

2. Abdomen petiolate; mandibles 2-4-dentate; maxillary palpi 5- or 6-jointed.....4.
 Abdomen not petiolate.
 Abdomen subsessile, the first segment campanulate.....3.
 Abdomen sessile, the first segment very small, rounded above, the second very large, occupying most of the surface, the following being more or less retracted; second cubital cell wider than long; scutellum entirely covering the post-scutellum.....Nectarinia, Shuckard.
 (Type *Brachygastra analis*, Perty.)
3. Metathorax smooth or punctate; abdomen rather short, subovate or oval.....Chartergus, Latreille.
 (Type *Vespa apicalis*, Fabr.)
 Metathorax transversely striate or aciculate; abdomen long, fusiform, or elongate ovate.....Polistes, Latreille.
 (Type *Vespa biglumis*, Linné.)
4. Front wings with *three* cubital cells.....5.
 Front wings with *two* cubital cells.....Paraicaria, Gribodo.
 (Type *P. bicolor*, Gribodo.)
5. Abdomen with the first segment, or petiole, linear, the second segment more or less constricted or petiolate at base.....7.
 Abdomen with the first segment, or petiole, clavate or subglobose at apex, the second segment normal, not constricted at base.
 Second abdominal segment not especially large, not occupying most of the surface nor covering the third.....6.
 Second abdominal segment very large, occupying most of the surface, and covering the third, the terminal segments more or less retracted; mandibles 4-dentate, the inner tooth the smallest; clypeus wider than long, slightly rounded or subtriangular anteriorly, but not dentate.... Icaria, Saussure.
 (Type *I. artifex*, Sauss.)
6. First abdominal segment subcampanulate; body of abdomen conical; prothorax narrowed, not margined above; temples as broad or a little broader than the width of the eyes.....Synœca, Saussure.
 (Type *Vespa Surinama*, Linné.)
 First abdominal segment variable, sublinear or clavate; body of abdomen fusiform, clavate or subovate; prothorax short; temples