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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE principal object of the present Catalogue has been to give a complete list of the specimens of Dipterous Insects contained in the collection of the British Museum, indicating at the same time the peculiarities of each, as regards variations of character, locality, and the source from whence it has been derived. With this view, the different individuals of each species contained in the collection are indicated by the letters *a, b, c, &c.*, following the name of the species and its synonyms, and the description, if it appeared to have been before undescribed.

The Catalogue of Dipterous Insects has been prepared and the new species described by Mr. FRANCIS WALKER, F.L.S., so well known for his attention to this order of Insects.

This part contains a revision of the rest of the family *Asilida*, with a description of the species added since the former parts were printed.

JOHN EDWARD GRAY.

*British Museum,*  
*March 19th, 1855.*





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# LIST OF DIPTERA.

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## SECOND SERIES.

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### PART III.

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#### Sub-family 3. LAPHRITES.

Ocelli tres. Antennæ 3-articulatæ; arista sæpissime nulla.  
Alarum vena radialis subcostali ad apicem connexa.

Laphritæ, *Macq.*

A. Caput mystax nullo. - - - 1. *Megapoda*, *Macq.*

B. Caput mystacinum.

A. Oviductus brevis.

a. Antennæ capite medio insertæ.

a. Antennarum articulus 3us nudus.

i. Corpus non punctatum. Alarum venula discalis et  
vena externo-media 3a disjunctæ.\*

1. Abdomen basi non contractum.

\* Femora postica anterioribus valde crassiora.

† Palpi lati, ovati, acuminati.

2. *Hoplistomera*, *Macq.*

†† Palpi gracillimi. - - - 3. *Lampria*, *Macq.*

\*\* Femora postica anterioribus non crassiora.

† Arista nulla.

† Antennarum articulus 3us 1o paullo longior.

6. *Nusa*, *Walk*

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\* In *Laphriâ* scapulari conjunctæ.

- ‡ Antennarum articulus 3us 1o multo longior.  
 § Fœminæ abdomen apice spinosum. 5. Scandon, *Walk.*  
 §§ Fœminæ abdomen apice non spinosum.  
 \* Antennæ non capitatæ. - - 4. *Laphria*, *Meig.*  
 \*\* Antennæ capitatæ. - - 7. *Ampyx*, *Walk.*  
 †† Arista distincta. - 8. *Laphystia*, *Loew.*
2. Abdomen petiolatum.  
 \* Antennæ valde elongatæ. 9. *Rhopalogaster*, *Macq.*  
 \*\* Antennæ mediocriter longæ. 10. *Michotamia*, *Macq.*
- ii. Corpus sæpissime punctatum.  
 † Alarum venula discalis et vena externo-media 3a plus minusve conjunctæ. 11. *Atomosia*, *Macq.*  
 †† Alarum venula discalis et vena externo-media 3a disjunctæ. - - - 12. *Cormansis*, *Walk.*
- δ. Antennarum articulus 3us villosus. 13. *Laxeneccera*, *Macq.*  
 η. Antennæ capite infimo insertæ. 14. *Tapinocera*, *Macq.*  
 B. Oviductus elongatus. Venæ cubitalis ramus anticus ramulum rejiciens. - - - - 15. *Phoncus*, *Macq.*

## Genus 1. MEGAPODA.

Caput mystace nullo. Epistoma bisetosum. Proboscis porrecta. Antennæ triarticulatæ, non stylatæ; articulus 3us obtusus. Pedes longi; onychia conspicua. Alæ areola mediastinali clausa.

*Laphria*, p., *Fabr.*; *Wied.*

*Dasygogon*, p., *Perty.*

*Megapoda*, *Macq. Hist. Nat. Dipt.* i. 288.

Wings long, narrow. Fore fork of the cubital vein undulating; hind fork and first externo-medial slightly curved hindward, parallel to each other; second externo-medial nearly straight; third forming a very oblique angle with the præbrachial, joining the fourth at some distance from the border. Subanal united to the anal very near the border.

## Mexico.

## 1. MEGAPODA CYANEIVENTRIS.

Fœm. *Nigra*; antennæ *testaceæ*; abdomen *cyaneum*; pedes *fusci*, tarsis *posticis crassis hirtis*; alæ *subfuscæ*.

*Megapoda cyaneiventris*, *Macq. Dipt. Exot. Suppl.* i. 71, 3, pl. 7, f. 12.

Mexico.

## South America.

## 2. MEGAPODA LABIATA.

*Nigra, nudiuscula; labrum flavum; abdomen chalybeum; tarsi  
antici flavi; alæ fusæ.*

*Laphria labiata, Fabr.*

## 3. MEGAPODA CRASSITARSIS.

*Mas. Testacea; pedes elongati, tarsi postici crassis hirtis; alæ  
flavidæ.*

*Megapoda crassitarsis, Macq. Dipt. Exot. Suppl. 1, 70, 2, pl. 7,  
f. 11.*

Brazil.

## Genus 2. HOPLISTOMERA.

Corpus non punctatum. Caput mystace conspicuo. Proboscis porrecta. Palpi lati, ovati, acuminati. Antennæ triarticulatæ, non stylatæ, insertione solita; articulus 3us nudus, obtusus. Abdomen non petiolatum. Oviductus brevis. Femora postica anterioribus multo crassiora. Alarum venæ cubitalis ramo antico simplicis.

*Hoplistomera, Macq. Dipt. Exot. i. 59.*

*Laphria, p., Fabr.; Wied.*

Body pubescent, with very few hairs and bristles. Face flat. Mystax with a few bristles. Proboscis short, stout, straight, lanceolate. Third joint of the antennæ linear, slender, very much longer than the first and the second together. Hind femora very thick, armed beneath with teeth. Radial vein curved abruptly to the subcostal. Fore fork of the cubital much curved, its curve nearly parallel to that of the radial; hind fork curved hindward, joining the first externo-medial at a short distance from the border; second externo-medial straight; third forming an almost right angle with the prabrachial, joining the fourth far from the border. Subanal united to the anal very near the border.

## 1. HOPLISTOMERA SERRIPES.

*Nigra, fulvo hirta; femora postica incrassata serrata; alæ fusæ  
bifasciatæ.*

*Laphria serripes, Fabr.*

Guinea. Gambia. Senegal.