

LIST OF DIPTERA TAKEN IN THE VICINITY OF PHILADELPHIA FROM 1882 TO 1884, INCLUSIVE.

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The object of giving this list in its present imperfect form is to call the attention of our Entomologists to this greatly neglected order of insects, and as most of the families are still in an unworked condition, to call especial attention to them; of course, the named species represent only about one fourth of all the species taken by me during my three years collecting, and were mostly taken in Fairmount Park, and a few at Delanco, N. J.

If a few of our many Entomologists would turn their attention to the Diptera, they would be sure to find an interesting and very wide field, in fact there would be room enough for nearly a dozen systematic workers in this order.

At present the Diptera are receiving great attention from Dr. S. W. Williston, who has already greatly advanced the study of the order, and if we had a few more such workers, the Diptera would soon rise to as honorable a rank as is held by Coleoptera, etc.

Cecidomyiidae.

Took a few species, but none are determined.

Mycetophilidae.

Species undetermined.

Simuliidae.

Simulium venustum (?) Say.

Bibionidae.

Bibio albipennis, Say.

" *femoratus*, Wied.

Bibio articulatus, Say.

Scatopse atrata, Say.

And several undetermined species.

Culicidae.

Culex ciliatus, Fabr.

" *taeniorhynchus*, Wied.

Anopheles quadrimaculatus, Say.

Several other species were taken, but are undetermined.

Chironomidae.

There are a large number of species of this family, but they are not worked up.