproché de la pointe alaire que la discoïdale;

transversale oblique, située un peu en avant de la bifurcation de la posticale. Tibia antérieur égalant les trois quarts du fémur; métatarse double du tibia; 4^e article tarsal plus de deux fois le 5^e, celui-ci six fois aussi long que gros; aux pattes postérieurs, le 4^e article est de moitié plus long que le 5^e, qui est 3-4 fois aussi long que gros. Abdomen presque deux fois aussi long que le reste du corps. Taille 4.5 mm.

Translation:

Female. Brown, reddish head and antennae, nodules of antennae blackish; mesonotum a whitish grey, with four bands of reddish brown, the median two separated by a line and shortened at the back, the two sides shortened at the front; scutellum of a whitish grey, white balancers, legs whitish, extremities of 3 or 4 first tarsal segments and the whole of the last of the two of a black brown. Antennae of 5 segments, including the second is narrowed in the middle; 3-5 ellipsoidal, longer than their collar, except the 5th, which is the terminal appendage which is half as long as the knot; whorls 2-3 times as long as the thickness of the segments. Wings whitish, with smoky streaks along the distal portion of the discoidal, the posticale and its two branches, the anal and along the edge of the anal lobe, in addition, two longitudinal and narrow strips are located distally from one another, between the ulna and discoidal; veins yellowish; transversal, base of the ulna and the distal part of the discoidal black and borders of blackish; distal extremity of the radius also distant from extremity of the two branches the posticale; cubitus barely arched not exceeding the costal, distant from the edge, as close to the wing tip as the discoidal, transversal oblique, located just in front of the bifurcation of the posticale. Anterior tibia matching three-quarters of the femur; metatarsal twice the tibia; 4th tarsal segment more than twice the 5th, which is six times as long as wide; for the posterior legs, the 4th segment is half longer than the 5th, which is 3-4 times as long as wide. Abdomen almost twice as long as rest of the body. Length 4.5 mm.

i.e. for anterior legs LR = 2, F/T = 1.3

In Kieffer's key the defining character is two transverse dark bands on the wings.

Translation of Kieffer, J.J. Description de nouveaux Chironomides de l'Indian Museum de Calcutta.

Records of the Indian Museum 6 (3): 134 (1911F)

Chironomus striatipennis, Kieff.

(Pl. vi, fig. 12, part of the pincer)

♂ ♀. The male, which was unknown so far, has the antenna of 12 segments, whose 2nd is longer than wide, 3-11 very transverse, 12th three times longer than the 10 preceding combined; plume tawny. Pronotum indented in the middle (♂ ♀). Mesonotum, scutellum and base of metanotum ash grey and dull, the three bands of the mesonotum brownish black, the median divided by a longitudinal line and posterior border by a brown line.

Posterior legs of male have hairs 2-3 times as long as their thickness, except the tarsi.

Lamella of the pincers with a prolonged beak; terminal articles suddenly thinned in its distal half, which is cylindrical, hairless and provided with three long bristles on the inner side (fig. 12).

Kumaon (Uttarakand): Bhim Tal, at an altitude of 1500 m.; 27-ix-1906 (N. Annandale); 7♂ and 1♀. This species is neighbor to *calipterus*, Kieff.

The type in the Indian Museum was re-examined by Chaudhuri and Guha, but they did not redescribe it, while Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992) refer to a paratype male in the ZSI (Reg.no.980/15) but its status is not clear as there is only a single female in the type material, so it cannot be a Paratype, and the collector (G. Brown) was not named in the later description of the male.

Diagnosis: According to Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992):

Adult - scutellum with 14-18 setae; wing markings; tarsomeres I-III dark brown at apices; tergites II-V with brown median spot; hypopygium with bent anal point and curved SVo; and equal spheroidal seminal capsules.

Pupa - Frontal plate with triangular frontal tubercles; respiratory organ with a bunch of profusely branched filaments; tergite II with median shagreen and caudal row of 62-72 hooklets; tergite VIII with basal transverse patch of shagreen, caudolateral spur with 2 unequal points; G/F 1.05-1.08 in male and 0.69-0.82 in female.

Fourth instar larva - AR 1.6-2.0, triangular labral lamella; 2 pairs of chaetulae basales; PE a single plate with 16 teeth; premandible with subequal apical teeth and short premandibular brush; mandible with well developed pecten mandibularis; maxilla with 4 sensilla basiconica; mentum with short 4th and 6th lateral teeth; segment XI with 2 pairs of coiled ventral tubules; procercus with 8 anal setae.

Adult: Incorporating description of Chaudhuri *et al.* (1992):

Male:

Wing length - 1.98-2.84 mm.; width = 0.53-0.70 mm. VR - 1.04-1.08.

LR = 1.49-1.82;

Face yellowish brown, antennae and palps brown. AR about 2.47-2.97. Frontal tubercles about 41 (35 - 49) μ m long and 14 (10-20) μ m wide. Palpal proportions (micron) 50 : 44 : 160 : 164 : 240. Clypeal setae - abt 16-22.

Thorax pale brown with brown stripes, lateral stripes darker along the medial edge, and ending in a darker spot; postnotum and sternopleuron brown.

Setae: acrostichals - abt 17 (13-23); dorsocentrals - 19 (16-26); prealar - 5 (3-5); scutellar - 2-4 in anterior row, 8-14 in posterior row.

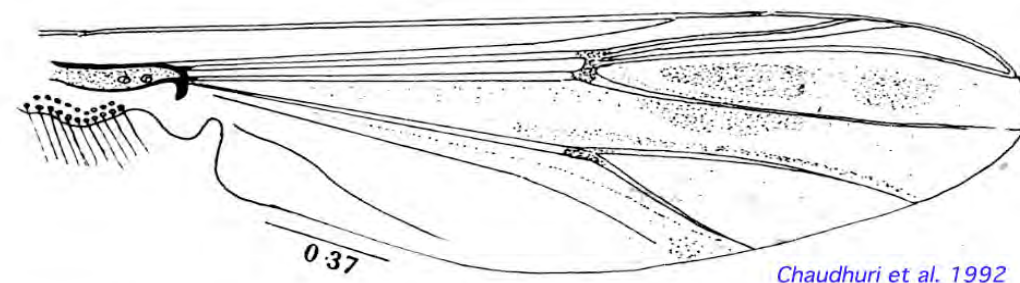
Wings with dark spot over the crossvein and with obvious dark clouds and seams, particularly in cell R5 (see figure below). 2 setae on brachiolum, abt 12-20 setae in squamal fringe.

Haltere pale.

Relative lengths of leg segments (μ m):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1088	994	1559	854	608	487	256	1.49-1.82	1.08-1.23	0.25-0.32
PII	1139	1102	640	408	297	200	139	0.55-0.62	1.00-1.04	
PIII	1279	1343	1012	604	455	272	173	0.72-0.80	0.93-1.01	

Ant. BR 4.5-5.0 Sensilla chaeticae: Mid 5-7; Hind 7-8



Wings with dark clouds.



Male hypopygium (left) and superior appendage (right) of an Indian specimen of *C. striatipennis*

Abdominal tergites mostly dark, with a pale basal band on the anterior segments, paler in Japanese specimens. About 7-10 setae near middle of tergite IX. SVo of E type closest to fig. h of Strenzke (1959). Setae of IV simple.

Female (based on Sasa 1978 and Chaudhuri et al. 1992):

Wing length 1.68-2.8 mm. VR about 1.06. Cloudy patches as in male.

Antennal proportions (micron) 80, 147, 102, 105, 98, 170. AR 0.37-0.38

Frontal tubercles 43 µm long, 22 µm wide.

Palps (segs 2-5): 40, 130, 100, 230.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions as follows:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4T1
PI	1170	980	1610	880	710	660	320	1.65	1.19	0.67
PII	1200	1170	660	380	270	200	150	0.56	1.03	
PIII	1370	1440	1100	660	540	320	200	0.76	0.95	

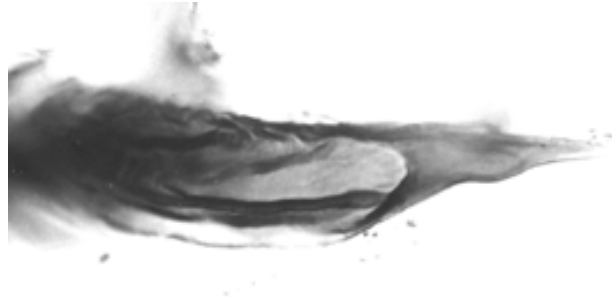
Pupa: Length 5.4- 6.8 mm (male) 4.8-5.8 (female), posterior margin of wing case about 1.1 mm.

Head: Cephalic tubercles about 53-80 µm long and about 40-65 µm wide at the base, with a subterminal seta about 57 µm long.

Thorax: Prealar tubercle present, not simple, but small, about 25 µm long and 6 µm wide. Basal ring of respiratory horn with edge thicker at the anterior end, and pinched at the center, about 126 µm long and 60 µm wide. There are about 3 rough short spines immediately anterior to the basal ring, and a large, possibly muscle scar just posterior to it.

Abdomen: About 62-72 recurved hooks on posterior margin of segment II, the hook row covering about 54% of the width of the segment. PSB on segment II, and PSA on segment IV, while those of segment V and VI are small and mainly identifiable by the spinules. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII generally with 1 main spine (see below), but occasionally with 1 or 2 subsidiary ones.

Anal lobe with about 53 taeniae on each side, mostly in a single row.



Fourth instar larva: a small plumosus-type (length 7-12.3 mm (fem. 10.5-12.3 mm)). Anterior VT bent and posterior VT coiled and about equal length or anterior longer (ant 0.96-1.56 mm, post 0.96-1.48 mm); LP about 200-320 μm . AT with dorsal pair about 250-280 μm long, posterior pair abt 280-340 μm , and 2.7-4 times longer than wide.

Gula from pale to dark, which may extend over posterior 2/3; and FA also from pale to dark.

Distance between antennal bases generally greater than the distance between the S4 setae.

Mentum (c, below) with c2 teeth of central tooth separated and sharp (type 3), 4th lateral reduced, sometimes only slightly, or down to level of 4th lateral. Pecten epipharyngis (a, below) with 12-18 teeth.

Ventromental plates (d, below) separated by 0.25-0.4 of the mentum width, about 19-46 striae reaching at least halfway to anterior margin, VMR about 0.28-0.36.

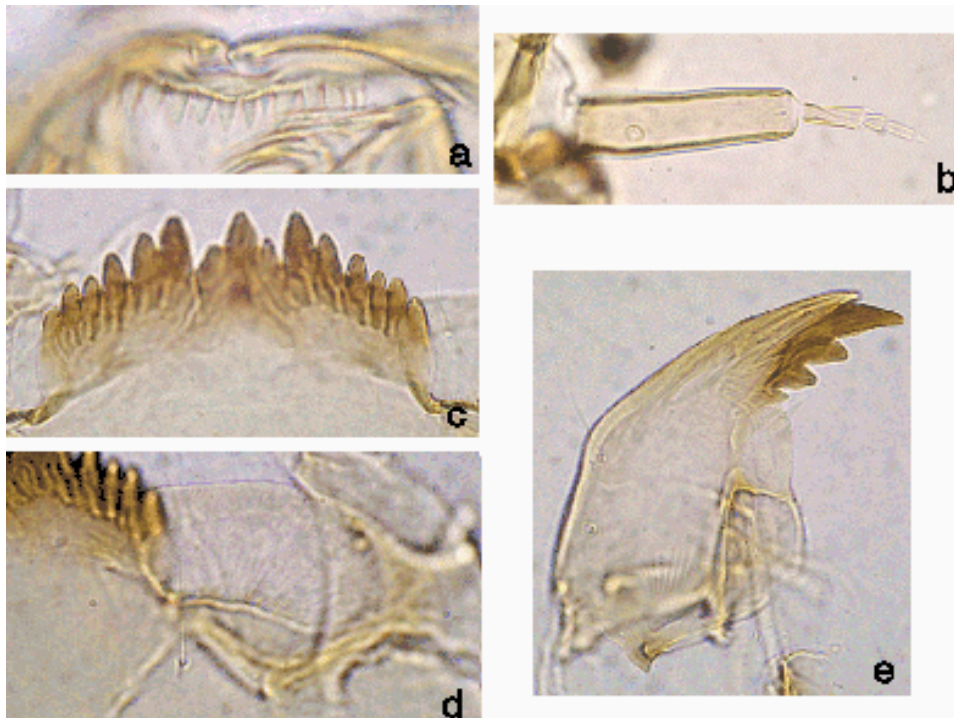
Premandibles with outer tooth slightly longer, but wear may make them equal or even leave the inner tooth slightly longer; inner tooth at least 1.5 and up to 2.5 times wider than the outer tooth.

Antenna (b, below) with basal segment relatively long, 3.2-3.9 times longer than wide; RO from about 0.32-0.53 up from base of segment; AR about 1.63-2.14; proportions (μm) 113 : 27 : 8 : 11 : 6.

Distance between the antennal bases . . .

Mandible (e, below) with third inner tooth partially or completely separated, and partially pigmented (i.e. type IIB or IIIB), with 12-20 furrows, ? taeniae in PecM.

Much of the variability in these larval characters comes from the different Indian samples.



(Currently also includes striatipennis type 2)

Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the pseudothummi-cytocomplex combination BF, CD, AE, G. Centromeres with some degree of heterochromatinization. Nucleolus essentially terminal on arm G, no nucleoli on long arms. End of arm G bearing nucleolus is typically unpaired, with BR near other end. Polymorphism in A, B, C, D, E, and F.

stpA1: 1 - 2c, 11 - 7, 4 - 6, 2d - 3, 12 - 19

stpA2: 1a-d, 10d - 12, 3 - 6a, 7 - 9, 4 - 6, 2i - 1e, 10a-c, 16 - 17, 13 - 15, 16 - 19

stpB1: Puff virtually terminal with only the dark bands distal.

stpB2: simple inversion of B1, shares proximal breakpoint with B4, B5, B6

stpB3: slightly longer inversion than B2, distal break at least 10 bands distal of B2 break.

stpB4: shares distal break with B2, proximal breakpoint shared with B5, B6 & B8.

stpB5: proximal breakpoint shared with B4, B6 & B8, distal with B3.

stpB6: proximal breakpoint shared with B4, B5 & B8, distal breakpoint shared with B7.

stpB7: proximal breakpoint closer to centromere, distal breakpoint shared with B6.

stpB8: proximal breakpoint shared with B4, B5 & B6, distal breakpoint just proximal to puff of group 7.

stpC1:

stpC2:

stpD1:

stpD2:

stpE1: 1a - 13g

i.e. as *piger*

stpE2: 1 - 2c, 8 - 2d, 9 - 13

stpF1: 1 - 2a, 15 - 11, 2b - 10, 16 - 23

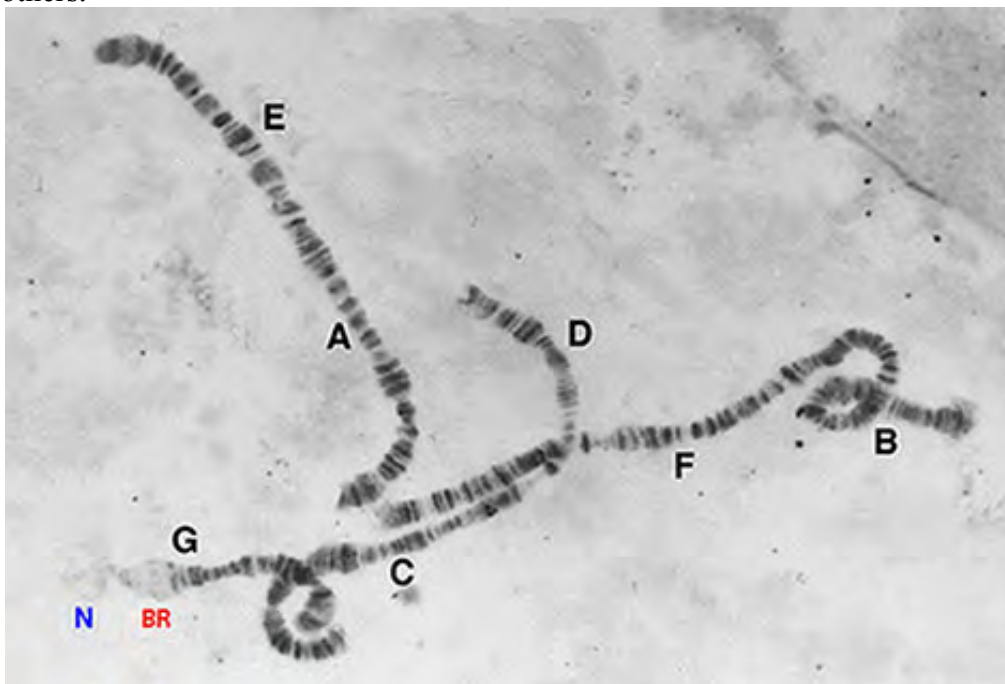
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stpF2: 1a, 21c - 16, 10 - 2b, 11 - 15, 2a - 1b, 21d - 23 from stpF1 (from Saxena)

stpF3: 1 - 2a, 15 - 14, 18 - 16, 10 - 2b, 11 - 13, 19 - 23 from stpF1 (from Saxena)

stpF4: 1 - 2a, 15 - 14, 16f-a, 10 - 2b, 11 - 13, 16g - 23 from stpF1 (from Saxena)

stpG1: nucleolus subterminal, A large BR may be developed in some localities, but not in others.



Found: India - Type localities - Bhim tal, Kumaon, Uttar Pradesh.

Other localities: Burdwan; Delhi – Lodi Gardens (28.53°N, 77.27°E); Yamuna River, Okhla (28.58°N, 77.22°E). Uttar Pradesh - Varanasi, Banaras (25.20°N, 83.10°E). Jammu & Kashmir - Bishnah Wetlands (abt. 32.70°N, 75.00°E).

Japan – Otsu City, Honshu (35.00°N, 135.88°E). Many other localities as *C. kiiensis*, but uncertain which form they are.

Korea

Malaysia – Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu (5.33°N, 103.15°E).

Singapore – Bedok Canal (1.28°N, 103.83°E).

Thailand - Pattani, Pattani Province (6.87°N, 101.25°E); Maha Sarakham.

Brazil - Manaus, Amazonas (3.108°S, 59.975°W).

U. S. A. - El Segundo, Los Angeles Co., California (Sublette & Mulla (2000) as *C. strenzkei*.

Adult re-described and immatures described by Chaudhuri, Das & Sublette (1992) for Indian material, while Sasa (1978) and Sasa & Hasegawa (1983) re-described Japanese material as *C. kiiensis*. The population in Brazil appears to be a recent introduction, probably from somewhere around Japan (Amora *et al.* 2015); while the Brazilian and Californian populations of *C. strenzkei* (Fittkau 1968; Sublette & Mulla 2000) are synonyms of *C. striatipennis*. Nath & Lakhota (1989) and Gupta & Kumar (1991) both describe the chromosomes, but it appears they reverse chromosomes I and II. Chromosome arms A, E and F were described by Saxena (1995) as *C. calipterus* and she also provided some other unpublished sequences.

DNA sequence:

Mt *COI* barcode sequence exists for some Indian specimens, and is similar to sequences from Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand attributed to *C. kiiensis*, but with an apparent cline of difference from west to east. Sequence from Brazil shows close relationship to Japanese sequences. GenBank accession numbers: AB740241, AB838643, AB838645, AB838646, JF412086, JF412087, JF412088, JF412089, JQ350720, KT212990-994
BOLD numbers: COTW008, COTW009, COTW010, COTW011, COTW012
Many of these sequences are under the name *Chironomus kiiensis*.

***Chironomus striatipennis* Type 2**

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Adult:

Male: The abdomen of the molecular Type 2 (see below) appears to have an abdomen similar to that of the Japanese Type 1 material.

Wing length about 2.62-2.64 mm, width 0.56-0.66 mm. VR - 1.08-1.13

AR about 2.2. Cephalic tubercles developed, about 35-46 µm long and 18-22 µm wide. 17-18 setae on clypeus; palpal proportions (µm) 50 : 38 : 152 : 157 : 240.

Thoracic seta: acrostichal - 10-13; dorsocentral - 15-18; prealar - 5; scutellar in two rows, anterior - 4-5, posterior - 9-11.

Wings with dark spot over the crossvein and with obvious dark clouds and seams, particularly in cell R5; abt 6-14 SCf on brachiolum in two clusters, abt 18 setae in squamal fringe.

Leg lengths (µm) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	1031	938	1390	760	613	413	249	1.32-1.64	1.10-1.11	2.3-3.5
PII	1092	1048	735	366	266	175	136	0.60-0.82	1.01-1.07	
PIII	1224	1270	987	557	430	256	170	0.78	0.96	

Female:

Fourth instar larva: a small plumosus-type (length fem. abt 9.2 mm). Anterior VT bent and posterior VT coiled and posterior longer (ant 0.74 mm, post 0.781 mm).

Gula from pale to dark, which may extend over posterior 2/3; and FA also from pale to dark.

Mentum with c2 teeth of central tooth separated and sharp (type 3), 4th lateral possibly slightly reduced, but broken on available specimen (type 1?). PE with 14 teeth.

Ventromental plates separated by about 0.28 of the mentum width, about 38-40 striae reaching at least halfway to anterior margin.

Premandibles with teeth approximately equal in length; inner tooth about 2x wider than the outer tooth.

Antenna with basal segment relatively long, 3.2 times longer than wide; RO from about 0.37-0.42 up from base of segment; AR about 1.8; proportions (μm) 102 : 23 : 9 : 11 : 8. Distance between antennal bases generally greater than the distance between the S4 setae.

Mandible with third inner tooth partially separated, and pale (i.e. type IIA), with 17-19 furrows.

Cytology: Centromeres only slightly heterochromatic in Malaysian specimen.

Found: Malaysia - Minden, Penang (5.13°N, 100.13°E).

Singapore – Bedok Canal (1.367°N, 103.939°E).

The redescription of *C. kiiensis* by Al-Shami *et al.* (2012) probably refers to this material.

Molecular: The mitochondrial *COI* differs from that of Type 1, and this sequence is found in Japan and SE Asia, but has not been found in India.

BOLD accession numbers: COTW009, COTW010, COTW013

***Chironomus kiiensis* Tokunaga 1936**

As currently used, this name is a junior synonym of *C. striatipennis* Kieffer 1910 (Pramual, Simwisat & Martin 2016 (see under that species). The location of type material is not recorded, so it is not certain whether the original specimens are identical to those currently recognized, since morphological and DNA data from Japan and Korea does indicate the presence of a second species with similarly patterned wings.

However, considering the extensive use of the name for specimens of *C. striatipennis*, it is recommended that the name NOT BE USED, as its application to a different taxon would only cause further confusion.

Several names have been synonymised with *C. kiiensis*, but these are either synonyms of *C. striatipennis* or distinct species:

Chironomus calipterus - misidentification in Bugledich *et al.* 1999., and other authors.

C. pallidinubeculosus Tokunaga 1964 - incorrect synonymy by Hashimoto *et al.* 1981, as this is a distinct species with similarly patterned wings.

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i.e. the same Bin as *C. striatipennis*.

Tokunaga's original description of the male is given here for information:

Adult.

Male

CHIRONOMUS (CHIRONOMUS) KIIENSIS sp. nov.

This species is commonly found at Seto and females are often captured at light ashore in summer.

Male.—Body slender, ground color yellow, about 5 mm long.

Frontal tubercles present, small; antennae 12-segmented, brown; second antennal segment yellow, but its distal end brown; antennal ratio about 3.2 to 3.3; maxillary palpi distinctly 4-segmented (3 : 7 : 7 : 11); last maxillary palpal segment yellow; frontoclypeus with many long brown setae.

Scutum with distinct reddish brown vittae; median vitta with a longitudinal, pale, median line; pale posterior region of the scutum with a fine, dark, median line; scutellum yellow, setigerous, its lateral margins brown; sternal side of the mesosternepisternum reddish brown; mesonotepisternum, mesonotepimeron, and mesosternepimeron each with a reddish brown spot near base of wing articulation; supra-alar setal group represented by five to seven small setae.

Abdomen slender, yellowish; first tergum with two pairs of brown stripes: mesal pair small and lateral pair long and oblique; second to fourth terga each with a median I-shaped brown stripe; following three terga entirely brown, stripes being obscure, each with a brown V-shaped chitinization on its meson. Hypopygium (Plate 3, fig. 23) brown, setigerous; ultimate tergum with a small, oval, setigerous plate and V-shaped chitinization on meson; its caudal setae near basis of anal point slender; anal point strongly chitinized, bare, curved ventrad, not trilobed apically; coxites slightly constricted, each with five slender setae on its ventromesal ridge; styles distinctly narrowed on apical one-third, each provided with six, small, strong setae on apex and about thirteen, small, slender setae on ventral ridge of style; dorsal appendages large and slender, not extending to tip of anal point, bare, strongly curved ventrad, each with a few setae on its basal pubescent area; ventral appendages large and straight, extending far beyond middle of styles, provided with many, strong, recurved setae and a few slender setae on apical one-third.

Legs yellow in ground color; coxae and trochanters brown; femora each with a distinct brown ring just before distal tip; two distal segments and distal ends of three proximal segments of each tarsus reddish brown; forelegs without tibial spurs; each tibia of the middle and hind legs provided with two basally fused combs, which occupy about three-fourths the circumference of tibial end; two tibial combs each provided with a small spur; fore tarsal segments have the following proportional lengths: 80 : 45 : 30 : 24 : 12; leg ratio 1.7 to 1.8; claws simple; empodium slender, setigerous; pulvilli large, padlike, setigerous, extended distad far beyond middle of claws.

Wings slightly clouded; two elongated nebulae in cell R_3 , a narrow nebula in cell M_2 along vein $M_{1,2}$, narrow nebulae along veins $M_{3,4}$, Cu_1 , $1A$, and $2A$; r-m distinctly darkened; fCu beyond the crossvein; $R_{2,3}$ extended closely along R_1 , ending slightly distad of the end of R_1 ; Cu_1 and $1A$ slightly sinuous on distal parts; R , R_1 , and $R_{3,4}$ brown, setigerous. Halteres yellow.



Original description of *C. kiiensis* male from Tokunaga 1936

Tokunaga's illustration suggests the SVo is similar to that of the other members of this group, i.e. an E-type, perhaps closest to fig. h of Strenzke (1959), but end more sharply curved (although this can vary with mounting – note the difference in the two in the above figure).

Molecular:

MtCOI: Barcode sequence attributed to this species exists for a number of specimens from a number of areas, and falls into 3 groups. The majority of sequences refer to *C. striatipennis*, but there are four sequences in GenBank that differ from them by about 9%. These may be *C. kiiensis*, but note caution above.

The GenBank accession numbers are: JQ350720 (Korea), AB740240 (Ibaraki, Miho, Yogoiri headrace), AB838642 (Japan), AB838644 (Japan).

Found: JAPAN - Seto, Wakayama Prefecture (Type locality)

Species in the camptochironomus cytocomplex:

***Chironomus biwaprimus* Sasa & Kawai 1987**

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW4005](https://www.boldsystems.org/index.php/AALBio:AAW4005)

Adult (from Sasa & Kawai 1987)

Male

Length 6.96-8.11; wing length 3.58-4.05; VR 1.02-1.06. AR 3.17-3.89

LR: Ant. 1.34-1.58; mid 0.50-0.56; hind 0.58-0.64. BR 1.6.

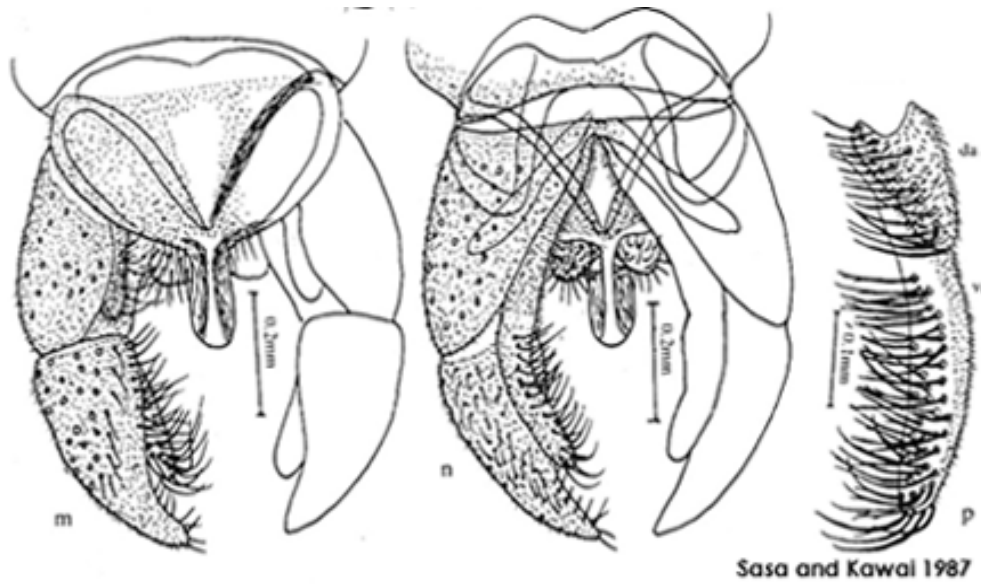
Coloration unusual - antennal shaft brown, hairs brownish yellow; ground color of scutum greenish yellow or pale yellow, vittae dark brown; legs with femur and tibia largely yellow with a narrow apical dark ring; tarsi darkening from brown to dark brown.

Head with relatively small frontal tubercles 22 µm long, 14 µm wide.

Thorax: Antepnotum united and expanded in the middle, without lateral setae. Setae:

Acrostichal 6-14; dorsocentral 19-36; prealar 6-10; scutellar 24-36 in a double row.

Legs: Front tibia with 4 subterminal setae arising on a rounded terminal scale.



Hypopygium (above) typical for the members of the camptochironomus-group, apparently closest to *C. tentans*.

Pupa: No information

Fourth instar larva: A moderate sized, up to 20 mm, plumosus-type larva. PLT well developed, about 300 µm long. AT nearly as long as the posterior prolegs and are constricted in the middle, about 2.5-2.7 times longer than wide. Gula dark on posterior half, FC dark, particularly towards the rear.

Mentum (Fig. c, below) with broad c1 tooth, closest to type IIB but c2 teeth more separated; 4th laterals hardly reduced (type I).

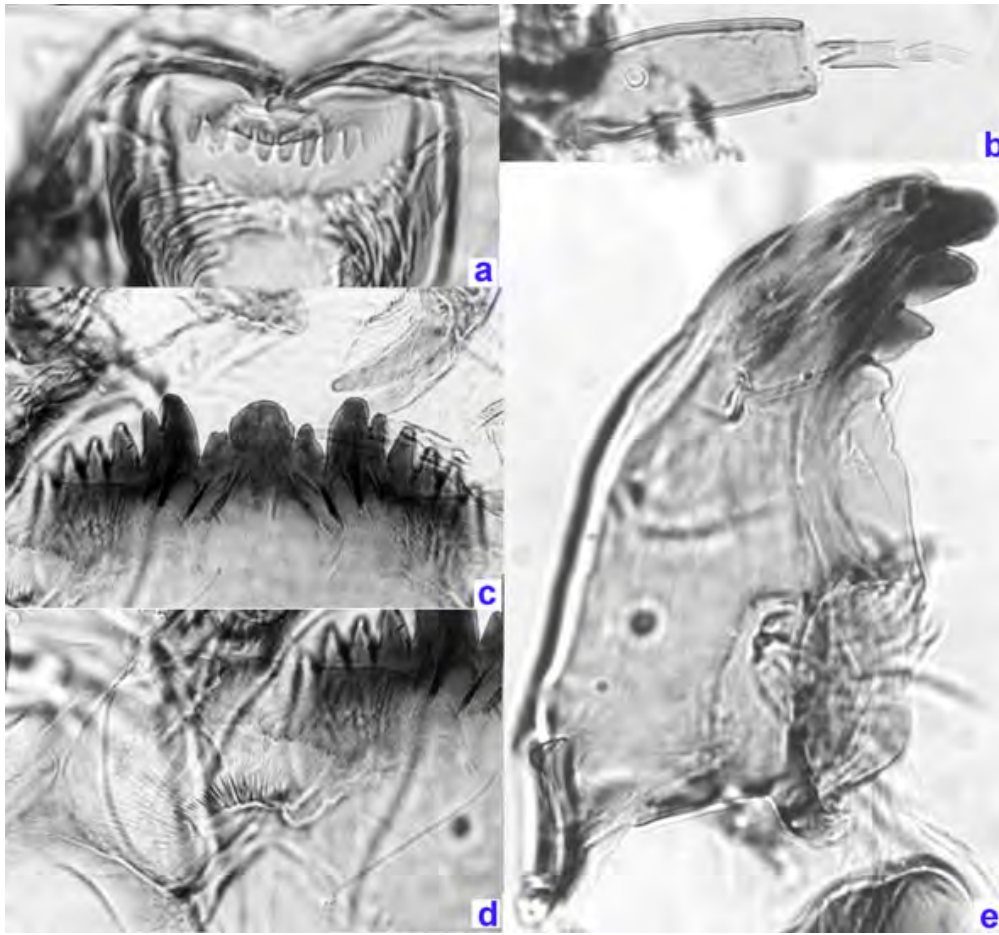
Ventromental plates (Fig. d, below) separated by about a third of the mentum width, about 3-3.3 times longer than depth to base of striae; about 48-49 striae; VMR 0.40-0.41. PE (Fig. a, below) with about 14 teeth of type B.

Distance between the antennal bases greater than that between the S4 setae, which are separated by about 72% of the FC width.

Antenna (Fig. b, below) with A1 about 3.2 times longer than wide and 0.4 of the VHL; RO about 0.4 up from base of segment, AR about 2.14; segment proportions (micron): 135 : 32 : 10 : 13 : 8.

Premandible (Fig. c, below) with teeth about equal in length, inner tooth about twice as wide as the outer tooth.

Mandible (Fig. e, below) about 250 µm in length, third inner tooth pale and incompletely separated (type 1A); about 21 furrows on the outer surface at the base and probably normally about 14 setae in PMA although one mandible of available specimen had about 18 generally narrower setae.



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes with the *Camptochironomus* cytocomplex combination AB, CF, DE, G. Specimens available did not have particularly good chromosomes, but some banding patterns could be determined.

Arm G may have a nucleolus but main nucleolus is in a long chromosome, probably near the centromere of the AB chromosome. One heterozygote, probably in arm B.

biwA1:

biwB1

biwC1

biwD1

biwE1: 1 - 2b, 7h - 10b, 3e - 2c, 7g - 3f, 10c - 13 i.e. as *dilutus* E1

biwF1: possibly 1a-d, 12 - 9b, 2f - 3b, 13 - 14c, 5d - 6, 9a - 7a, 14d - 16, 5c - 3c, 1e - 2e, 17 - 23

biwG1:

Found: Type locality - Lake Biwa (35.33°N, 136.17°E), Otsu City, Honshu, JAPAN; ; Lake Kasumigaura (36.42°N, 140.39°E); NEIS, Tsukuba (36.08°N, 140.08°E), Yatabe, Ibaraki.

***Chironomus mongolabeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**
as *Camptochironomus*.

Adults

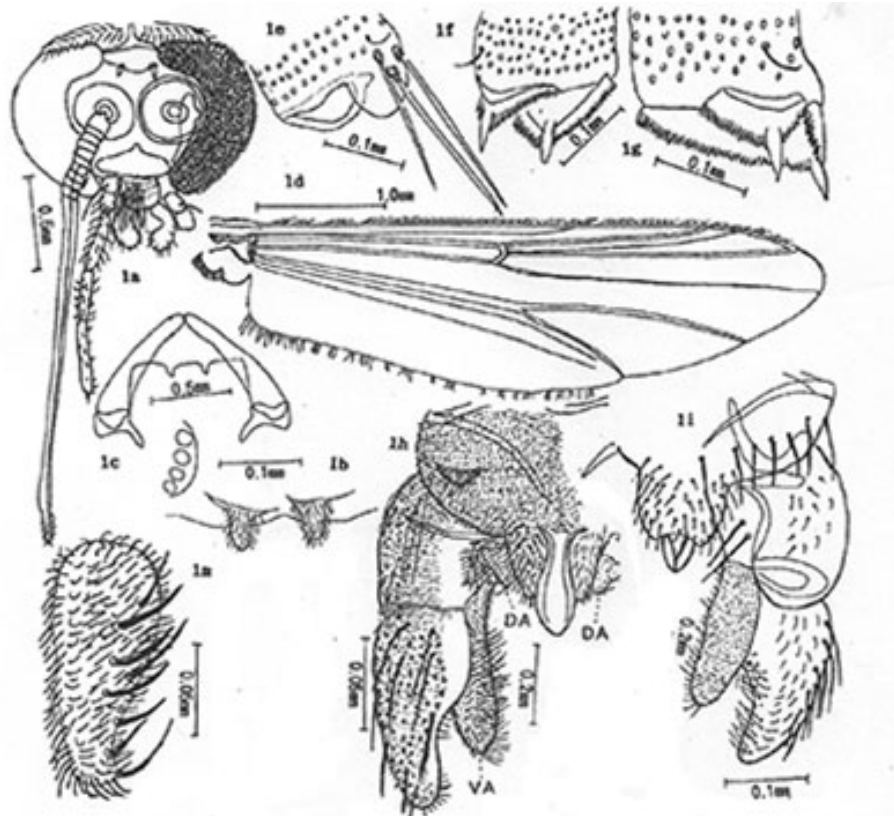
Males

Wing length 4.58 (3.42-4.92) mm.; VR 0.90–0.94. AR 3.67 (2.90-4.05). LR 1.31-1.57; BR 1.1-5.2.

Head with frontal tubercles prominent, almost cylindrical, 43 µm long x 18 µm wide; 56.4 (46-70) clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae: 16-36 Acrostichal; 24-36 Dorsocentral; 8-11 Prealar; 36-56 Scutellar.

Ground colour of scutum yellow, stripes brown, scutellum yellow, postnotum dark brown; femora & tibia entirely yellow, Ta1 & Ta2 largely yellow with apical portion brown, others brown. Abdomen almost entirely brownish yellow, hypopygium brown.



Illustrations of adult male of *C. mongolabeus* (Sasa & Suzuki, 1997)

Tergite IX with long process flanking the anal point which is flanked by a V-shaped lobe reaching almost to the end of the anal point;

Female: Not described.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: Not described

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Bogd.

The descriptions suggest there may be two species involved, 1 specimen much smaller than the 4 others.

***Chironomus mongolabeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**
as *Camptochironomus*.

Adults

Male:

Known from a single specimen.

Wing length 4.46 mm, width 0.28 mm.; VR 1.06 (or 0.94). AR 4.28; fLR 1.28; BR 1.4; mLR 0.50; hLR0.59. Pulvilli large and brush-like.

Distinct dark and pale rings on tibiae and tarsi.



Frontal tubercles and male hypopygium of *Chironomus mongolbeceus*. (Sasa & Suzuki, 1997)

Posterior lobe of TIX is as long as the anal point, apparently no central patch of setae. Anal point flanked by a V-shaped lobe reaching just to the end of the anal point; Gonostylus and IVo similar to those of *Camptochironomus*, but the SVo is quite different, constricted at the base then expanded to a broad triangular lobe bearing numerous long setae and microtrichia.

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not known.

Found: MONGOLIA – (Type locality) Bogd.

Species with unknown cytology:

Chironomus bipunctus Johannsen 1932

Adult

Male



Male hypopygium of *C. bipunctus* from Johannsen 1932

Pupa: Brownish, about 6mm long. Cephalic tubules small, fine and pointed. Postero-lateral spur of segment VIII with a single spine.

Fourth instar larva: Described by Lenz (1937), as a bathophilus-type, with short tubules. Anal setae short and not on a distinct tubercle, AT also short.

Possibly at higher localities as Lenz (1937) describes larvae and adults from 1860-2090 m.

Found: Type locality – spring pool, Ngadsari, Java, INDONESIA
Tenger-Gebirge, East Java

***Chironomus alternus* Das, Majumdar and Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male:

Total length 4.6-5.0 mm. Wing length 2.48-2.64 mm, width 0.62-0.68 mm.

Head brownish yellow; thorax yellowish, postnotum dark; wing membrane brown with dark veins; legs brownish yellow.

Head: AR 2.22-2.64. Frontal tubercles 82-89 µm long and 39-47 µm wide. Clypeus with 16-17 setae. Palpal proportions rather unusual, with the terminal segment shorter than the preceding two segments (not noted as being shrivelled) 51-68 ; 34-51 ; 187-204; 170-187 ; 136-153; segment V with alternate bands.

Thoracic setae: acrostichals 14-16; dorsocentrals 12-14; prealars 12-14; scutellars 10-12.

Wing with 1 Scf on brachiolum, squama with 16-18 setae; VR 1.06-1.08 (or 0.92-0.94).

Leg lengths and proportions (micron)

	fe	ti	ta ₁	ta ₂
p ₁	880-920	880-940	1280-1320	680-720
p ₂	1000-1140	840-880	480-540	280-320
p ₃	1160-1200	1040-1080	720-760	360-380
	ta ₃	ta ₄	ta ₅	LR

p ₁	560-600	480-520	200-240	1.40-1.45
p ₂	160-200	120-160	100-120	0.57-0.61
p ₃	280-300	120-160	120-140	0.69-0.70

BR 1.78-1.81

Abdomen yellow, tergites II-V with dark median spots (as in the “flaviplumus-group”). Tergite IX with about 7 medial setae, apparently not in any pale area.

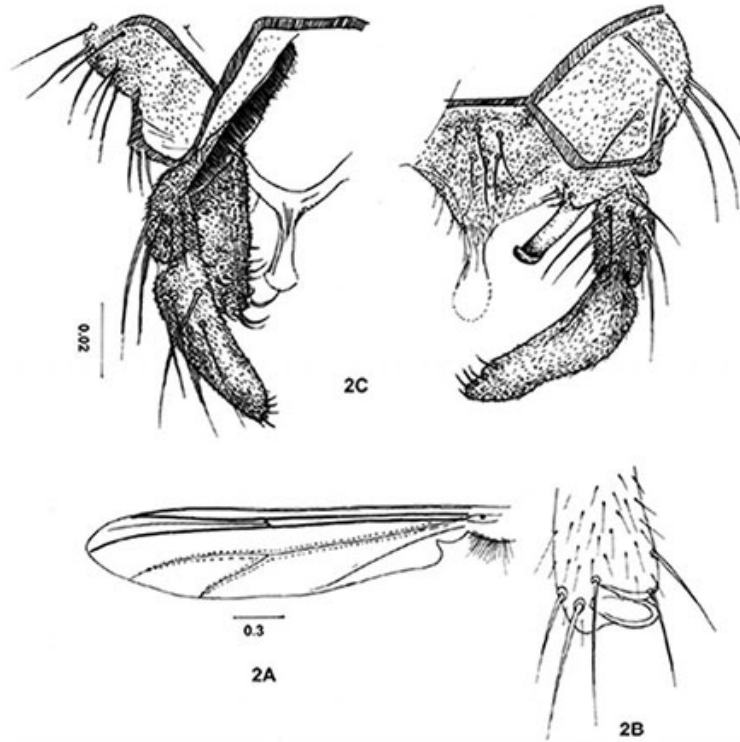


Figure 2A-C. *Chironomus alternus* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing; B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

Anal point described as straight but shown with a narrow base. IVo with branched setae, reaching beyond end of anal point and to about the middle of the gonostylus, which is hardly narrowed over distal third.

Pupa:

Length 5.96-6.08 mm. Yellowish brown in color.

Frontal apotome triangular; cephalic tubercles 20-21 µm long an 30-31 µm wide at base.

Thorax rugose, basal ring oval, HR about 1.6. Wing sheath 1.24-1.25 mm long.

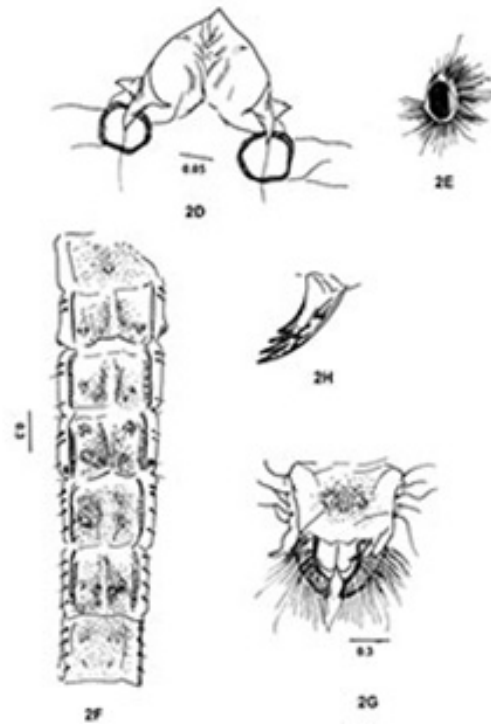


Figure 2D-E. C. *altus* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobe. H. Caudolateral spur. Das et al. 2016

Abdomen yellowish brown. Tergite I bare, tergites II-VI with median shagreen, VII-VIII with faint shagreen; segment I with baso-lateral and II with a caudo-laterals PSB; IV with PSA (58-60 x 68-69). Lateral muscle marks obvious. Hook row of segment II with 40-42 hooks, claimed to be separated into two equal halves although not obvious in figure. Caudolateral spur with 4 spines, all pointing to one side. Anal lobe with 128-132 taeniae in multiple rows. There are other measurements noted, but they are sexually dimorphic characters and the sex of the pupae is not given.

Fourth instar larva: Length 6.88-9.52 mm. Deep red in color. No information on larval type and no mention of lateral projections. Ventral tubules 1.24-1.44 µm in length.

The mentum 180-186 µm wide; appears to be type II (although described as having gradually decreasing teeth) and the central tooth type III.

Ventromentum about the same width as the mentum, but the inner margin appears unusual (actual inner margin not shown?) margin serrated, IPD 112-121 µm.

Maxillary palpus well developed with lacinial setae. PE with 14-16 teeth.

Antenna with basal segment 86 µm long, RO about 1/3 from base. Ratio of antennal segments: 86-90 ; 21.5-25.8 : 8.6 : 4.3 : 4.3 ; AR 2.10-2.22.

Premandible with five teeth and a minute globular structure at its base.

Mandible 156-160 µm long and 49-52 µm wide. The drawing of the mandible is difficult to relate to the description of a pale dorsal tooth and 4 distinct dark inner teeth (Ty. IIIC?); no mention of presence of furrows or the number of taeniae in the PecM.

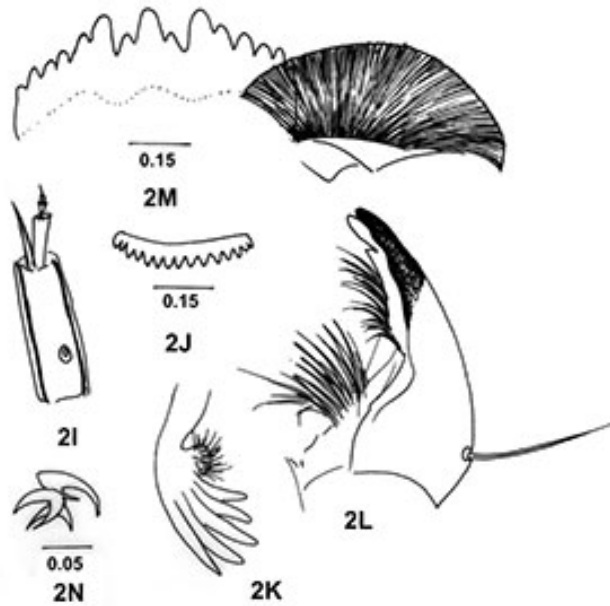


Figure 2I-N. *C. alternus* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. **Das et al. 2016**

Found: India - **Type locality** – Namdapha (27.29° N, 96.23°E. 720 m a.s.l.), Arunchal Pradesh.

Noted as showing relationship to the group of species *C. circumdatus*, *C. ramosus*, *C. striatipennis* and *C. incertipennis* but this is in regards to certain specific characters including the presence of dark median spots on tergites II-V and an anal point narrowed at the base. For these reasons it is tentatively included with the species of the “*flaviplumus* group”. The five branched premandible of the larva does not seem to indicate a relationship to *C. javanus*.

***Chironomus confectus* Das, Mazumdar & Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male:

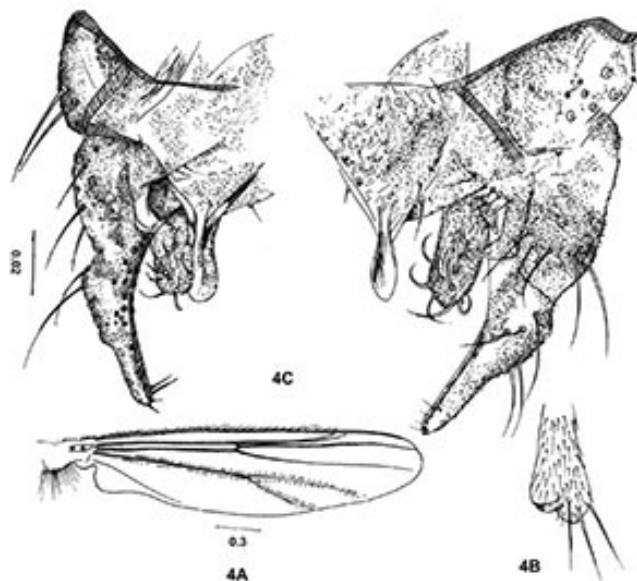


Figure 4A-C. *Chironomus confectus* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

Pupa:

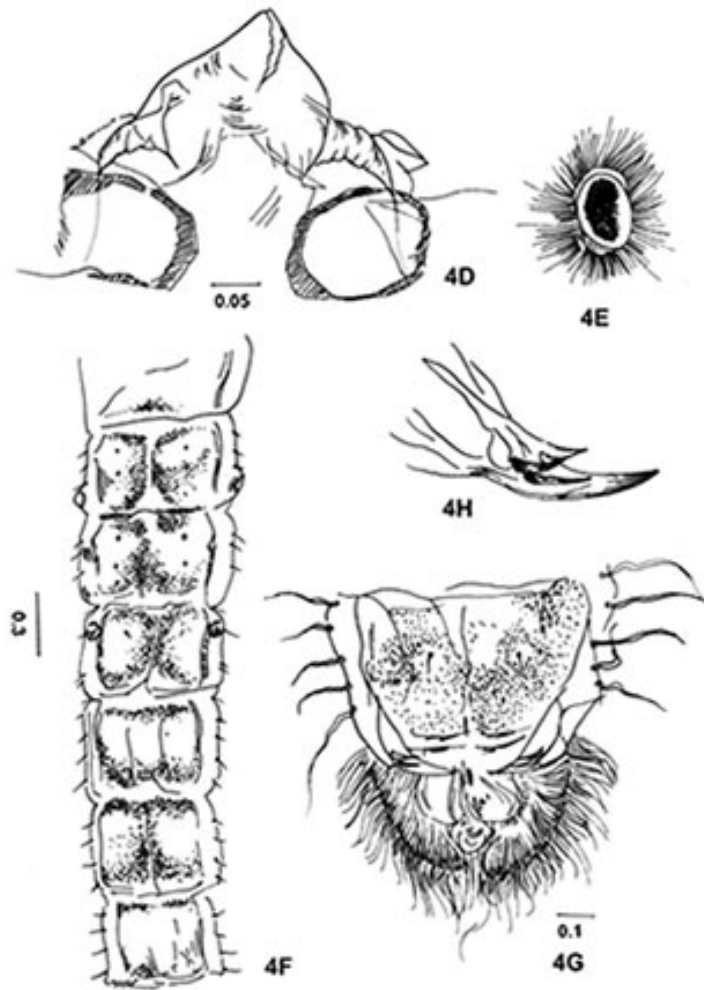


Figure 4D-H. *C. confector* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobe. H. Caudolateral spur. **Das et al. 2016**

Fourth instar larva:

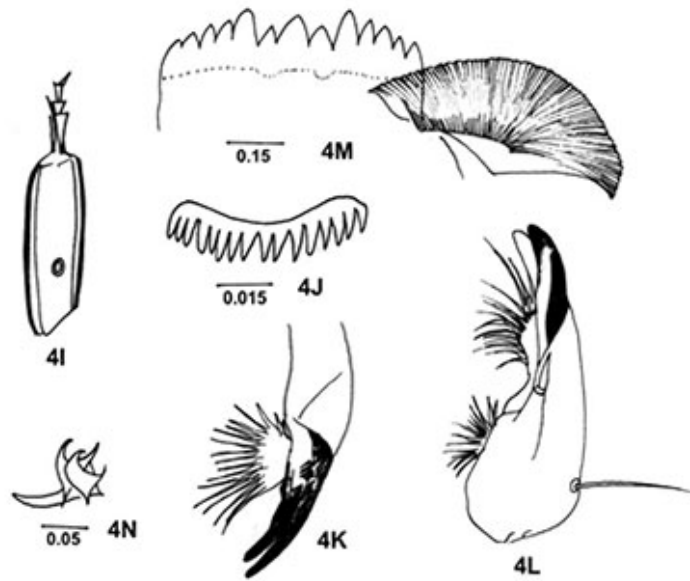


Figure 4I-N. *C. confectus* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. **Das et al. 2016**

Found: INDIA - Type locality – Bomdila (27.25°N, 92.04°E, 2217 a.s.l.), Arunchal Pradesh.

The authors note various components with similarity to a variety of species, but the apparently S-type SVo of Strenzke (1959) is rare in India and suggests a connection to the *C. flaviplumus*-group.

***Chironomus lurilatus* Das, Majumdar & Hazra, 2016**

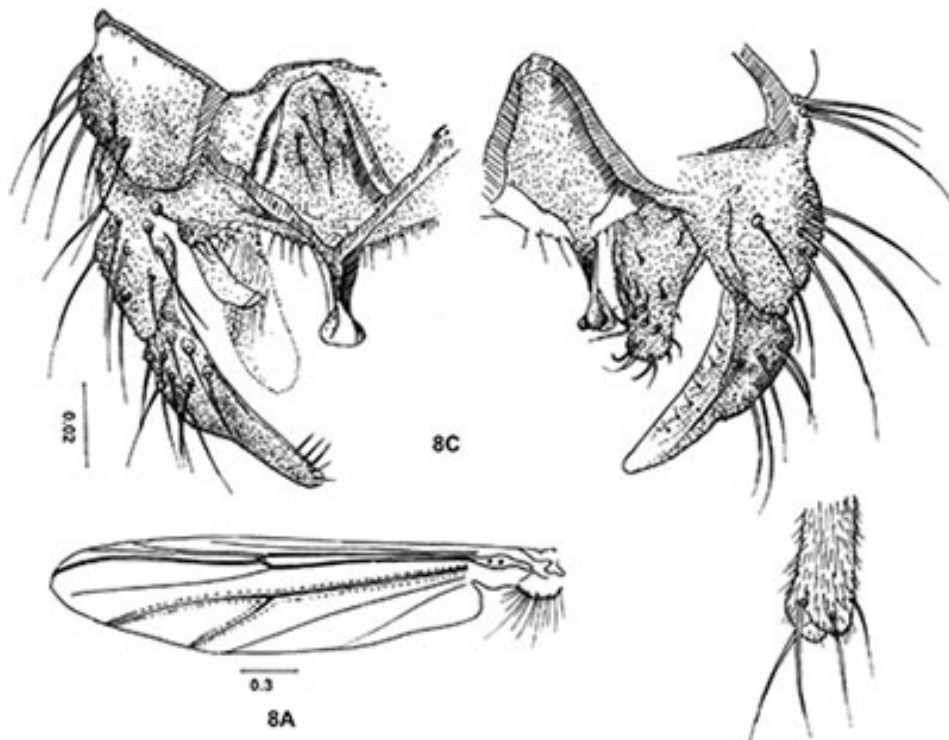


Figure 8A-C. *Chironomus lurilatus* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

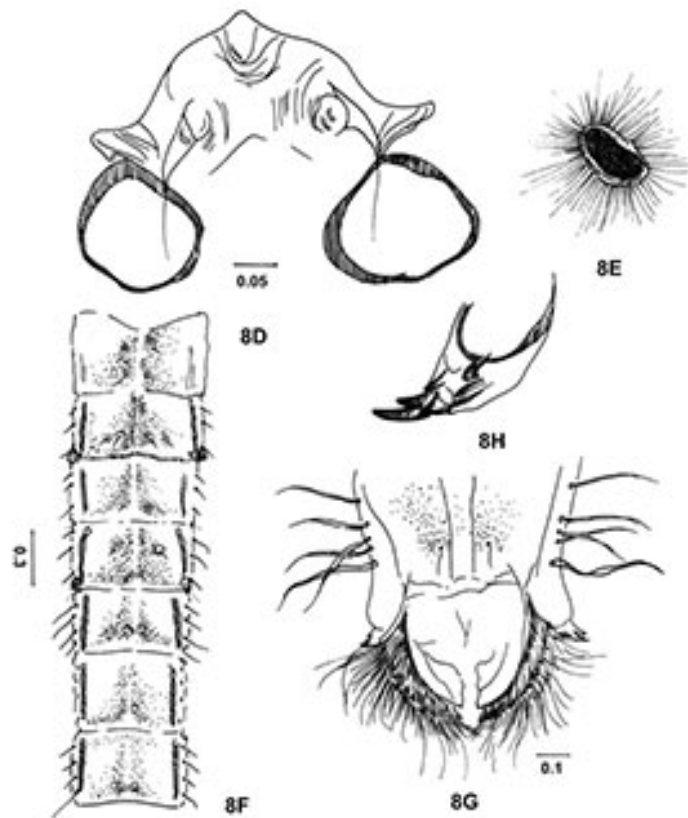


Figure 8D-H. *C. horilanus* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobe. H. Caudolateral spur. Das et al. 2016

Fourth instar larva:

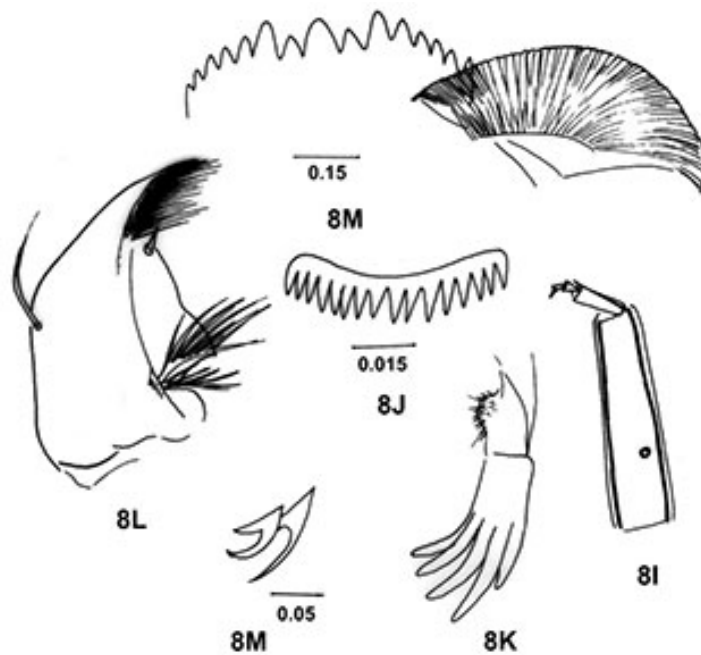


Figure 8I-N. *C. horilanus* sp. nov. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. Das et al. 2016

Found: India - Type locality Pasighat (28.12°N, 95.55°E, 153 m a.s.l.) Arunachal Pradesh.

The relationships of this species are not clear, but it might have some relationship to *C. bipunctus* which also occurs at high elevations.

***Chironomus claggi* Tokunaga 1964**

Syn: *Chironomus simantobeceus* Sasa, Sukuki and Sakai 1998 (Yamamoto *et al.* 2018)

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACQ6925](#)

Adult:

(based on Tokunaga (1964))

Male:

Wing length 2.67-2.69 mm; width 0.68-0.72 mm. LR 1.7 (1.66-1.77); Fe1/Ti1 1.22. AR 2.7 (2.5-2.85).

Large yellow and dark brown or brown species; scutum white, vittae yellow; distal part of femur and rest of legs dark; abdominal tergites with brownish bands or entirely brownish. Palpal segments in ratio: 15.5 : 16.5 : 70.5 : 70.5 : 84 (P5/P4 and P5/P3 both about 1.19).

Thoracic setae – only noted that scutellum has 10-11 setae along caudal margin with 9-11 small setae on anterior part, i.e. about 19-22 setae in total.

Tergite IX with about 7 setae, apparently in a single pale area.

Hypopygium of the dorsalis-type. IVo reaching beyond the end of the anal point and to about mid-point of the gonostylus, which is moderately swollen and narrows markedly over distal third. Setae of IVo bi- or trifurcate apically.

Female:

Wing length 3.04 mm, width 0.89 mm. LR about 1.81, PI F/T about 1.29. Frontal tubercles about 1.5 times as long as the diameter; palp proportions about 20 : 18 : 70.5 : 82.5 : 107 (P5/P4 about 1.30; P5/P3 about 1.52).

Scutal vittae entirely brown; scutellum with 12 setae along caudal margin and 7-10 smaller setae anteriorly.

Abdomen mainly yellow with dark tergal bands on all but last two segments which are dark brown.

Pupa: It is not clear whether this known pupa is definitely associated with this species. It was collected along with a female, but there is no detail as to how they were associated – the caudolateral spur is rather unusual for a *Chironomus* species, more like that of a *Stictochironomus*, as is a “rounded” anal swim fin. With that proviso, Tokunaga’s description gives the following information:

Length about 7 mm. Cephalic tubercles small on a basal blunt swelling and with a small lateral seta. Abdominal surface very weakly spinulose, sternite IV with lateral groups of spinules hardly visible; tergite II with about 71 yellow simple hooklets; caudolateral spur black with 5-6 lateral and 3-5 apical spines.

Larva and Cytology: not known.

Type localities: Futami-ko; Camp Beach, Omura; Gen’s beach, Minato-ko, Yatsue Region; all Chichi Jima, Micronesia

Japan - Tokyo Metropolitan; Chicijima Is. and Hahajima Is., Bonin Isles, Tokyo; Shimanto River, Nakamura, Kochi Pref. (**type locality** of *C. simantobeceus*) (all Yamamoto & Yamamoto 2018); Ogasawara, Kanto (GenBank & BOLD)

According to Yamamoto & Yamamoto (2018), *C. claggi* superficially resembles *C. flaviplumus* and *C. yoshimatsui* but is separable by the more slender SVo. In scutal coloration and SVo shape it resembles *C. circumdatus*.

DNA Sequence:

The mt*COI* sequence for Japan in GenBank is AB740233 & 34.

***Chironomus* (?*Chaetolabis*) *echizensis* Sasa 1994**

Found: JAPAN – Yamashiro Spa, Ishikawa Pref. (**Type locality**

***Chironomus fujisecondus* Sasa 1985**

Adult:

Male:

Wing length 2.54 (2.60-2.76) mm. AR 3.23 (3.04 -3.40).

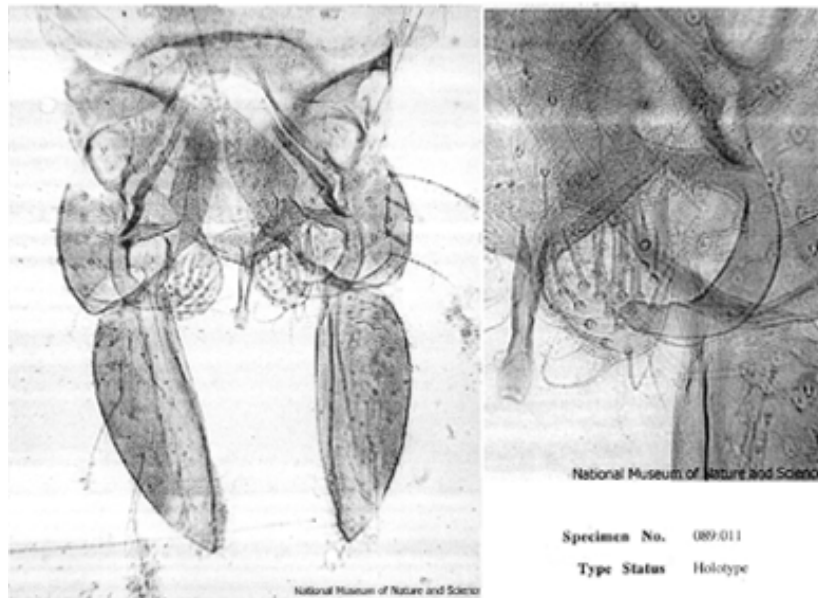
Coloration largely yellow or greenish yellow and partly brown; scutum yellow stripes yellowish brown, scutellum yellow, postnotum brown; abdominal tergites entirely greenish yellow, hypopygium brown.

Thoracic setae - Acrostichal 17 (15-19); Dorsocentral 16 (12-18); Prealar 6-7; Scutellar 22 (18-28)

Legs with femur and tibia yellow but darkening to brown along the tarsi. All tarsi with long setae, BR1 5.0 (4.0- 6.2); LR1 1.31 (1.25-1.35), LR2 0.55 (0.54-0.57), LR3 0.63 (0.61-0.67); Fore tarsus 0.23 (0.22-0.24) the length of the fore tibia.

Hypopygium and SVo as in figure below; IVo almost globular Gonostylus with straight inner margin, widest at basal third and tapering towards the apex.

Chironomus fujisecondus M. Sasa, 1985



Male hypopygium and SVo of the holotype of *C. fujisecondus*.

from National Museum of Nature and Science collection.

Female:

Wing length 2.86 mm. Coloration as male.

Frontal tubercles 8 µm long, 5 µm wide; 25 clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae - Acrostichal 25; Dorsocentral 14; Prealar 6; Scutellar 28.

LR1 1.35; LR2 0.54; LR3 0.61.

Found: Type locality – JAPAN: Lake Kawaguchi (35.59°N, 136.79°E) and Lake Yamanaka (35.42°N, 138.79°E), Yamanashi Prefecture.

***Chironomus inaabeus* Sasa, Kitami & Suzuki 2001**

Found: Type locality – Lake Inawashiro, Fukushima Prefecture, Honshu, Japan. [Holotype: male, 401(2):008 (NSMT-I-Dip 5369)].

***Chironomus inabeceus* Sasa, Kitami & Suzuki 2001**

Found: Type locality – Lake Inawashiro, Fukushima Prefecture, Honshu, Japan. [Holotype: male, 401(2):090 (NSMT-I-Dip 5377)].

***Chironomus incertus* Kieffer 1924**

Junior homonym of *C. incertus* Walker 1856. Therefore new name required.

Placed in subgenus *Camptochironomus*.

Could it be a synonym of *C. nudipes*?

Adult: Known only from the adult male.

Male:

Description of Kieffer, largely from translation by Johannsen 1932.

Yellowish. Eyes separated by their greatest width, thin part longer than wide. Palps long, 1st segment not much longer than high, 2nd and 3rd subequal, 4th little longer than the third (current 2nd-5th segments). Scape kidney shaped, antenna broken

Thorax shining, three vittae on mesonotum and mesosternum tawny, metanotum black,

halteres white. Wing hyaline, lobed, finely stippled, the cubitus forks distad of the

crossvein. Legs bright (or pale) yellow, extremity of femur black, fore tibia black with a

dark yellow preapical band, last two or three segments of the mid and hind tarsi dark, middle and hind tibiae each with two spurs, the one on the small combs as long as the one on the large combs. Pulvilli also as long as the empodium, a little shorter than the claws, with numerous median branches. Tergites with a large dark spot.

Hypopygium dark brown, formed as in *Camptochironomus*, except the ninth tergite;

terminal segments curved on the outside, free to the medial side whose distal third has fine

hairs; SVo yellowish, curved, glabrous barely exceeding the GS, most of the distal two

thirds is very slender and ending in a point, proximal third more than twice as wide and

bearing on medial side five long aligned bristles; IVo linear, with just over half the width of

the terminal segment, then reach the final third their surface pubescent, the distal half has

large dorsal setae, long and curved; ninth tergite yellow, formed as in *Chironomus*, the anal

point black, reflexed at tip. L. 5 mm.

Found: Type locality – Buitenzorg, Java, INDONESIA

***Chironomus indiaensis* Martin 2011**

New name for *Chironomus samoensis* sensu Chattopadhyay *et al.* 1991

Description and metrics based on Chattopadhyay *et al.* (1991)

Adult:

Male: Wing length 2.53-2.58 mm, wing width 0.73-0.76, VR 1.02. AR 2.99.

LR 1.41

Brownish species; yellow thorax with brown vittae, abdomen light brown to brown with median grey spots on segments II-VI. Legs yellow.

Head: Frontal tubercles present, abt 180 µm; abt 23-25 clypeal setae

Palpal proportions (arbitrary units): 10 : 12 : 59 : 61 : 81.

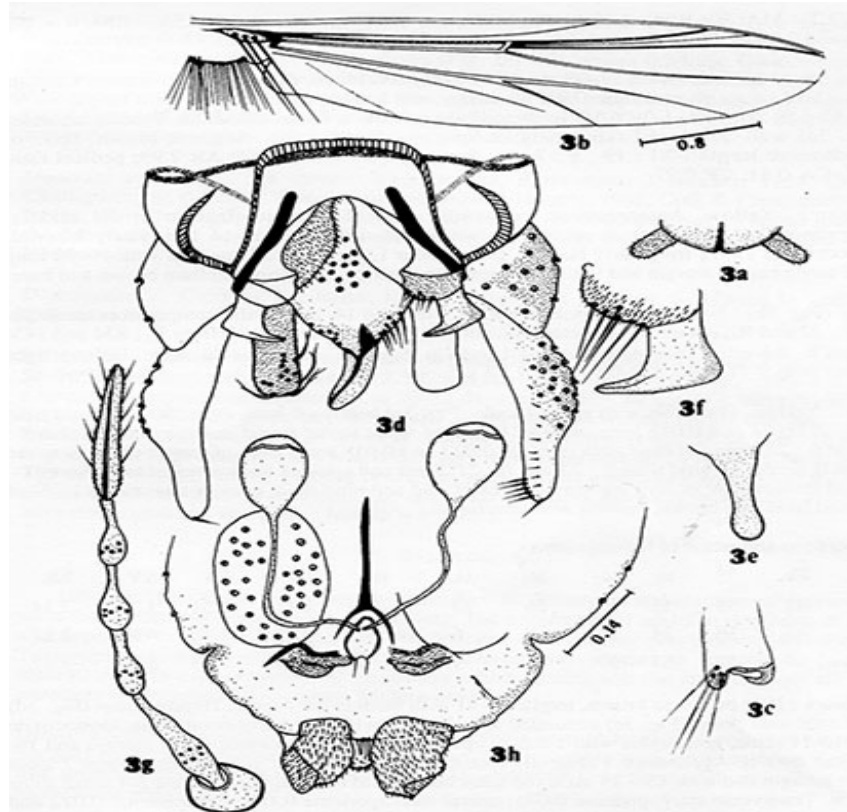
Thorax: Setae - Acrostichal 14; dorsocentral 11-12; prealar 6; scutellar in two or three rows, ant. row 9-10 small setae, post. rows 10-12 long setae.

Leg proportions (arbitrary units):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	42	39	55	30	26	23	11	1.41	1.08	2.44
PII	45	38	24	13	8	6	4	0.63	1.18	
PIII	49	50	35	20	15	9	5	0.70	0.98	

AntTa5 about 0.28 of Ti.

Hypopygium with stout anal point, 5-6 basal setae, about 13 setae on tergite IX. SVo a boot or shoe shape (S-type of Strenzke); IVo with 13-15 bifid or trifid setae.



Adult of *C. indiaensis* from Chattopadhyay *et al.* (1991) (as *C. samoensis*)

Differs from *C. samoensis* where the frontal tubercles are longer (33-38 micron); the LR is greater (1.82-1.96); and the fore Ta5 is relatively longer (0.35-0.40 of the length of fore Ti).

Female:

Wing length about 2.79 - 2.83 mm, wing width 0.76-0.77. AR 0.39.

Antennal proportions: 13 : 9 : 8 : 8: 15.

The description of the female of this species does not mention the unusually long foreTa4 noted by Tokunaga (1964), which appears to be characteristic of *C. samoensis*.

Pupa: Length 6.51 (5.99-6.61) mm in males, 7.21 (7.01-7.53) in females. Colour brown, but pupal exuviae pale brown. Frontal tubercles 75 µm long and 57 µm wide at base, subapical seta 39 µm long.

Thorax rugose, wing sheath 1.69 mm long.

About 84-96 hooklets on tergite II, tergites II-VII with median shagreen, tergite VIII with 2 median patches of shagreen. PSA caudolateral on segments IV-VII, PSB caudolateral on segment II. Tergite I bare, tergite II-VII with median shagreen, tergite VIII with 2 median patches of shagreen.

Caudolateral spurs of segment VIII with 2-4 spines.

Fourth instar larva: a small to medium plumosus type (8.41-9.83 mm), with anterior VT shorter than posterior pair; anal tubules tubular, about 340µm long.

Head capsule described as brown, but only mention of darkening is on the occipital margin.

Antenna with basal segment about 2.7 times longer than wide, RO only about a quarter up from base; AR 1.86; blade 390 µm, accessory blade 150 µm long; ratio of antennal segments (micron): 80 : 25 : 9 : 6 : 3.

Mentum shown as type I-II, i.e. 4th laterals appear slightly reduced, but laterals noted as gradually reducing in size.

PE with 14 teeth. Premandible with outer tooth longer.

Mandible shown with 3rd inner tooth only partially separated and pigmented.

The most obvious difference from the larva of *C. samoensis* is that antennal segment A4 of that species is longer than A3, while the relative lengths are reversed in this species.

Cytology: - not known.

Found: West Bengal – Berhampur, Farakka, Burdwan,
No type has been designated, but the specimens are stated to be in the National Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta (now Kolkata); the British Museum (Natural History), London; and the United States National Museum, Washington, D.C.

***Chironomus (Chaetolabis) macani* Freeman 1948**

Redescribed from Japan by Yamamoto 1987 as *Chaetolabis macani*.

Chironomus macani Freeman 1948

Einfeldia macani Thienemann 1954

Einfeldia macani Pinder 1978

Chironomus macani Lindeberg & Wiederholm 1979

Chironomus macani Wiederholm 1979

Adults

Male:

Head brown, antennal pedicel dark brown, flagellum brown.

Thorax with anteprenotum yellowish green; mesonotum pale green to yellowish green; scutellum green, postnotum dark brown, scutum with distinct dark brown vittae, median one with a pale brownish yellow median line, scutellum green, postnotum dark brown.

Legs predominantly pale brownish yellow, darkened on tarsi and tip of femur and tibia of foreleg.

Wings hyaline, slightly tinged with grey.

First abdominal segment deep green, others uniformly dark brown.

Head: AR 4.44 (4.12-4.67).

Males lack tarsal beard of European specimens.

Found: JAPAN – Hosooka, Kushiro, and Kayanuma, Kawakami, both Kushiro-county.
ENGLAND – Three Dubs Tarn, Hawkshead, Lancashire (**Type locality**).

***Chironomus mayri* Majumdar, Mazumdar & Chaudhuri 2009**

Adults

Male

Wing length 2.1-2.3 mm. AR 1.99. LR 1.7. BR 2.3

Head brown. Palp proportions (segs 2-5): 112 : 96 : 128 : 192. Clypeus with 6-8 setae.

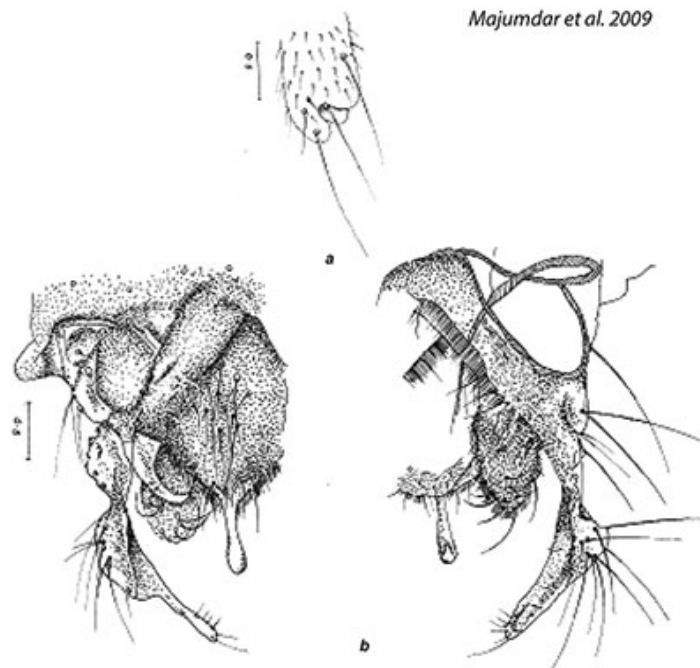
Thorax yellow. Setae: acrostichal 10-12; dorsocentral 12-14 uniserial; prealar 4-6, scutellar 18-20 biserial. Postnotum pale.

Wings with 2 SCf on brachiolum and 14 setae in squamal fringe.

Legs yellow to light brown, 5th tarsus darker.

Leg lengths and ratios. The published figures claim to be in micron, but appear to be only 1/10 of the correct micron values (below):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1080	960	1600	840	720	640	280	1.67-1.7	1.13	0.29
PII	1040	920	600	320	240	160	120	0.65	1.13	
PIII	1120	1080	920	480	360	200	160	0.85	1.04	



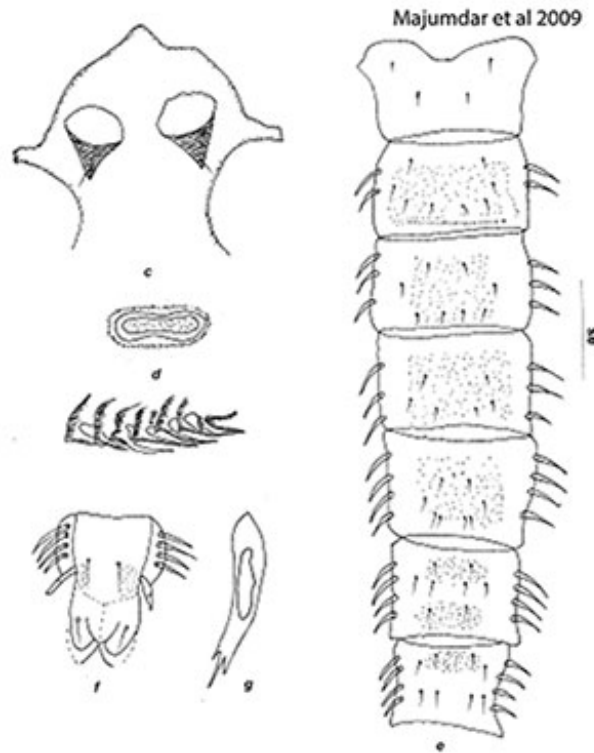
Abdomen greenish with dark median spots on tergites II-V, tergite IX triangular with about 10 median setae.

Anal point narrow at base. SVo of E-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo broad, rather like that of *C. javanus* or *Kiefferulus* species. Gonostylus widest at base, narrowing very sharply from about half way.

Female: not described (claimed as unknown, yet mating and egg laying was observed).

Pupa: Length 7.2 mm. Cephalothorax with conical frontal tubercles bearing a subapical seta 40 µm long. Basal ring constricted medially. Two pairs precorneal setae. Abdomen light brown; tergite I bare, II-V with evenly distributed shagreen, VI with a patch of shagreen at each end; VII with a single anterior patch and VII with little shagreen restricted to the lateral and posterior end. Hook row of tergite II with 48-52 hooklets apparently covering about two thirds of the width of the segment.

Posterolateral spur of segment VIII with 3 spines, the medial one elongated. Anal lobe with 80-100 taeniae.

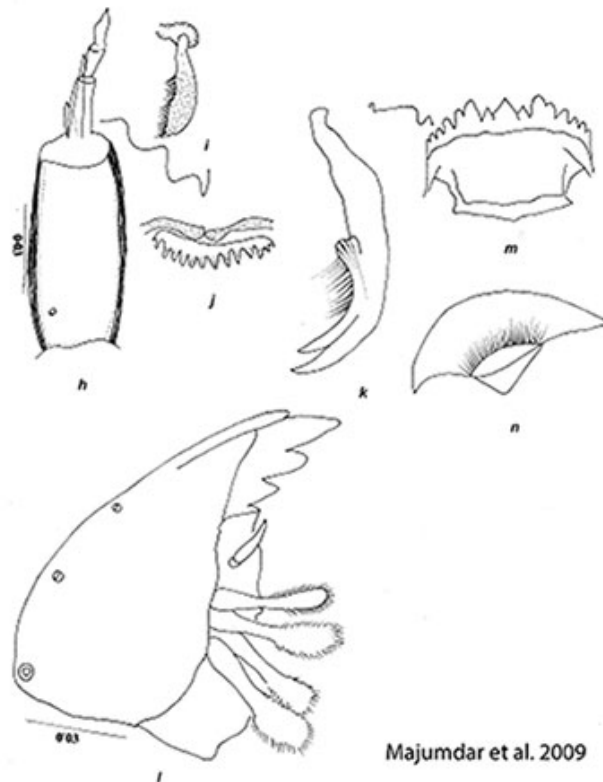


Fourth instar larva: Small (5.2 mm) plumosus- type.

Mentum with wide central tooth, closest to type IIA; 4th laterals do not appear to be reduced. VM with smooth anterior margin; length 168 µm and about 3.8 times longer than deep. PE with 14 unequal teeth (type B?). Premandible with inner tooth shorter and hardly wider than the outer tooth.

Antenna with A1 shown about 2.2 times longer than wide, RO only about 1/4 way up from base; AR 1.4-1.47; antennal proportions 100 : 36 : 16 : 12 : 4.

Mandible appears to be type IA. No information on the number of furrows or the number of taeniae in the PMan.



Cytology: Not studied.

Found: INDIA - Gopiballavpur (21°34'N, 85°11'E), West Bengal (**Type locality**).

***Chironomus mongolcedeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**

Adults

Male: A single male – Body length 6.06 mm, wing length 3.46 mm. Ground colour of scutum dark brown, vittae, scutellum and postnotum black, abdominal tergites almost uniformly dark brown except for a narrow pale band along the caudal margin of VI, VII and VIII. Leg segments brownish yellow except for short basal and apical dark bands on the tibiae.

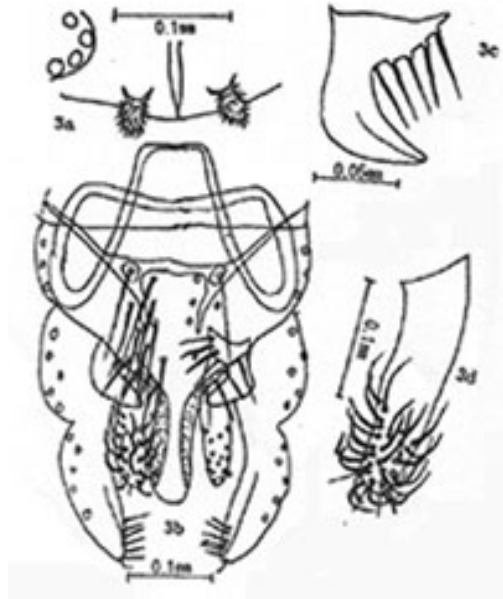
Head: Frontal tubules small, 24 x 12 μ m. AR 3.88. 25 clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae: 18 acrostichal; 27-28 dorsocentral; 6 prealar; 28 scutellar.

Wing bare, bluish, VR 1.05 (or 0.95).

Leg ratios: fLR 1.41, mLR 0.59, hLR 0.71. BR 2.2.

TIX with about 6 setae. Anal point parallel sided, SVo an S-type of Strenzke (1959), Ivo about as long as the anal point, setae shown as simple, gonostylus widest about middle and not constricted near apex.



From Sasa & Suzuki 1977

Female: not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not known.

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Bogd (1500 m).

Chironomus mongoldeceus Sasa & Suzuki 1977

Adults

Males

SVo of the E-type of Strenzke (1959).

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: Not known

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Karakorum.

Chironomus mongolefeus Sasa & Suzuki 1977

Adults

Males

SVo of the E-type of Strenzke (1959).

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: Not known

Somewhat related in the shape of the anal point to *C. anthracinus* Zetterstedt but SVo is shorter and broad.

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Karakorum.

***Chironomus mongolfegeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**

Adults

Males

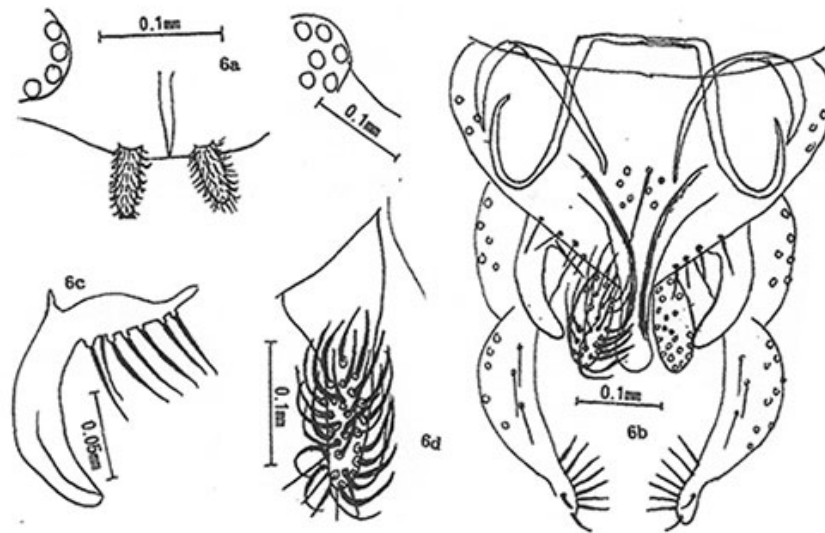
Wing length 3.35-3.40 mm; width 0.27-0.29 mm. Cross vein darkly pigmented, squamal fringe 26.

Ground color of scutum yellow, vittae largely dark brown, margins black; scutellum yellow; postnotum black. Femora largely yellow with distal portion brown; tibiae brown over basal 1/3 and distal portion but yellow in middle; tarsi I yellow for basal half, then brown; other tarsal segments brown. Abdominal tergites largely brown, II-VIII with a yellow band along caudal margin.

Head: Frontal tubercles prominent (below). AR 3.61-3.94. Clypeal setae 20-40.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichal 14-18; Dorsocentral 22-34; Prealar 6-9; Scutellar 25-34.

LR1 1.37-1.48; LR2 0.53-0.55; LR3 0.70-0.71. BR1 1.4-2.1; BR2 1.8-5.3; BR3 1.8-4.0.



Frontal tubercles and hypopygium of *C. mongolfegeus* (Sasa & Suzuki 1997)

TIX shown with 8 setae. Anal point stout, widest at base and slightly constricted in the middle; SVo closest to E-type of Strenzke (1959); IVo with recurved setae (shown as simple) over distal half, reaching just to end of anal point; gonostylus moderately swollen and narrowing markedly at tip; with 7+1 setae at end.

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not known.

Somewhat related to *C. salinarius* and *C. mongolheus*, but differs in details of the hypopygium.

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Karakorum.

***Chironomus mongolgeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**

Adults

Males

Body length 10.35 (9.96-11.12); wing length 4.87 (4.80-5.02); AR4.74 (4.45-5.41); VR 1.08 (1.05-1.11) or 0.92 (0.89-0.95).

fLR 1.32 (1.26-1.37); mLR 0.58 (0.57-0.59); hLR 0.70 (SVo of the E-type of Strenzke (1959).

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not known.

Somewhat similar to *C. fujiprimus* Sasa, and *C. annularius* (Degeer) but differs in details of the hypopygium.

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Gobi Desert.

***Chironomus mongolheius* Sasa & Suzuki 1997**

Adults

Males

Body length 8.32 (6.28-9.86) mm; wing length 3.63 (2.88-4.22) mm; AR 4.35 (3.98-4.75); VR1.05 (1.03-1.07) or 0.95 (0.93-0.97).

fLR 1.37 (1.25-1.46); mLR 0.54 (0.49-0.57); hLR 0.65 (0.62-0.68). BR 5.3 (3.3-7.8). SVo of the E-type of Strenzke (1959).

Female: Not known.

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not described.

Somewhat similar to *C. plumosus* (Linnaeus) but not as large, and to *C. fujiprimus* Sasa but differs in the SVo and gonostylus.

Found: MONGOLIA - (Type locality) Bogd (1500 m).

***Chironomus nipponensis* Tokunaga 1940**

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Morphological and molecular data both clearly indicated that there were two species included under this name, referred to as the “Lowland type” and the “Highland type”.

An examination of specimens from the type locality by M. Hashimoto (M. Yamamoto, personal communication), confirmed that the “Highland type” was the true *C. nipponensis*, while the “Lowland type” was *C. fujitertius* Sasa.

The following description is based on Sasa (1975) who described the correct form.

Adult.

Male:

A large black species, ground color of scutum silvery white, stripes brown, scutellum brownish yellow, postnotum dark brown; abdominal segments with pale apical bands.

Wing length 4.8 mm; VR approximately 1.

Head: AR 3.8, frontal tubercles 50 x 21 µm; palpal proportions (segs 2-5; micron) 110 : 310 : 350 : 540).

Leg lengths and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	BR
PI	2050	1850	2830	1390	1020	930	460	1.53	1.11	2.1
PII	2220	2240	1170	950	490	320	240	0.52	0.99	
PIII	2540	2610	1830	1370	730	460	270	0.70	0.97	

Anal point broad, wider at base than apex; SVo E-type of Strenzke (1959). SVo similar to that of *C. anthracinus* (Yamamoto 2010), setae branched.

Female

Coloration basically similar to male, but scutum yellow, and scutellum with a brown basal band. Abdomen largely black with a white caudal band on segments I-VII.

Head: Frontal tubercles 53 x 26 µm. Antennal proportions: 220 : 170 : 170 : 150 ; 310; AR - 0.44; A5/A1 - 1.41. Palpal proportions (seg 2-5): 110 : 310 : 350 : 540.

Leg lengths (micron)and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1630	1510	2440	1270	970	890	400	1.61	1.08	0.59
PII	1810	1730	1000	590	420	250	170	0.58	1.05	
PIII	2150	2120	1780	900	630	380	220	0.84	1.01	

Pupa: Only the number of spines on the spur of segment VIII noted: 3 (2-4).

Fourth instar larva: The larva is called a plumosus-type, but Sasa’s illustration suggests it could be a melanotus-type. The PLT are small; anal tubules about half as long as the posterior prolegs and not constricted in the middle. The illustration suggests that the mentum is type II-III (i.e. 4th laterals reduced almost to the level of the 5th laterals), and the central teeth could be type II, while the third inner tooth of the mandible seems to be well developed (type III).

Cytology: - no information

Found: JAPAN - Sakhalin Island, Sikuka, Karahuto, RUSSIAN JAPAN (Type locality);

Japan: Tsuchiura, nr. Lake Kaiwaguchi, Honshu, Lake Chuzenji, Lake Yunoko and Kanto, Nikko Natl. Park, Tochigi; Omachi-shi, Nagano, Chuba.
South Korea (no details).

Molecular:

MtCOI sequence shows some differentiation between high and low altitude populations (Kondo *et al.* 2016), consistent with the view of Yamamoto (2010) that there were morphological differences between these habitats. Subsequently clarified that the “Highland form” is *C. nipponensis*, while the “Lowland form” is *C. fujitertius* Sasa

***Chironomus fujitertius* Sasa 1985**

Valid name for the “Lowland form” of *C. nipponensis* e.g. Hashimoto 1977, Sasa 1985, Yamamoto 1988 and 2010.
Syn: *C. tsusimaabeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1999: 2.

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Adult: Information from Sasa 1985(b) supplemented by Sasa & Suzuki 1999.

Male

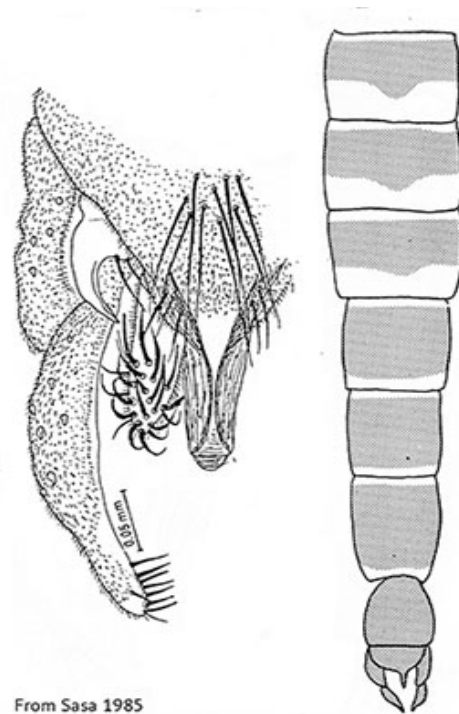
Wing length 2.25-4.84 mm; VR abt 1-1.09; 32-40 setae in squamal fringe.; AR 3.31 (3.19-3.51); VR abt 1; LR 1.79 (1.67-1.81); BR 2.9 (2.6- 3.4).

Body yellow with brown markings, scutal stripes reddish brown, scutellum yellow, postnotum brown. Abdominal markings as in figure below. Legs with femora largely yellow with a narrow apical dark ring, tibiae with a narrow apical and basal dark rings, tarsi 1-4 with apical dark band, Ta5 largely brown.

Head: AR 3.19-4.11; frontal tubercles abt 26 µm long and 11 µm wide. 22-56 clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichal 22 (12-28); Dorsocentral 25 (20-36); Pre-alar 7-8; Scutellar 30 (26-41) in double or triple rows.

Legs: LRI 1.43-1.81; BR 2.6-5.4; LR II 0.58-0.62; LR III 0.70-0.80



Ninth tergite with about 9 long central setae, not arising from defined pale areas (as in figure above); anal point with conspicuously darkened ridges. The SVo resembles that of *C. cingulatus*, so type E(g) of Strenzke (1959); setae of IVo not shown as forked. Gonostylus widest at about basal third, narrowing relatively sharply over posterior third.

Female: not described

Pupa, Larva and Cytology: not described

Found: Type locality –Japan: Lake Kawaguchi (35.59°N, 136.79°E) and Lake Motosu (35.77°N, 138.88°E) Yamanashi Prefecture; Kechi Dam, Tsushima Island (34.42°N, 120.33°E) Nagasaki Prefecture.

This species was incorrectly considered as a synonym of *C. nipponensis*, but subsequent study indicated that, as the “lowland form” of that species, it was a valid species (Yamamoto *et al.* 2019). There was a suggestion that this may be a synonym of *C. cingulatus*, however the molecular data of Kondo *et al.* (2016) indicates a clear interspecific difference in the BARCODE sequences of those two species.

***Chironomus clavipenis* Das, Majumdar and Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male:

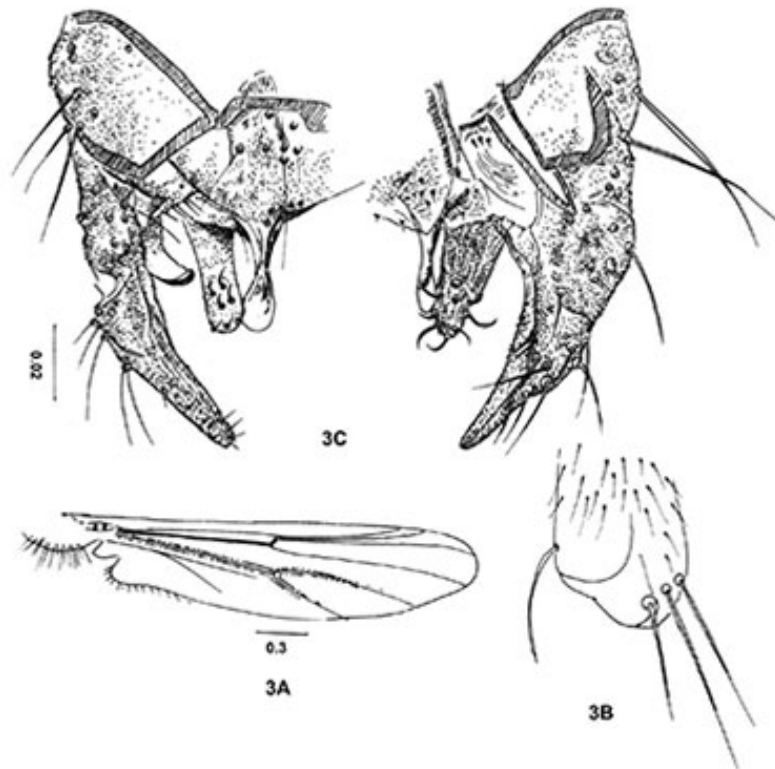


Figure 3A-C. *Chironomus clavipennis* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

About 10 setae in individual pale spots on TIX.

Pupa:

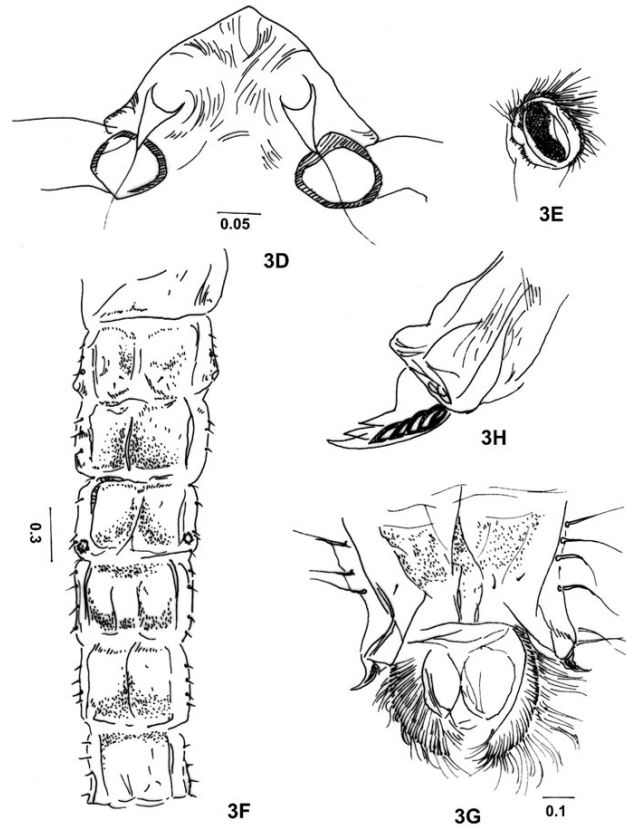


Figure 3D-H. *C. clavipennis* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobe. H. Caudolateral spur.

Das et al. 2016

Fourth instar larva:

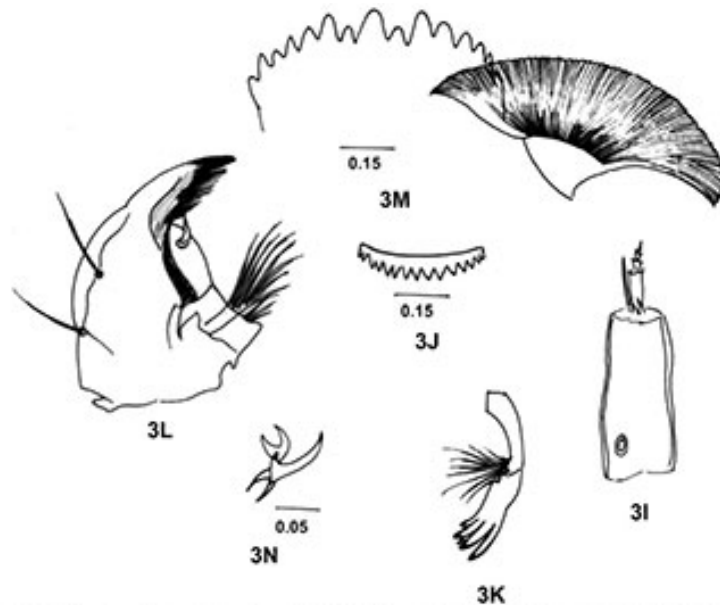


Figure 3I-N. *C. clavipennis* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw.

Das et al. 2016

Found: India - Type locality – Ziro (27.63°N, 93.83°E 1688 m a.s.l.), Arunchal Pradesh.

Noted as close to *C. ramosus*, *C. striatipennis* in structure of the male hypopygium. Another species with 5 teeth on the premandible, but adult unlike *C. javanus* although the illustration of the larval mentum suggests similarity to that of *C. javanus* in the lowered center teeth.

***Chironomus culturus* Das, Majumdar and Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male

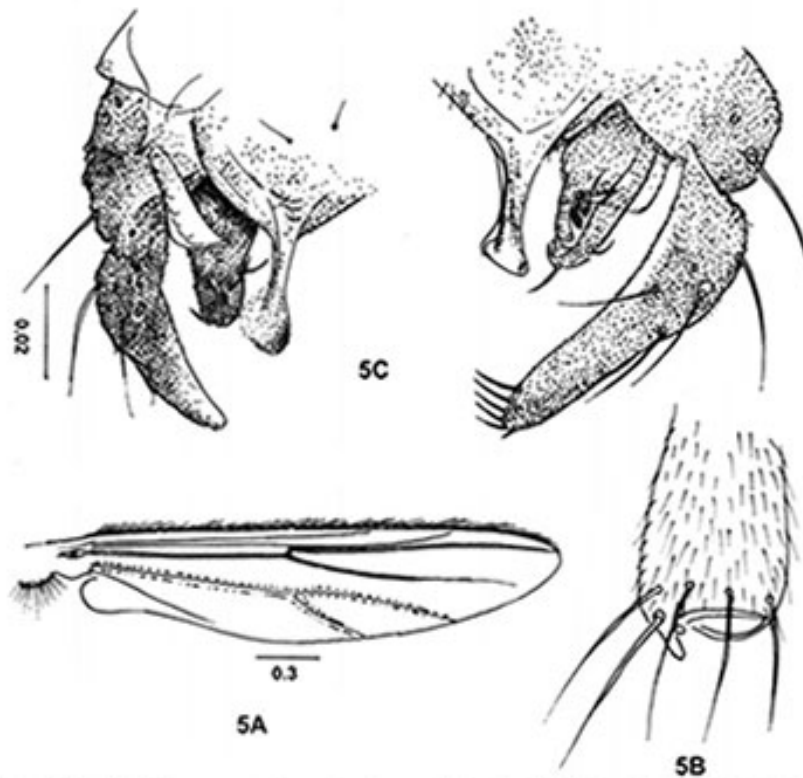


Figure 5A-C. *Chironomus culturus* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. C. Hypopygium.

Das et al. 2016

Pupa:

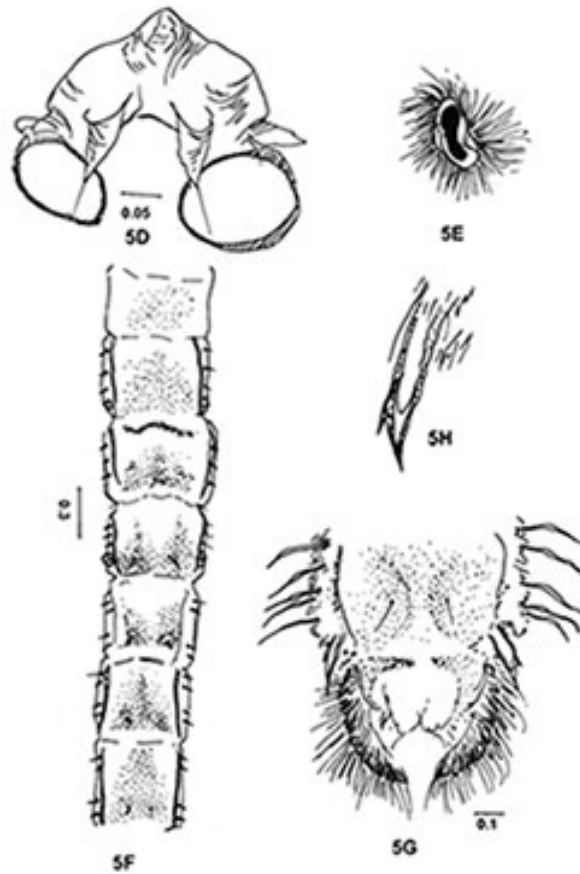


Figure 5D-H. *C. culterus* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobes. H. Caudal fork. **Das et al. 2016**

Fourth instar larva:

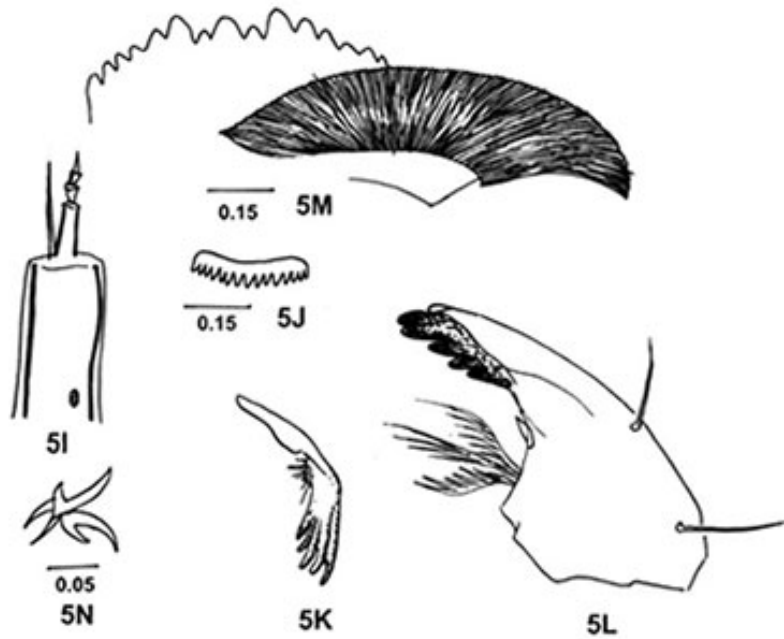


Figure 5I-N. *C. culterus* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Premandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. **Das et al. 2016**

Found: India - Type locality – Kalimpong (27.04°N, 88.28°E 1247 m a.s.l.), West Bengal.

Another species in which the larva has a five-toothed premandible; perhaps some relationship to *C. clavipenis*.

***Chironomus fortibracchius* Das, Majumdar and Hazra 2016**

Adult:

Male:

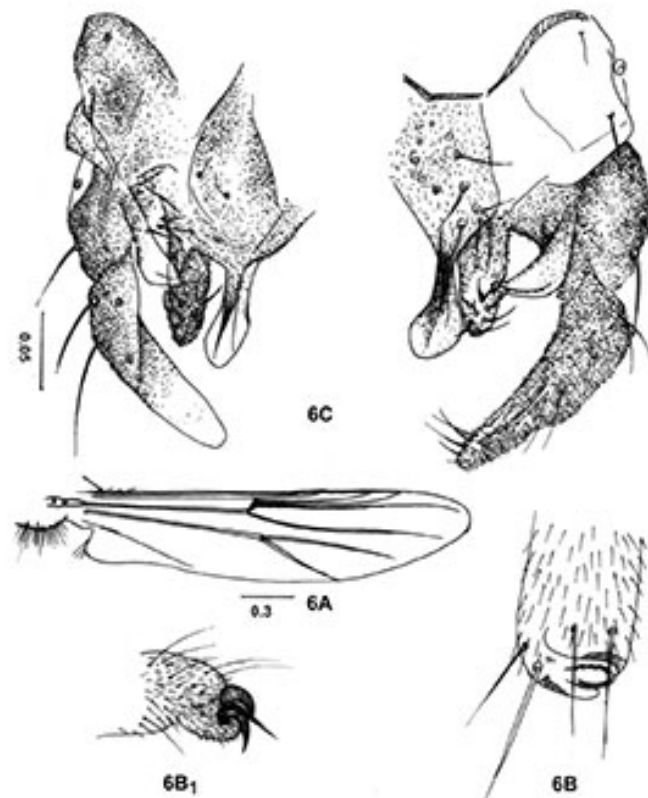


Figure 6A-C. *Chironomus fortibracchius* sp. nov., male imago. A. Wing. B. Fore tibial scale. B₁. Claws of leg. C. Hypopygium. **Das et al. 2016**

About 7 setae on TIX, apparently not in a pale area. Anal point with an expanded end. IVo shorter than the anal point and about to the basal third of the gonostylus, which is relatively swollen and narrows slowly over distal third.

Pupa:

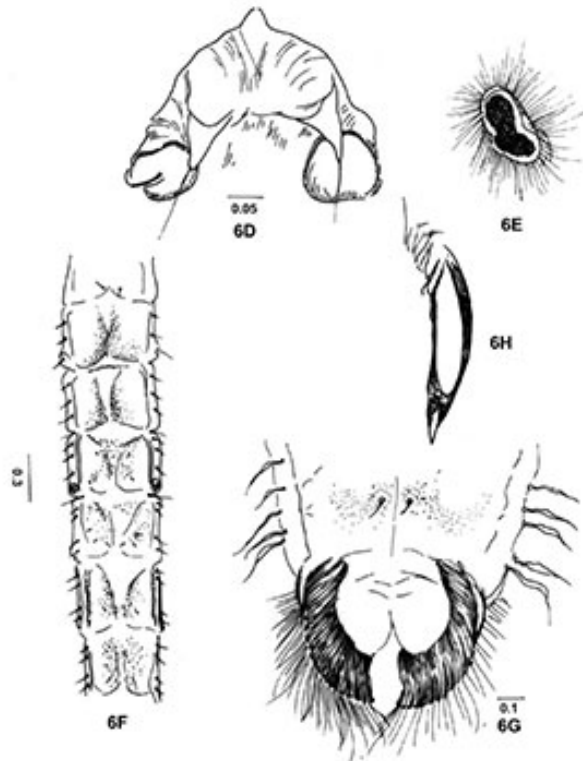


Figure 6D-H. *C. fortibraccolius* sp. nov., pupa. D. Cephalothorax. E. Basal ring. F. Abdomen. G. Anal lobe. H. Caudolateral spine. Das et al. 2016

Fourth instar larva:

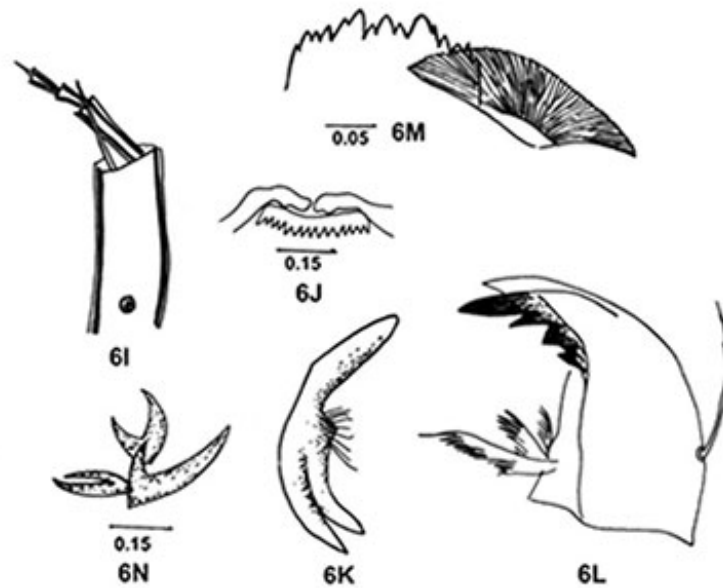


Figure 6I-N. *C. fortibraccolius* sp. nov., larva. I. Antenna. J. Pecten epipharyngis. K. Pre-mandible. L. Mandible. M. Mentum. N. Claw. Das et al. 2016

Found: India - Type locality – Kalimpong (27.04°N, 88.28°E 1247 m a.s.l.), West Bengal.

***C. (Lobochironomus) ocellatus* (Hashimoto, 1985)**

Originally *Einfeldia ocellata*

Uncertain if any Barcode sequence in BOLD due to the high degree of misclassification of specimens in the broader “*Einfeldia*” groups.

Adults

Males: from Hashimoto’s original description.

Body length 5.5-7.0 mm. AR 4.0-5.0. LR 1.4-1.6. VR around 1.0.

Head blackish brown, frontal tubercles cylindrical and pubescent; antennae with scape dark brown, other segments pale grey. Palp proportions (segs. 2-5) 5 : 20 : 20 : 23.

Thorax brownish black to black, shiny; pronotum brown, moderately developed. with dorsal V-shaped emargination; mesonotum blackish brown with 3 black vittae.

Thoracic setae – 10 acrostichals; 30+ dorsocentrals; 10-12 prealars; 20-25 short setae on scutellum which is dark brown; postnotum black.

Legs dark brown, tarsal segments more or less pale in color; anterior tibia without a beard; middle and hind tibiae with black combs and spurs.

Abdomen completely dark brown without marking; hypopygium blackish brown with 2 or 3 light colored ocellate spots, each with a central strong seta on median line of TIX; anal point black. long, spatulate and curved ventrally; gonocoxite relatively short, gonostylus longer, rather thick and reducing gently over posterior quarter. SVo horn-like with a large basal lobe covered with minute setae and 2 or 3 long marginal setae; IVo long and somewhat expanded apically with more than 20 curved dorsal setae.



Hypopygium of *C. ocellatus* from Yamamoto et al. (2015)

Female: Body length 5.0-6.5 mm. Frontal tubercles rather conical. Antennae six segmented (including pedicel), proportions 7 : 15 : 11 : 12 : 10 : 21; AR about 0.44;

A5/A1 about 1.4.

Structure and color similar to those of male. Seminal capsules large and oval; cercus large and nearly trapezoid in lateral view; marginally dark brown, covered with numerous setae on both inner and outer surfaces.

Pupa: Body length 5.5-6.5 mm. Frontal tubercles black and sharply pointed at tip with an apical seta. Thoracic horn white and plumose. Abdominal TII with an irregular row of hooklets on caudal margin spur of TVIII relatively short, black and heavily sclerotized. Anal lobe with a fringe of about 100 flattened setae.

Fourth instar larva: a small to medium sized, essentially plumosus- type larva, 11-13 mm in length. Hashimoto's drawing shows the lateral projections as quite short, while Yamamoto *et al.* (2015) show them relatively longer. Head capsule pale brown, only the postoccipital margin strongly chitinised, thick and black, with triangulum occipitale narrow and small. Frontal apotome with irregular rows of ripple-like transverse stripes near the cephalic margin, but no fenestra (i.e. not *Einfeldia*), clypeus without marking; S5 setae only slightly anterior to the "ring organ" of the dorsal head.

Antenna with 5 segments in proportions: 23 : 7 : 3 : 3 : 2; A1 about 3 times longer than wide; AR about 1.53 Segment 1 with ring organ in proximal third, antennal blade long, extending beyond middle of segment IV.

Mentum with 15 teeth, central tooth about type IIA in original description, but type IB in drawing of Yamamoto *et al.* (2015); fourth lateral reduced sometimes almost to level of fifth lateral (type I-II).

Ventromentum about 3 times longer than deep and 1.08 times the width of the mentum. PE with about 16 teeth, but not noted whether there are smaller interstitial teeth

Cytology: Not known

Found: Type locality: Japan – Komadorinoike, Senmaidake, Shizuoka Prefecture.
Types apparently discarded.

***Chironomus palpalis* Johannsen 1932**

Sublette and Sublette (1973) listed this as a species of *Chironomus*.

Adult:

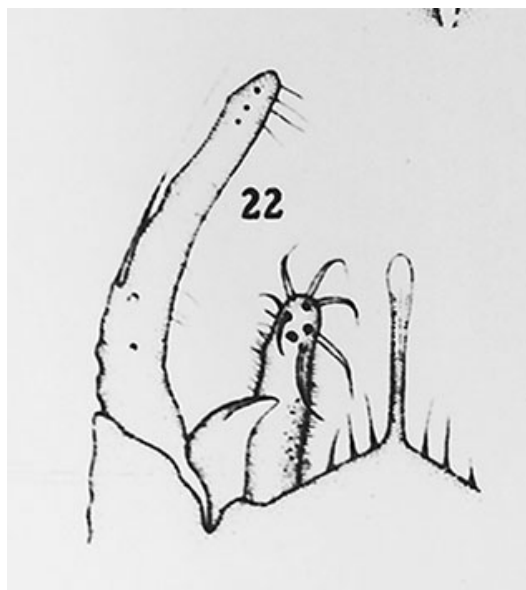
38. *Chironomus palpalis* n. sp.

Male. Yellowish species, perhaps greenish in life; mesonotum with three ferruginous vittae; tergites each with a broad, transverse pale brown fascia, the last two segments more or less wholly pale brown; hypopygium yellowish; legs bicolored. Eyes separated on the front by a distance nearly equal to a fifth the width of the head; frontal tubercles lacking; twelfth antennal segment over 3.5 times as long as segments 2—11 combined; palpi broken off. Pronotal collar slightly though distinctly emarginate. Spur of ninth tergite produced beyond the tips of the inferior appendage, the latter rounded and enlarged at the ends with recurved hairs; superior appendages short and stout, curved, bare, scarcely attaining the end of the basistyle; dististyles with about four short stiff hairs on inner mesal margin near apex (fig. 22). Legs yellow; basal fourth of fore tibia and extreme apices of all of them, brown; apices of tarsi and tips of the first three or four tarsal segments of the middle and hind feet, dark. Empodium nearly as long as the claws; pulvilli large and broad; both combs of each tibia of middle and hind legs, bearing a short spur, fore tarsi broken off. Wing hyaline; crossvein not dark, posterior branch of the radius ends about as far in front of the wing tip as the media does behind it; cubitus forks distad of the crossvein. Squama with fringe. Halteres pale. Length 3.5 mm. Reared from a larva collected in the water of a hollow bamboo stump, in the forest of Tjurup, South Sumatra, June 7.

A teneral male specimen reared from a larva taken in Lake Ranau, at a depth of 45 meters. South Sumatra, January 26. In this specimen the fore basitarsus is 1.7 times as long as the tibia and the fore tarsi are not bearded.

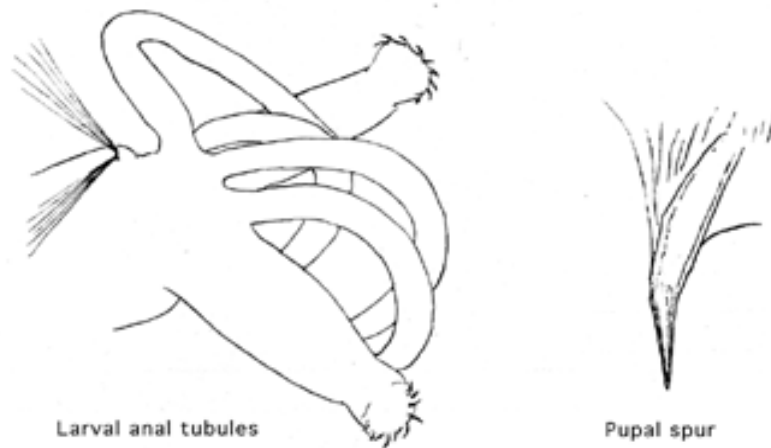
A female specimen from the same source has a six-segmented antenna with intermediate segments flask-shaped, with necks as long as the bulbous part. In it the crossvein is slightly darkened.

Original description of *C. palpalis* from Johannsen 1937



Male hypopygium from Johannsen 1937

Pupa: Integument moderately pale, length about 7-8 mm. Caudolateral spur of segment VIII with only a single spine (see figure below).



Illustrations of parts of the immatures of *C. palpalis* by Lenz 1937.

Fourth instar larva: A small to moderate plumosus-type larva, about 13 mm long; long ventral tubules and long lateral tubule on segment 10; very long anal tubules, about twice as long as the proleg (see figure above).

Cytology: Not known

Found: Type locality – Tjurup and L. Ranua, Sumatra.

In lake at depth of 45 m.

Fourth instar larva and pupa described by Lenz 1937 from material collected by Johannsen.

***Chironomus simantobeceus* Sasa, Suzuki and Sakai 1998**

Adult:

Male: Length 7.12 mm. Wing length 3.04 mm, width 0.88 mm.

AR 3.11. Frontal tubercles prominent, 48 μ m long, 12 μ m wide.

Clypeal setae 26.

Thoracic setae: 17 dorsocentral, 21 acrostichals; 7 prealars, 34 scutellars.

Found: JAPAN - Type locality – Shimanto River, Shikoku Island,

***Chironomus sollicitus* Hirvenoja 1962**

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAI4306](#)

Adult Described originally from Finland, on the basis of the adult male and female.
 Japanese material described by Yamamoto 1997, on the basis of the adult male only.
 Some additional data from original description

Male: Wing length 3.2 (3.93, 4.4-5.5) mm, width 0.9 mm., VR 1.09. AR 3.51-3.60 (3.69-4.29). L.R. 1.49-1.56 (1.36-1.58).

Coloration: Head brown, antennal pedicel dark brown. Thorax with anteprenotum yellow, mesonotum ochreas, scutal vittae dark brown, postnotum dark brown.

Legs predominantly yellowish brown, apical part of ta1 and ta2 brown, other tarsi completely brown. Abdomen predominantly brown, anteromedial and lateral portions of TI, posterior margins of TIII-VIII pale, genitalia entirely brown.

Head: Frontal tubercle small. Palpal proportions (micron) 65 : 80 : 180 : 240 : 370.

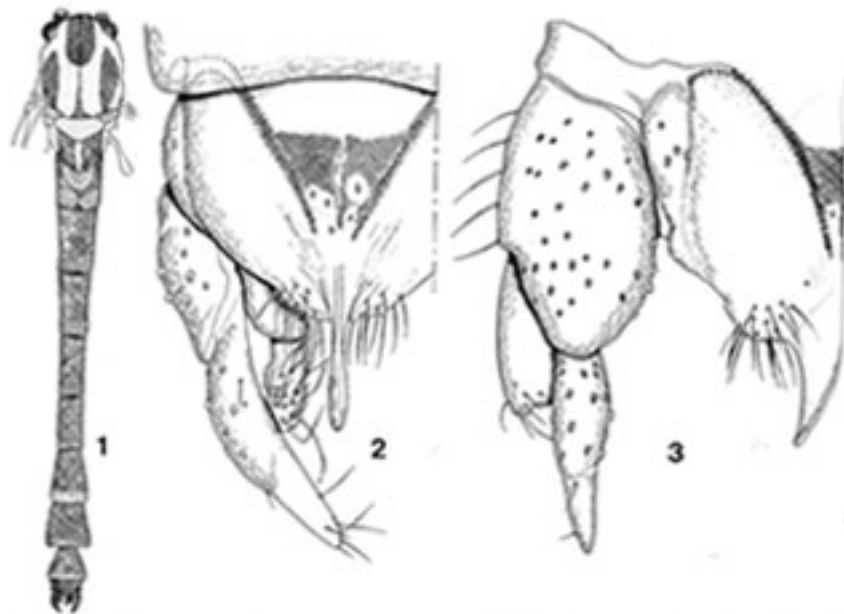
Clypeus with 33-34 setae, prementum with 1 seta.

Thoracic setae – 0-1 lateral anteprenotal1; acrostichal - 18-23 (8-23); dorsocentral - (32 (25-53)); prealars 5-6 (5-9); supraalar – 1 (0-2); scutellar - 33-34 (29-55) irregularly triserial.

Leg lengths and proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1350	1240	1890	980	780	680	310	1.49-1.56	1.09	0.25
PII	1400	1350	850	500	350	250	150	0.65	1.04	
PIII	1600	1750	1250	750	550	350	200	0.71	0.91	

BR (Europe) 2.58 (1.83-4.00)



Figs. 1-3 *Chironomus sollicitus* HIRAYENOJA. — 1, Body color pattern, in dorsal view; 2, hypopygium in dorsal view; 3, ditto, in lateral view.

[Hypopygium of *C. sollicitus* from Yamamoto 1997](#)

TIX with 5 setae in multiple clear fields (5-13 setae in European specimens).
 Anal point long and slender, slightly expanded posteriorly and bill-like in lateral view,
 SVo of S-type of Strenzke (1959) with 7-9 setae on the base. IVo long, straight, nearly
 parallel-sided, extending to tip of anal point or midpoint of gonostylus, with about 20

recurved setae on apical half, some of which are forked near the tip. Gonostylus only moderately swollen and narrows relatively gently over posterior third

Female: Japanese specimens not known, data from European specimens of Hirvenoja (1962).

Coloration essentially as in male.

Wing length 5.2 (4.8-5.5) mm.

Thoracic setae: acrostichal – 24 (18-32); dorsocentrals – 47 (32-60); prealars – 7 (6-11); supraalars 1 (0-4); scutellars – 49 (39-65).

Fore leg measurements relative to length of tibia:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1.19	1.0	1.57	0.75	0.62	0.57	0.24	1.48-1.68	1.19	0.57

BR 1.64 (1.43-2.17)

Found: JAPAN - Koshunai, Bibai, Hokkaido; Noboribetsu Hot Spr. (42.29°N, 141.08°E), Hokkaido (BOLD & GenBank),

Type locality – Riihimäki (60.83°N, 24.83°E), FINLAND

Other record: Rondane national park (61.9814°N, 9.8048°E), Dovre, Oppland, NORWAY (BOLD).

Has similarities to *C. trinigrivittatus* but differs in the shape of the anal point and the SVo.

***Chironomus trinigrivittatus* Tokunaga 1940**

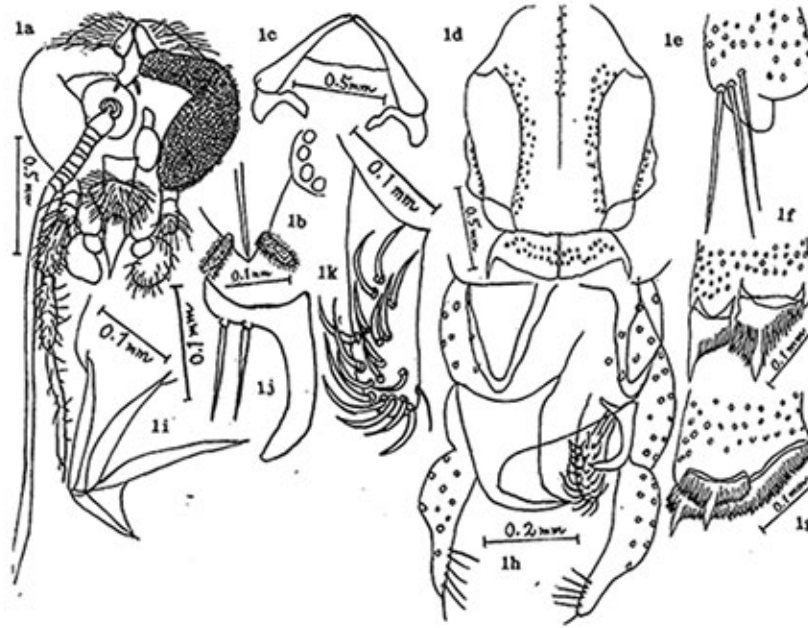
Has similarities to *C. sollicitus* but differs in the shape of the anal point and the shape of the SVo.

Found: **Type locality** - Nakanoshima Island, Tokara Islands, Kagoshima Prefecture, Ryukyus, Japan. [Holotype: male, 290:001 (NSMT-I-Dip 5010)]

***Chironomus tusimaabeus* Sasa & Suzuki 1999**

Adult:

Male:



C. tusimaabeus from Sasa & Suzuki (1999)

Body length 8.98-9.41 mm; wing length 4.48 (4.16-4.84) mm, width 1.21 (1.12-1.31) mm., VR 1.07 (1.04-1.09) (or 0.91-0.96?).

Body uniformly black or dark brown, abdominal tergites slightly paler along caudal margin. setae on scutellum and abdomen arising from pale pits.

Head: Antenna with 11 flagellar segments, AR 3.96 (3.80-4.11). frontal tubercles prominent 54 μ m long and about 3.5 times longer than wide. Palp 5 segmented, segment I with a seta, other segments with numerous setae; clypeal setae 45 (34-56). Thoracic setae: 20.7 (16-26) acrostichal; 34.8 (34-36) dorsocentral; 7.3 (7-8) prealar; 39 (37-41) scutellar.

LR1 1.48 (1.43-1.54); LR2 0.59 (0.58-0.62); LR3 0.74 (0.70-0.80); BR 3.8 (3.2-4.4), i.e. short beard.

No indication of setae on TIX. Hypopygium with anal point extremely and unusually wide and sickle shaped in lateral view; SVo possibly E-type (h) of Strenzke (1959); IVo reaching about to tip of anal point and a third along the gonostylus, with 18 recurved setae. Gonostylus moderately swollen and sharply constricted over distal third and with 6 setae at distal end.

Female. pupa, larva and cytology unknown.

Found: Type locality - Kechi Dam, Mitsushima, and Nita Dam, Kamiagata, both Tsushima Island, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyushu, Japan. [Holotype: male, 355:018 (NSMT-I-Dip 5166); paratypes: males, No. 355:95, 374:57].

***Chironomus uttarpradeshensis* Singh & Kulshrestha 1976**

Redescribed by Maheshwari, 1989, who notes that the original description actually described the female of *C. bharati* by mistake.

Adult:

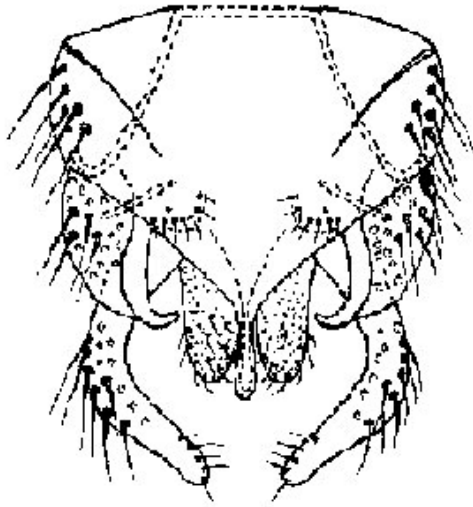
Male: Yellowish brown, tibial apex black, abdominal terga II-V with black marking. Hypopygium light-brown.

Wing length 2.80 mm; VR 1.09.

Head – AR 2.6; frontal tubercles 41.5 µm; palp proportions 14 : 13 : 33 : 20 : 40.

Leg lengths (microns) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1080	960	1590	840	600	450	240	1.63	1.13	0.25
PII	1240	1140	670	380	270	190	140	0.63	1.09	
PIII	1380	1440	1030	600	480	290	170	0.72	0.96	



Male hypopygium of *C. utterpradeshensis* (Madeshwari, 1989)

Anal point rounded, 97 µm long and reaching beyond the IVo. Gonostylus curved and only moderately swollen, narrowing gently over about posterior third. SVo sickle shaped, closest to E(h) of Strenzke 1959. IVo with 13-17 recurved setae (although shown as directed posteriorly). No setae shown on TIX.

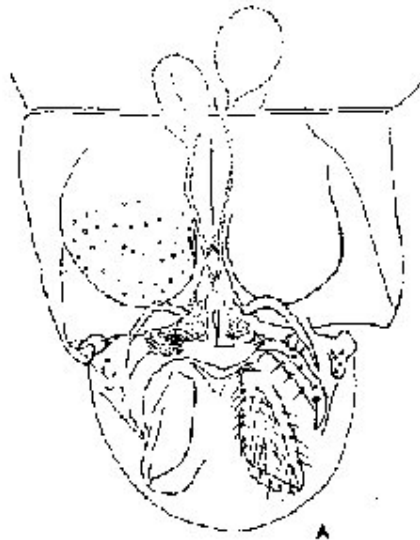
Female: Colour similar to male but marking on abdominal tergites less conspicuous.

Head: Frontal tubercles smaller than in male. Antennal proportions 22 : 7 : 7 : 8 : 14, AR 0.32, A5/A1 0.64.

Wing length 3.72 mm, slightly wider than in male; VR 1.10.

Legs as in males, lengths (micron) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1320	1260	2040	990	840	660	280	1.60	1.67	0.52
PII	1440	1500	840	460	360	200	170	0.56	0.96	
PIII	1680	1800	1320	720	500	310	190	0.73	0.93	



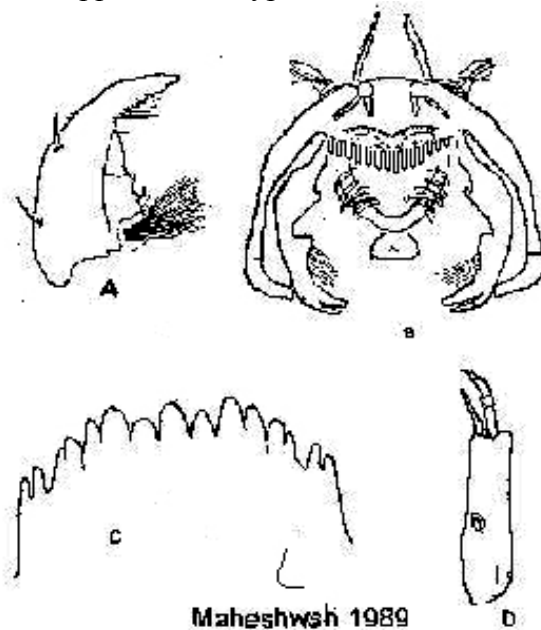
Genitalia as in figure above. GCIX with 2-3 setae; segment X with 11-12 setae.

Pupa: Body length 5.00-5.40 mm; abdomen pale brown. Respiratory organ with four branches; anterior trunk larger than posterior trunk. TII (not TIII as stated) with a row of hooklets (not counted), spur of segment VIII with two pointed spines.

Fourth instar larva: length 9.00-9.84 mm; VT present, but no details; head capsule with a pair of dorsocentral stripes originating from the median strip; length 0.57 mm and width 0.46 mm. RO in basal half of A1, 25 μ m up from base; antennal blade reaching apex of A4; A3 smaller than A4, A5 smallest, AR 1.83.

Mandible triangular, appears 4th inner tooth only about type I; preapical comb well developed; PE with single row of teeth, figure shows 11 teeth of type B. Premandible with teeth about equal in length, inner tooth shown about 4x wider.

Mentum shown as type I-II, but 4th lateral very closely attached to 5th laterals and separated from 6th laterals, central tooth appears to be type IIA.



Maheshwsh 1989

Found: India - Type locality – Khanari Agricultural Farm, Agra, Uttarpradesh.

***Einfeldia kanazawai* Yamamoto 1996**

Yamamoto *et al.* (2015) transferred it to *Chironomus* and suggest that it belongs to the same group as *C. ocellatus*, i.e. subgenus *Lobochironomus*. In the absence of information on the larva, this placement appears incorrect and that it should remain in *Einfeldia*.

Adult:

Male: AR 2.81 (2.61-3.06).

Leg lengths (µm) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1313	798	1620	850	678	740	293	1.84-2.15	1.65	0.93
PII	1225	1010	725	368	263	168	115	0.70-0.74	0.96	
PIII	1330	1230	990	497	367	230	133	0.80-0.83	1.08	



Hypopygium of *E. kanazawai* from Yamamoto *et al.* (2015)

T IX with about 14 setae in a single pale area.

Anal point broad, narrowing slightly at distal end. SVo closest to S-type of Strenzke (1959). IVo not reaching the end of the anal point, but to about middle of gonostylus, which is moderately swollen and narrows markedly at about two thirds of its length, 1+5 setae at tip.

Female: Total length 3.4-5.6 mm. Wing length 2.6 (2.0-2.9) mm, width 0.7 (0.6-0.9) mm. Coloration as in male.

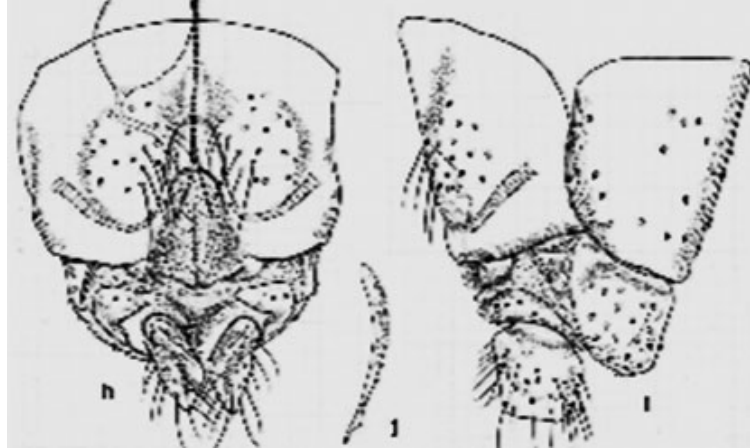
Head: Antenna (µm): 163 : 110 : 119 : 110 : 219, AR - 0.44, A5/A1 - 1.34.

Palps (µm) 50 : 60 : 176 : 213 : 310; P5/P4 - 1.46; P5/P3 – 1.76. Clypeus with 21-33 setae.

Thoracic setae: 10-19 acrostichals; 16-20 dorsocentrals partially biserial (no humerals shown); 3-8 prealars; 1 supraalar; 16-29 scutellars, partially triserial.

Leg lengths (μm) and proportions:

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1507	930	1953	1000	807	1007	390	1.84-2.15	1.62	1.08
PII	1370	1180	807	393	267	180	130	0.67-0.71	1.16	
PIII	1500	1373	1090	535	395	255	160	0.76-0.82	1.09	



Female genitalia of *E. kanazawai* from Yamamoto *et al.* (2015)

Segment X about 2.3 times longer than its greatest width, with 4-10 setae. Gonostylus approximately rectangular with a slight bulge on dorsal margin and a larger one on the ventral margin, at the base.

Pupa, Fourth instar larva and Cytology: not known.

A characteristic of this species is the very long anterior Ta4 of both sexes.

Found: Type locality – Kampira, Iriomotejima Is., Ryukyus, Japan;
other localities – Honshu; Kyushu; Nago City, Kunen-mata; Kochi; Kunigami-son,
Aha, Okinawa Island.

***Einfeldia pagana* (Meigen 1838)**

Synonym *Einfeldia synchrona* Oliver, 1971

The species relationships in *Einfeldia* are so confused that any designation of synonymy is tentative at best. While these two species are undoubtedly in *Einfeldia*, there is insufficient evidence to confidently define them as synonymus.

Unfortunately many specimens identified as *E. pagana* in GenBank and the BOLD database are really species of *Benthalia*. It is also possible that *E. pagana* does not occur in Japan and the material described here may need a new name (see below)

Einfeldia pagana is a Holarctic species.

North American material is in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAG5475](#)

A specimen from Japan identified as *Einfeldia pagana* is closest to BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW3454](#)

This bin also contains specimens identified as *B. dissidens*

From photograph the following can be obtained:

LR1 abt 1.8; LR2 abt 0.6; LR3 abt 0.7.

These data indicate that it is actually a specimen of *Benthalia*: See *Benthalia* sp. 3 (below)

Description by Yamamoto (1995):

This seems to be the best description of Japanese material in English. Yamamoto refers to a description in Japanese by Sasa (1993).

Adult:

Male: Wing length 3.4-3.9 mm, width 0.9-1.0 mm, 14-24 setae in squamal fringe. VR 0.92 (0.90-0.96); LR 1.72 (1.66-1.76); AR 3.35 (3.00-3.71).

Brownish black, with thorax largely blackish brown, vittae etc. brownish black; legs brown to dark brown. Abdomen uniformly brownish black.

Head: Frontal tubercles minute 2.5-5.0 µm long and 5 µm wide. Clypeal setae not given. Palp segment lengths (1-5) (µm): 67 : 94 : 275 : 198 ; 264.

Anteprenotum distinctly divided at middle by a conspicuous V-shaped notch, scutal tubercle indistinct, acrostichals normally developed. Thoracic setae: acrostichals 8-12 (biserial); dorsocentrals 11-14; prealars 6-8; supra alar 1; scutellars 15-23 (biserial).

Leg length and proportions (micron)

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1530	1290	2000	1080	810	620	300	1.52-1.63	1.18	0.23
PII	1560	1460	890	550	420	300	210	0.58-0.63	1.07	
PIII	1690	1830	1230	770	580	390	230	0.65-0.70	0.92	

Note: The LRs given by Yamamoto are clearly calculated in a different manner, so the values given by the usual formula (apparently his BV values) are provided.

Gonostyle inflated and abruptly constricted near the apex; anal point broad, SVo with a high base, the chitinised distal part arising below the top of the base and the appearance is not sickle shaped; IVo relatively thick and straighter than that of *E. sasai* (see below), bearing recurved setae at the distal end.

Female: Coloration almost the same as male, but anteprenotum and ground color of scutum ochreous, vittae black, scutellum pale brown.

Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm; width 1.0-1.2 mm.; VR 0.87 (0.85-0.90); 19-27 setae in squamal fringe.

Antennal proportions (µm): 173 : 113 : 122: 128 : 203; AR about 0.38, A5/A1 abt 1.17.

Frontal tubercle minute, 2.5-5.0 µm long and 2.5-7.5 µm wide. Clypeus with 35-55 setae. Palp segment lengths (1-5) (µm): 67 : 90 : 241 : 211 : 321.

Thoracic setae: Acrostichals 7-13 (biserial); dorsocentrals 12-16 (uniserial); supraalar 1.

Leg length and proportions (micron) (values as for males)

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta4/Ti
PI	1590	1270	2020	1040	790	600	300	1.45-1.63	1.25	0.47
PII	1640	1460	860	520	390	280	210	0.57-0.62	1.12	

PIII	1650	1790	1150	700	540	340	320	0.62-0.66	0.92	
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Genitalia: Apodeme of VIII sternum well-developed, rounded postero-laterally, joined mesally; segment X with 4-5 setae. Cercus large, oblong.

Pupa: The only information for the pupa seems to be that for European specimens (e.g. Langton and Visser 2003):

Length of exuvia 7.5-9.0 mm. Cephalic tubercles large, conical, curved, 145-190 μ m long and 120-155 μ m wide.

Abdomen: Hook row of segment II entire, length of row 0.43-0.52x width of the tergite.

Armament of tergites II-IV an undivided, usually extensive patch of strong points, on seg. II extending forward at least as far as setae D1. The patch on tergite VI is more or less reduced.

Lateral tainiae of segments V-VIII: 4,4,4,5. Comb, or spur, of segment VIII of 4.5 (2-7) small teeth. Fringe of anal lobe with 63-86 taeniae.

Fourth instar larva: In 2006, Yamamoto published some brief notes on the larva:

One pair of ventral tubules. In 2015, Yamamoto *et al.* further noted the large oblong fenestra in the frontoclypeal apotome, a feature noted and illustrated for European specimens by Pinder and Reiss (1983) and S5 setae well anterior to the “ring organ” of the dorsal head; the rugosity anterior to the fenestra has not been confirmed in Asian specimens.

The description of North American specimens gives the coloration of the mentum and frontoclypeus as pale.

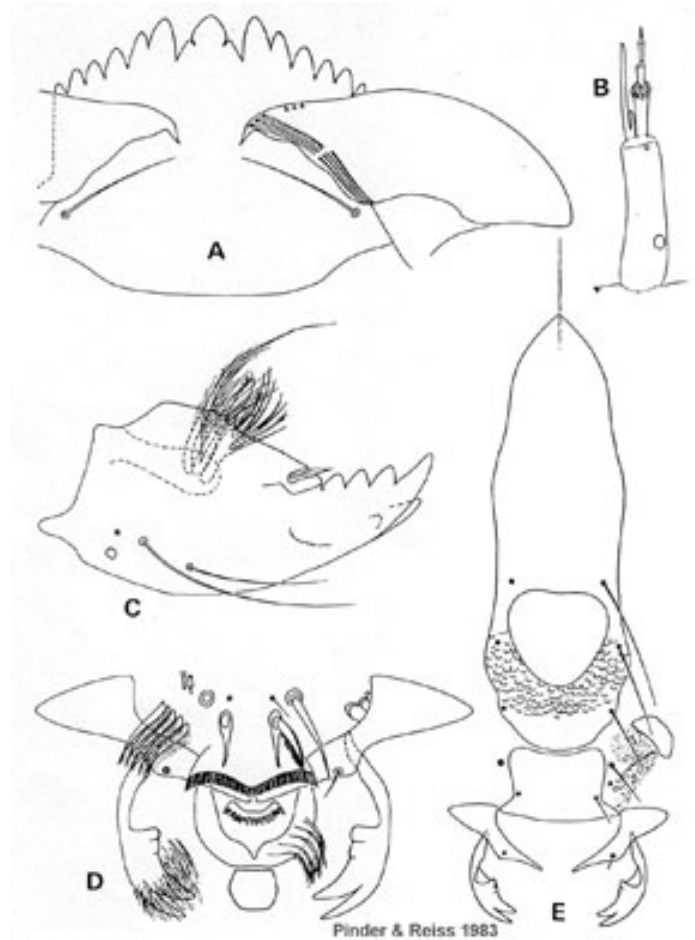
Mentum with pointed teeth apart from central tooth which may be worn in the available specimen, c2 teeth little more than notches (type I); 4th laterals in line with other lateral teeth (type I).

VM (A, below) with a sharply downturned inner edge and a wavy anterior margin. PE (D, below) with about 12 rather irregular teeth.

Premandible with two teeth of about equal length, inner tooth wider than outer tooth (see D, below).

Antenna (B, below) with basal segment relatively short, AR = 0.8, about 3.3x as long as wide; A3 relatively long, A4/A3 about 0.8.

Mandible (C, below) with pigmented and clearly separated third inner tooth (type IIIC). No furrows on outer surface near the base.



Larval headparts of European *E. pagana*: A. Mentum, B. Antenna, C. mandible, Labro-epipharyngeal region, E. Dorsal sclerites.

Cytology: Unfortunately no chromosome studies are available for Asian specimens, as these could help determine the identity of North American and Asian specimens

Other descriptions of *Einfeldia pagana* indicate that it is a paler species, but it appears that Yamamoto is justified in considering this to be a seasonal variation of color – his specimens were collected in May. However, there is doubt as to whether this material is actually *E. pagana*, since Yamamoto illustrates the anteppronotum to have a distinct V-shaped notch, while the Holarctic keys indicate that the anteppronotum is fused. This, together with the fact that there is no Oriental specimen in the same BOLD Bin as the North American specimens, suggests that this material requires a new name.

The presence of this darker form may help explain why the species is confused with the generally dark *Benthalia* species.

Found: - A Holarctic species.

Japan – Yamaguchi; Okinawa Island; Kyushu; Lake Hibera, Fukushima, Honshu.

There appear to be no specimens in the Chironomid DNA Barcode Database (at January 2020), nor does any Japanese specimen fall into the same BOLD Bin as the North American specimens (in the absence of any European specimens).

Holarctic distribution (Belgium - region of Liège; **Type locality**).

***Einfeldia pritiensis* Singh & Rawal**

Singh & Rawal 2016b published a barcode sequence supposedly for this species, but that sequence corresponds to a species in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACC5662](#) (see below)

Adult:

Male: (Holotype)

Length 4.5 mm. Wing length 3.4 mm. VR abt 0.91.

Head brown, thorax dark brown, abdomen pale brown.

Wings clear with dark veins.

Leg lengths and proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T	Ta5/Ti
PI	1600	1280	1700	900	800	640	300	1.33	1.25	0.23
PII	1600	1500	700	500	400	280	200	0.47	1.07	
PIII	1700	1700	1100	680	600	380?	200	0.65	1.00	

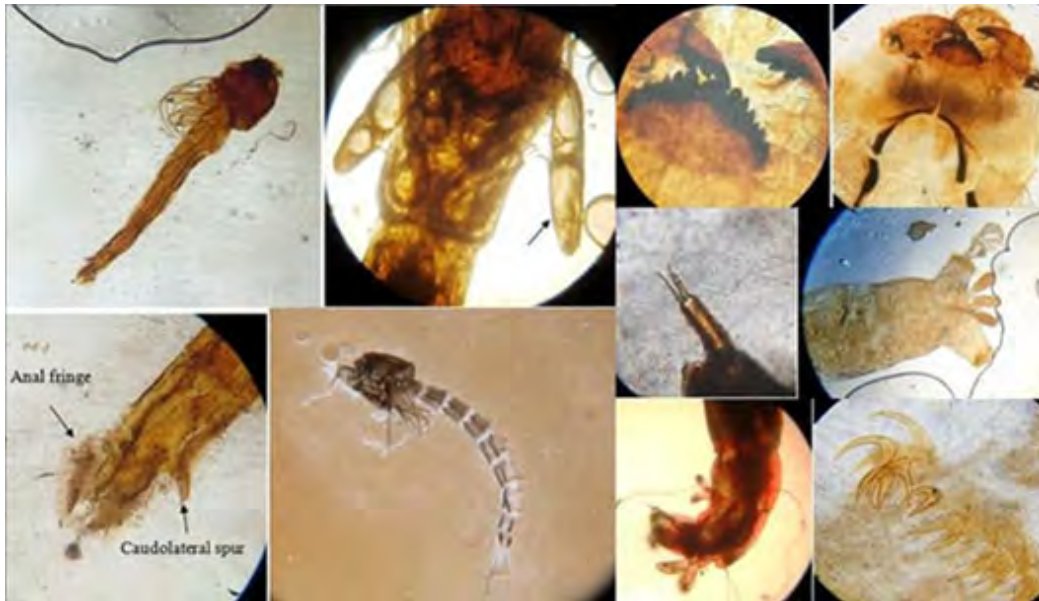
Abdomen tapered. Hypopygium not clear from photograph or drawing. No setae can be seen on tergite IX, anal point narrow, perhaps narrower at base; SVo not described but appears to be long and sickle-shaped, base not visible; IVo long and clubbed, extending about to the sharp narrowing of the gonostylus.



Adult male (left) and female (right) of *E. pritiensis* from Singh & Rawal 2016b.

Female - not described, but small photographs of the whole fly against a ruler (length appears about the same as for the male); the antenna; the seminal capsule (appears shaped like a wine glass); and the ventral posterior segments. The antennal proportions are approximately (units) 12 : 10 : 10.5 : 10 ; 17, AR abt. 0.4; A5/A1 abt 1.42.

Pupa: The pupa is illustrated by four small photographs, but the description is only that for a Chironomini pupa. It appears the thorax is dark brown and the abdomen yellow-brown. The exuvium is relatively dark. There is a well-developed spur on segment VIII, but it is not possible to determine the number of spines.



Pupa (left) and larva (right) of *E. pritiensis* from Singh & Rawal 2016b.

Fourth instar larva: In their Introduction, Singh & Rawal (2016a) note that they identified their species as an *Einfeldia* from the larval identification manual of Epler (2001), otherwise photographs of the mentum and mandibles; head, antenna, posterior part of larva, ventral tubules and setae on prolegs in Singh & Rawal (2016b). From these it can be determined that there is one pair of ventral tubules, anal gills short, about 2.5 times longer than wide.

Ventral head darkened on posterior half and width greater than the width of the mentum. Given the identification from Epler, the fronto-clypeus presumably has a foramen. Mentum apparently with 13 teeth although unclear if there are notches on the central tooth, but these can be lost due to wear.

Antenna with 5 segments, blade reaching to end of segment 5; AR perhaps 1.5.

Mandible with three dark teeth and a pale but relatively well separated fourth inner tooth.

Cytology: No information.

Found: India: - Udaisagar lake, Udaipur, Rajasthan (**Type locality**)

Molecular sequence:

Singh & Rawal (2016c) obtained a COI barcode sequence, which they note is very close to *Polypedilum*. In fact it has better than 95% homology to an unnamed *Polypedilum* species in both GenBank and BOLD. The most obvious explanation of this is that their sample contained both *Einfeldia* and *Polypedilum* specimens, and that a *Polypedilum* was accidentally chosen for the DNA extraction. This can be confirmed if there is a voucher available for examination.

Although it appears that no species of *Einfeldia* have previously been recorded from India, this does not mean that this is necessarily a new species, as it may have been described from elsewhere. Unfortunately this description is not sufficient to distinguish it from other species, and the inappropriate *COI* sequence does not help.

***Einfeldia sasai* Yamamoto & Yamamoto, 2018**

Einfeldia pagana, Sasa & Suzuki 2001 - misidentification

Adult:

Male: Wing length 2.34 mm., Wing length/width 0.28, VR 1.03. AR 3.0

Head, scutal stripes and postnotum brown, scutellum and legs yellow, abdominal tergites I to V with a brown area in the middle of the posterior margin, VI-VIII largely brownish yellow.

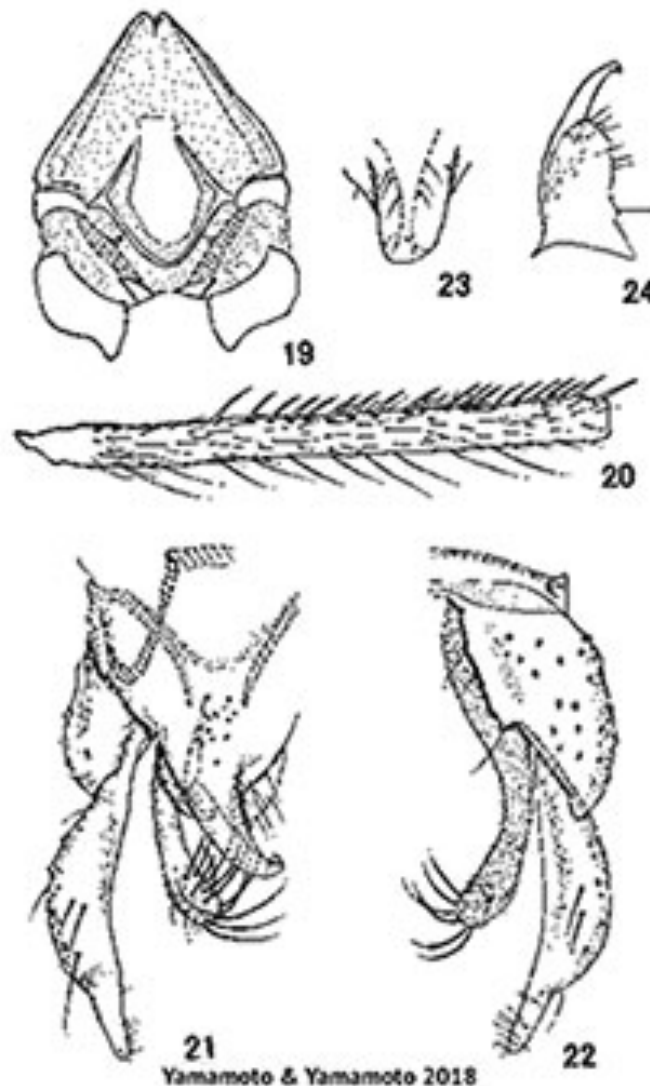
Frontal tubercles very small, nearly circular, only 8 µm in diameter. 12 clypeal setae.

Anteprepronotum slightly separated (Fig. 19, below), without setae.

Thoracic setae: 23 acrostichals; 15-18 dorsocentrals, 5 prealar; 18 scutellar.

MidTa2-4 with 23 pseudospurs along the antero-dorsal margin, hindTa1-4 each with 2 pseudospurs on the apical portion; mid and hind Ta1 with several sensilla chaetica.

Hypopygium as in Figs 21-22, below; anal point (Fig. 23, below) relatively broad, not narrowed at the base, with lateral ridges with 3 setae on each side. SVo (Fig. 24, below) sickle shaped with a very high base, chitinised distal portion arising from outer side of the base. IVo (Figs 21 & 22, below) long, finger-like, slightly expanded distally, with 28 recurved setae on it.



Einfeldia sasai from Yamamoto and Yamamoto 2018

Female, Pupa and Larva not described.

Found: - **Japan** – Ouke, Minamidaito, Okinawa Prefecture, Ryukyus (**Type locality**)

May be separated from *E. pagana* by the distributional pattern of the temporal setae on vertex, mid-Tal bearing many pseudospurs, the lunate gonostylus with dorsal 1/4 constricted, the long slender IVo and the sickle shaped SVo.

***Benthalia carbonaria* (Meigen 1804) group**

Possible synonyms:

Benthalia dissidens (Walker 1856) – listed as synonym in Fauna Europaea

Benthalia dystenus (Kieffer 1916) - listed as synonym in Fauna Europaea but types in Hungarian Museum and hence lost.

Einfeldia thailandicus (Hashimoto 1981)

There are other possible synonyms, but they have not been recorded in the Oriental region.

The relationship of Oriental specimens to the described European species is currently unclear, to some extent because of the variety of names that have been applied to specimens (e.g. *Einfeldia pagana*, *Einfeldia dissidens*, *Fleuria dissidens*, *Benthalia dissidens*, *Benthalia dystenus*), but none seem to be synonyms of *Benthalia carbonaria* or *B. dissidens* and, in the absence of types, the identity of *B. dystenus* is uncertain.

In various BOLD Bins, but specimens from Japan, Korea or China are in BOLD Bins: [BOLD:AAW3454](#); [BOLD:ACB4917](#) and [BOLD:ACD8351](#), and not in the same Bins as the European specimens.

Since *B. dystenus* was described from Takao, Formosa, Kieffer's 1916 description as a species in *Tendipes*, is given:

11. *T. dystenus*

A dark reddish brown. Vertex and the two frontal lobes brown. Black brown palps. Brownish antennae, of 12 segments, with tawny plume, articles 8—11 transverse, the first 2-3 times as wide as long, then less than twice, 12th segment 3 times as long as the previous ten combined. Shiny mesonotum, with traces of three darker bands. White halteres, end of the club darkened. Hyaline wings, transverse barely darker than the other veins, bifurcation of the posterior barely distal of the transverse. Legs yellowish, 5 darkened tarsal segments, anterior metatarsus almost twice as long as the tibia, segments 2—4 not bearded, gradually slightly shortened, broad pulvilli. Black brown abdomen, the last two segments enlarged and much wider than the segment which carries the forceps. Tongue of the pliers (anal point) finished in point; terminal segments much longer than the basals, weakly arched, pubescent and with long sparse hairs, glabrous distal quarter, gradually slightly thinned, armed with 4 rigid bristles aligned at the end of the median side, these bristles at least longer than the width of the segment in the distal quarter, a shorter seta is located at the end of the article; superior appendages straight, cylindrical and pubescent, their third suddenly and strongly thinned, glabrous, exceeding the first fifth of the terminal article, curved in a hook at the end; inferior appendages reaching the middle of the terminal segments,

straight, pubescent, a little thinner than the base of the superior appendages, terminal third enlarged in club and provided dorsally with long arched setae.

L. 5 mm. Takao.

From this: AR about 3; LR almost 2; no foretarsal beard.

The description of the anal point as 'pointed' is not typical for a species of *Benthalia* and may indicate it being turned down so only the narrower basal part was visible.

This description is insufficient to reliably connect it with any of the presently known species and the type has been destroyed.

Benthalia species 1:

Adults of Japanese specimens were described by Sasa (1985b) as *Chironomus dissidens*, drawing on information in Sasa & Hasegawa (1983), as *Chironomus (Einfeldia) dissidens* – the larval mentum indicates that this is not the species in BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW3454](#) (see below).

Adult:

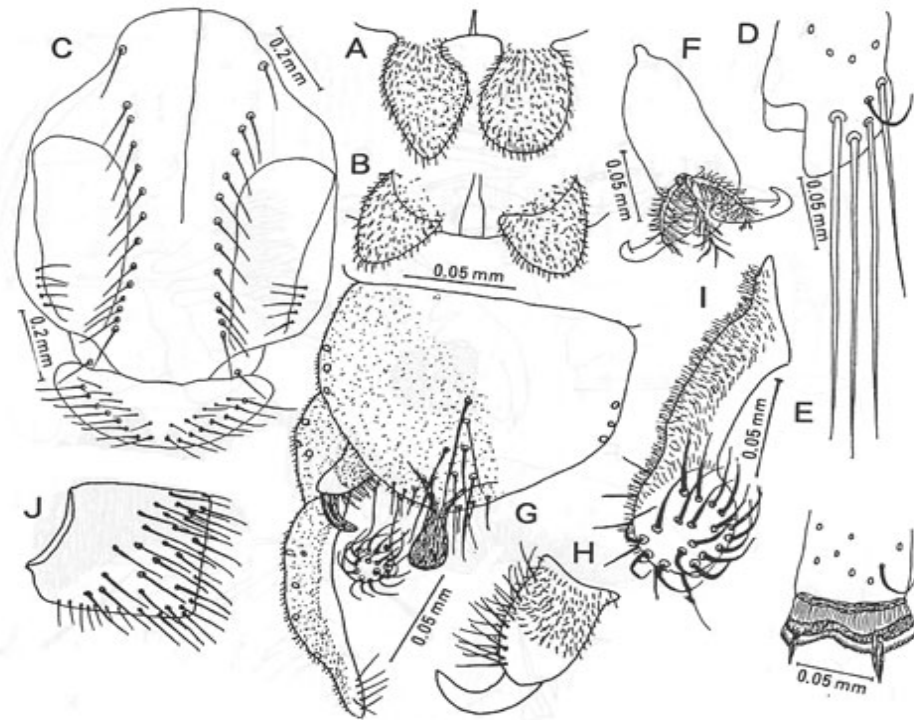
Male: Ground color of dark brown or nearly black, vittae shining black, scutellum dark brown, postnotum black; wings unmarked; femora, tibia and tarsi I of all legs yellow, tarsi II-V brown; abdominal tergites uniformly dark brown or nearly black. Wing length 2.40 (2.23-2.53) mm., 15.8 (13-19) setae in squamal fringe. AR 2.64 (2.60-2.68); 15.8 (13-19) setae in squamal fringe. Frontal tubercles (fig. A) prominent 48 µm long and 18 µm wide.

Thoracic setae: Anteprenotals absent; acrostichals – none; dorsocentrals 15.3 (12-18); prealars 5 (4-7); scutellar 15 (13-19) in two rows.

LR1 1.85 (1.84-1.86), Ta5/Ti 0.29; LR2 0.56 (0.54-0.58); LR3 0.73 (0.71-0.75).

No tarsal beard: BR1 2.1; BR2 3.1 (1.9-4.0); BR3 3.8 (3.2-4.1).

Hypopygium as in figure, SVo comprised of a high setigerous basal portion with a bare, hook-like apical process (very similar to that of *Einfeldia*); IVo expanded apically, with short recurved setae.



Morphology of adult male and female of *B. dissidens* from Sasa 1985

Female: Coloration essentially as in male. Wing length 2.75 mm; squamal fringe with 19-20 setae.

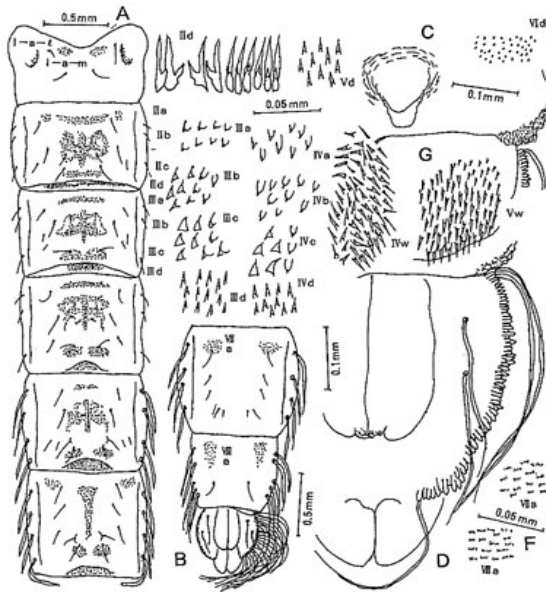
Frontal tubercles (fig. B) prominent, nearly conical 40 μm long, 32 μm in diameter.

Thoracic setae: Anteprenotals absent; acrostichals – none; dorsocentrals 14-15; prealar – 5; scutellar 18 in two transverse rows.

LR1 1.81, Ta5/Ti 0.24; LR2 0.56; LR3 0.73. Tarsal hairs short: BR1 1.3; BR2 2.0; BR3 3.2.

Cerci (Fig. J above) nearly square with rounded corners 62 μm long and 60 μm wide.

Pupa: Length of abdomen 4.90 mm. Pupal cuticle generally almost colorless, but slightly brown in parts. Respiratory organs as in *Chironomus*. Distribution of spines, spinules and hairs as in figure A, B, below; the number of spines and shape of the patches differ considerably by the segments. Segment VIII without a scale or spur, anal fringe of 78-92 taeniae.



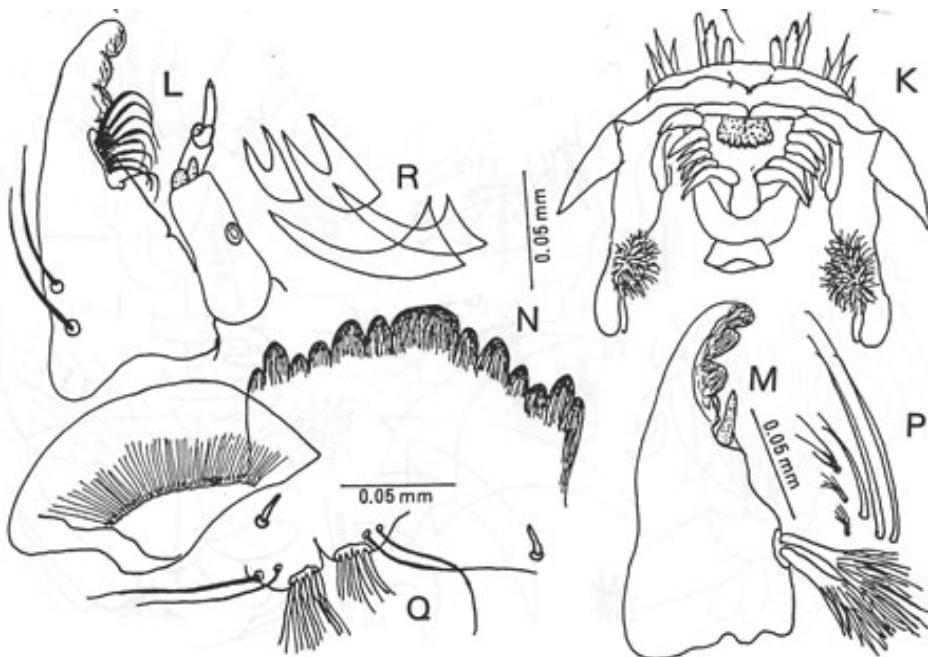
Pupa of *B. dissidens* from Sasa 1985

Fourth instar larva: Gross morphology not described, but likely it has only 1 pair of ventral tubules. No information on anal tubules, but base of preanal hair tuft low and flat with 2 long slender setae, while preanal hair tuft comprises 7 on each side.

Mentum (Fig. N, below) 144 µm wide with 13 teeth, c1 highest and widest, 4th laterals narrower and shorter than neighbours. Ventromentum (Fig. N, below) fan shaped, 138 µm wide and 70 µm deep; the figure shows about 55 striae.

Antenna 4 segmented, but figure (L below) shows 5; lengths segs 1-4 (micron): 60 : 28 : 6; 16; RO about middle of segment 1; antennal blade at base of seg. 2 about 1/3 length of that segment.

Mandible 142 µm long, with a comb near the tip. Figure (K, below) shows numerous very small teeth in PET, and premanible with very short teeth (very worn?).



Larval mouth parts of *B. dissidens* from Sasa 1985.

Found: - **Japan** -Shore of Lake Ikeda (31.23°N, 130.57°E), Kagoshima Prefecture, Kyushu; Yoshimi, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi Pref., and Toyoyama Pref., both Honshu; Okinawa Island (both Sasa 1985b); Lake Shoji, Mt Fuji region, both Honshu.

Also considered the same species as collected by Sasa and Hasegawa (1983) from Okinawa and Ryukyu Islands, and associated with polluted waters.

This form described by Sasa seems so far apparently only recorded from Japan. However, it is not clear what its true identification should be.

Benthalia species 2

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACB4917](#)

This species was collected at the same time and in the same lake as *Benthalia* sp. 3. Both species had larvae late enough in 4th instar to be able to be sexed, suggesting they breed at about the same time. However it is not known whether they were sampled from different places in the lake, or on different substrates, potentially even from different depths.

Adult: There are photographs of two male specimens in the public BOLD Bin, but only the color can be noted: one is almost completely black or blackish brown, with yellowish legs. The other also has yellow legs but also the thorax has more lighter color and a dull yellowish green background to the abdomen.

Fourth instar larva: No details of the larva are available, as the specimen from which the DNA sequence was obtained was probably destroyed in the process. However, in general morphology it was similar to that of species 3, i.e. one pair of VT.

Found: Japan: - Lake Suwa (36.03°N, 126.10°E), Honshu; Hatozaki (35.991°N, 140.351°E), Miho-mura, Ibaraki Prefecture (CDBD); Zenbo Junior Highschool (34.884°N, 134.825°E), Kasai-shi; Heiso Reservoir (34.793°N, 134.843°E), Kakogawa-shi; Ohike Pond (Ono City Office)(34.851°N, 134.935°E), Ono-shi, all Hyogo Prefecture (CDBD); Lake Kojima (34.557°N, 133.938°E), Tamano-shi, Okayama Prefecture CDBD).

South Korea: - Specimens in GenBank but locality recorded only as to country.

Benthalia species 3:

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:AAW3454](#)

This species was collected at the same time and in the same lake as *Benthalia* sp. 2. Both species had larvae late enough in 4th instar to be able to be sexed, suggesting they breed at about the same time. However it is not known whether they were sampled from different places in the lake, or on different substrates, potentially even from different depths.

Adult:

Males: Some details of the males can be determined from the photographs in the CDBD, since those specimens are placed in the same BOLD Bin.

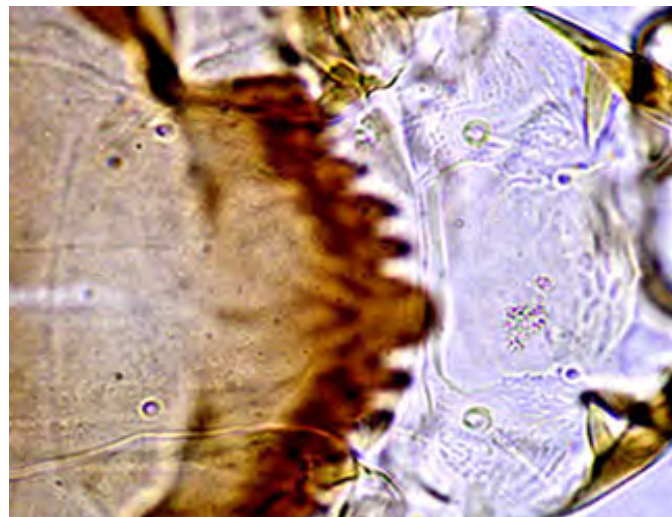
Color dark brownish black, legs yellowish, but darkening on tarsi; but some specimens have a yellowish base color of the thorax and more dull green on abdominal segments I-VII, but posterior end of segment VII, and segments VIII and IX almost black. Mid F/T about 1.1; Hind LR about 0.7, F/T about 0.9-0.94.



JpnD0258[1]+1439484302 (NIES)

Incorrectly identified in BOLD database as *C. longipes*.

Fourth instar larva: Gula region darkened over posterior half. VHL 220 μm ; Mentum 152 μm wide with 13 teeth, c1+2 tooth narrower than that described by Sasa (see sp.1), 4th laterals reduced; Clypeal aperture roughly trapezoidal, 81 μm long, 25 μm wide (3.2 times longer than wide). Frontoclypeus without a fenestra, but with rugosity on the anterior margin of the frons; dorsal RO just anterior to S5 setae.



Mentum 152 μm wide with 13 teeth, c1+2 tooth narrower than that described by Sasa (see sp.1), 4th laterals reduced (Type II-III).

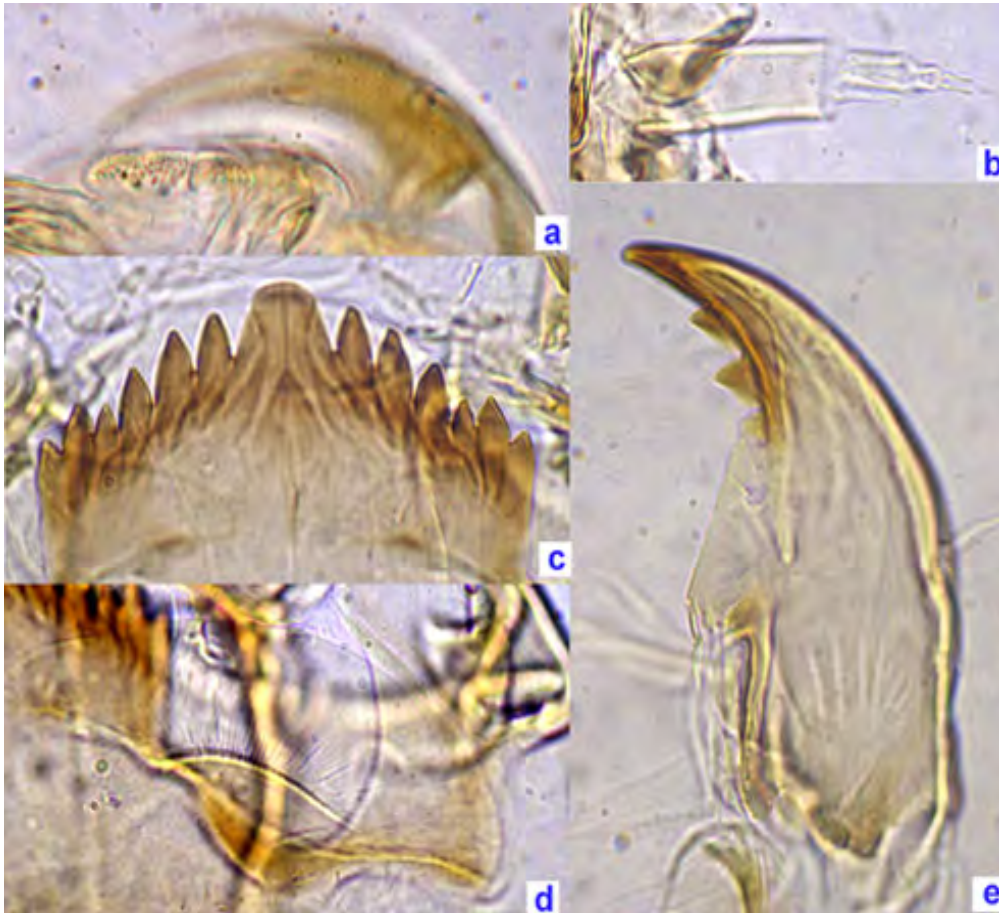
Ventromentum (Fig. d, below) 4 times longer than wide, 1.15 times the mentum width; with about 47 striae.

PE (Fig. a, below) roughly triangular, with many small teeth. PreM (background of Fig a, below) with inner tooth about 5x width of outer tooth (because outer tooth is very narrow). Distance between antennal bases greater than that between S4 setae, which are separated by 0.8 of the frontoclypeal width at that point.

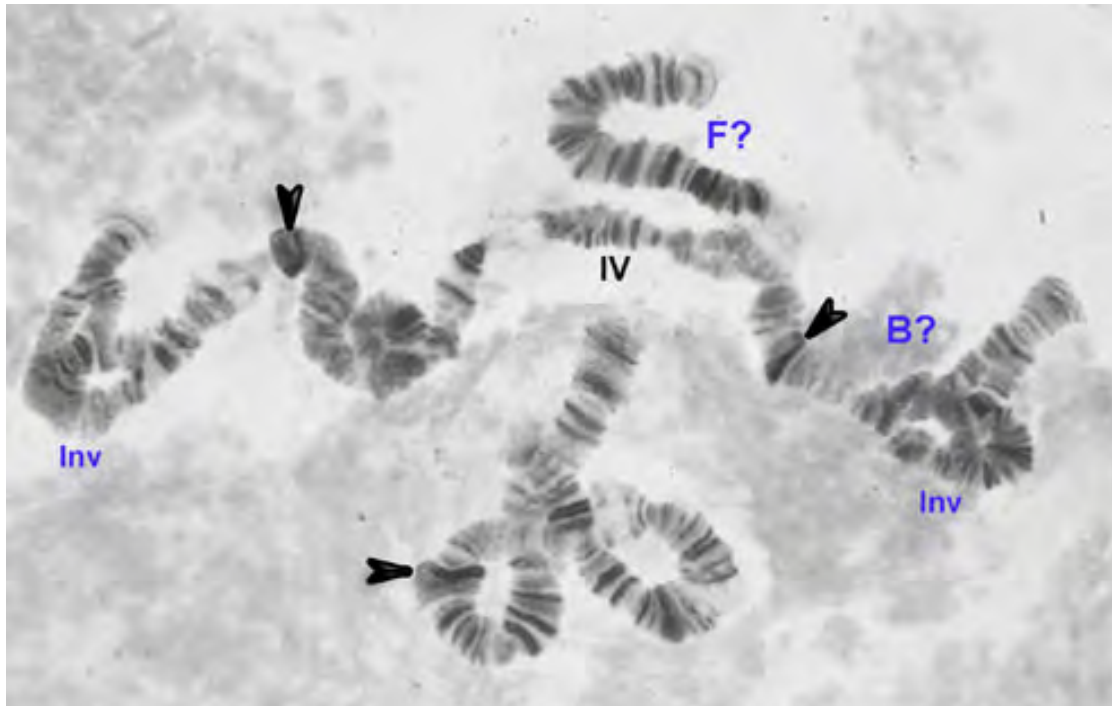
Antennal bases separated by 104 μm , wider than the distance between the S4 setae (91 μm , which is 0.88 of the Frontoclypeal width at that point).

Antenna with 5 relatively short segments, A1 about 2.25 times longer than wide and only about a quarter the VHL, RO about 0.41–0.52 up from base; AR 1.18; proportions (micron) 57 : 21.5 : 6 : 14 : 6.

Mandible length 187 μm , essentially Ty. IIB; 7 widely separated furrows, 12 taeniae in PMA; MTR - 0.4.



Cytology: Four polytene chromosomes. All long chromosomes with heterochromatic centromeres, 2 quite heavily heterochromatic but the third, which looks like arms B and F of the *Chironomus* karyotypes has thinner centromeric band., it may also contain the nucleolus. No apparent nucleolus in chromosome IV, and no obvious heterochromatic centromere. A large simple inversion was present in what could be arm B and in one arm of another long chromosome.



Chromosome complement of *Benthalia* sp. 3

IV - small chromosome IV; arrows – heterochromatic centromeres; B? & F?- arms possibly homologous to *Chironomus* arms B & F; Inv – heterozygous inversions.

Found: **Japan:** - Lake Suwa (36.03°N, 126.10°E), Honshu; Wakaguri 36.144°N, 140.083°E Tsukuba, Kanto (NIES) (as *C. longipes*).

Benthalia species 4:

In BOLD Bin: [BOLD:ACD8351](https://www.boldsystems.org/#ACD8351).

Based on 2 incomplete males from China:

Color: Thorax dark brown, abdominal segments largely dark brown with a narrow darker band at the posterior margin of most segments, legs apparently yellowish.

AR and LR1 not known. Wing length 2.66-3.00 mm; width 0.63-0.70 mm; VR about 0.99-1.00; 2-3 SCf on brachiolum, about 18 setae in squamal fringe.

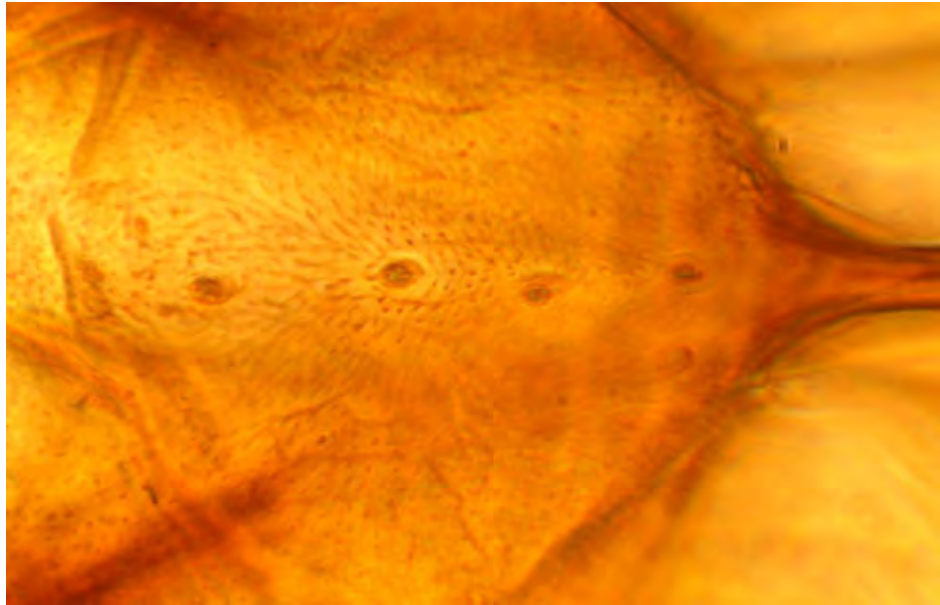
Head: Antennae missing on both specimens. Frontal tubercles 40 µm long and 20 µm wide at base. clypeus width about 0.97 the diameter of the antennal pedicel; The palpal proportions (micron) 44 : 37 : 134 : 158 : 700.

Clypeal width about 0.94-0.97 the diameter of the antennal pedicel; 12-18 clypeal setae.

Thoracic setae – 1-2 acrostichals as common for the genus; 11-12 dorsocentrals; 5 prealars; 1 supraalar, 20-23 scutellars in two rows, 7-12(?) in anterior row, 11-13 in posterior row.

Legs: Lengths and proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T
PI	940	763	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.24-1.28
PII	998	905	512	278	210	120	118	0.55-0.59	1.09-1.12
PIII	1050	1115	800	425	330	180	135	0.70-0.73	0.92-0.96



4 setae along the mid-line of tergite IX and a lateral seta on each side at the base of the anal point.



Male hypopygium (left) and volsellae (right) of *Benthalia* sp. 4

SVo not like any of the Strenzke 1959 types, with the base extending distally from which the sclerotised part arises partway down the inner side; IVo club-like, setae simple. Gonostylus only moderately swollen and reducing only on posterior third or nearer tip; anal point narrower at its base.

Found: China: - Hainan Island,

B. carbonaria group species from Kyushu:
(based on a single incomplete adult male)

This may be a specimen of species 1, based on the small almost globular frontal tubercles.

Color: Thorax dark brown, abdominal segments largely darkened (brown?), legs apparently yellowish.

Wing length 2.28 mm., width 0.58 mm; VR about 1.09; 11 setae in squamal fringe, 2-3 SCf on brachiolum.

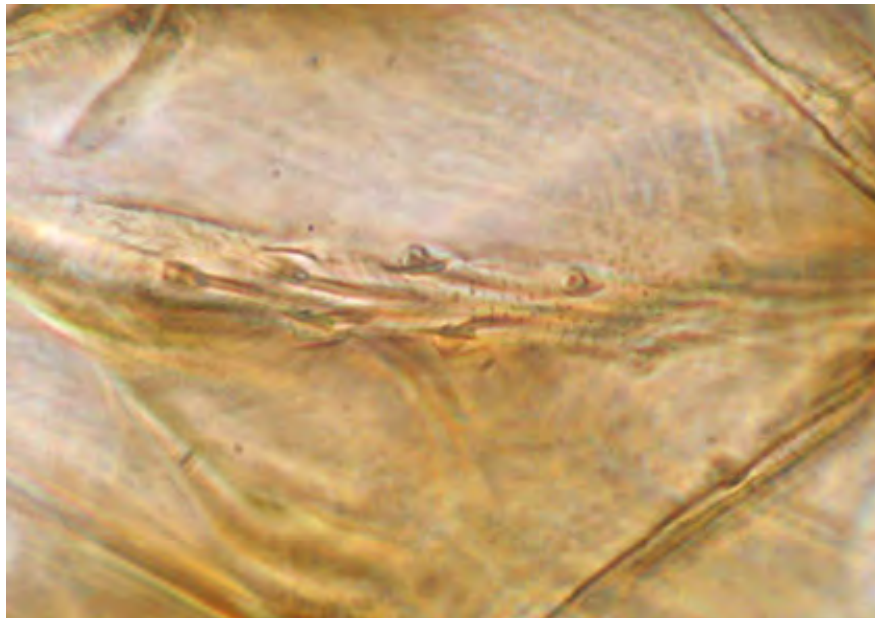
Head: Antennae missing; frontal tubercles almost globular 30 x 24 µm; clypeus width about 0.77 the diameter of the antennal pedicel, 18 clypeal setae; palpal proportions (µm) 43 : 43 : 164 : 177 : missing.

Thoracic setae – acrostichal – none obvious; dorsocentrals 12-14 in a single row; prealars 5-6; supraalar 1; scutellar with setae in 2 rows, anterior row 6, posterior row 13.

Legs: Lengths and proportions (micron):

	Fe	Ti	Ta1	Ta2	Ta3	Ta4	Ta5	LR	F/T
PI	860	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.96
PII	910	785	450	245	165	105	85	0.57	1.16
PIII	915	950	710	355	290	180	150	0.75	0.97

Abdominal segments relatively dark with a darker narrow band at the posterior end of segments I-IV; 8 setae in double row on midline if tergite 9.



SVo on relatively long basal section and with long curving distal part; setae of IVo simple, gonostylus moderately swollen and reducing gently

Found: Japan: Shimobaru, Fukuokashiigashiku, Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu.

Sasa notes that the Lake Shoji specimens occurred in eutrophicated water, while Hashimoto noted that his specimens from Japan did not occur in highly polluted waters.

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