

MARINE INSECTS OF THE TOKARA ISLANDS

IV. BITING MIDGES (DIPTERA, HELEIDAE)^{1) 2)}

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With one Text-figure

The present paper deals with the biting midges collected by Mr. S. MIYAMOTO and Mr. S. UÉNO at the Tokara Islands, Ryukyu. These midges are identified as follows:

1. *Culicoides arakawae* (ARAKAWA)
2. *Culicoides maculatus* (SHIRAKI)
3. *Culicoides amamiensis* (TOKUNAGA)

These species are all new records for these islands.

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1. *Culicoides arakawae* (ARAKAWA)

This midge is very widely distributed in Japan and Formosa. Dr. T. SHIRAKI (1931) reported the female from Formosa as *C. sugimotonis*. Dr. S. MATSUMURA (1915 and 1932) also reported from Shikoku as *Ceratopogon arakawae* and Dr. M. TOKUNAGA (1937) described it in detail.

Specimens:— Two females; Takarajima; May 30, 1953.

2. *Culicoides maculatus* (SHIRAKI)

This midge has been recorded by Dr. T. SHIRAKI (1913) only from Formosa as *Ceratopogon maculatus*, by Dr. J. J. KIEFFER (1916) as *Culicoides tainana* and by Dr. M. TOKUNAGA (1937) as *C. maculatus*.

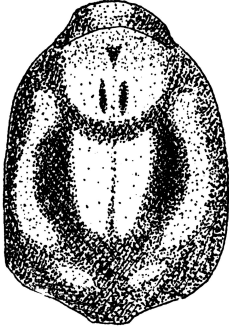
Specimen:— One female; Nakanoshima, June 4, 1953.

1) Scientific Survey of the Tokara Islands, Report No. 18.

2) Contributions from the Entomological Laboratory, Saikyo University, Kyoto, No. 27.

3. *Culicoides amamiensis* TOKUNAGA

This species has been reported in detail by Dr. M. TOKUNAGA (1937) from Amami-Oshima. Here I intend to complete his description with my observation.



Culicoides amamiensis TOKUNAGA.
Fig. 1. Dorsal thoracic pattern.

In dry state, thorax (Fig. 1) pruinose, slightly dark brown, provided with yellow setae and yellowish or pale brown pattern. Scutum with a pair of small pale brown spots on humeral pits, a pair of pale brown stripes on lateral parts, a large yellowish brown pattern on median part, a large slightly greyish or pale brown pattern including three small brown spots on caudal part. Scutellum grey, paler on median part. Halteres white. Abdomen pale brown or yellow. Spermathecae two, almost spherical, unequal.

Specimen:— One female; Nakanoshima; June 4, 1953.

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