

A NEW JAPANESE SPECIES OF THE CYRTID GENUS OPSEBIUS.

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In a collection of Cyrtidae kindly loaned for study by the Entomology Department of Cornell University I found one specimen which was collected at Harima, Japan. The specimen belongs to the genus *Opsebius* and is an undescribed species. As far as I know this is the first Cyrtid recorded from Japan.

The genus *Opsebius* was described in 1856 by A. Costa from a species, *O. perspicillatus*, collected in Spain. In the following year Loew described *inflatus* from Spain, and not having seen Costa's paper erected for it the genus *Pithogaster*. In 1870 Loew described *O. pepo* from Spain, and in 1871 described *O. Harimosus* from the locality termed Gallia, probably southern France. The five other described species in the genus are all from the United States.

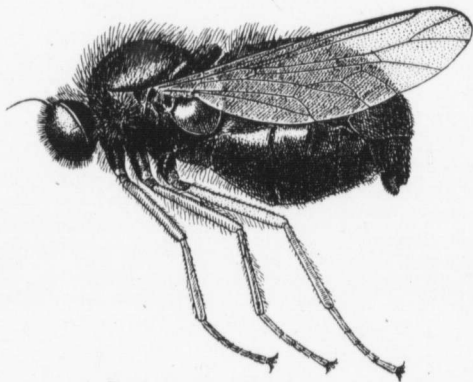


Fig. 13.—*Opsebius nipponensis*, n. sp.

The American species are uniformly blackish in body colour. In the three European species the body is black and yellow, and in the Japanese species described below the body colour is metallic green. All species of *Opsebius* have a characteristic cross-vein dividing the long cell above the discal. This cell may be an outer first basal or the first posterior. Loew left out this cross-vein in figuring the wing of *O. inflatus*, but Osten Sacken examined the type years afterward and found it to be present.

***Opsebius nipponensis*, n. sp.**

♀. Eyes black with a purplish tinge. Head viewed from in front almost round. Eyes with long, dense black pile. Antennæ black with the long bristle-like arista characteristic of the genus. Occiput metallic green with long yellowish pile.

Thorax and scutellum metallic green with long, almost erect, yellowish pile. Ptero- and metapleuræ a bluish green, the upper pleuræ with yellowish pile. Squamæ semi-transparent and coloured a peculiar shade of brown, the rims yellowish.