

Description of two new species of *Sycorax* Curtis (Diptera, Psychodidae, Sycoracinae) from the Atlantic Rain Forest of Espírito Santo, Brazil

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Abstract: Two new species of *Sycorax* Curtis from the Atlantic Rain Forest of Espírito Santo, *S. cariacicaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. and *S. espiritosantensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov., are described and illustrated.

Keywords: *Dipterous, Moth-fly, Southeastern Brazil.*

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Resumo: Duas espécies novas de *Sycorax* Curtis da Floresta Atlântica do Espírito Santo, *S. cariacicaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. e *S. espiritosantensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov., são descritas e desenhadas.

Palavras-chave: *Dípteros, Psicodídeos, Sudeste do Brasil.*

Introduction

The genus *Sycorax* Curtis comprises 10 species in the Neotropical region (Barretto 1956, Duckhouse 1972, Young 1979, Bravo 2003, 2007, Bejarano et al. 2008) and four of them are from Brazil: *S. assimilis* Barretto, 1956 and *S. satchelli* Barretto, 1956 from São Paulo State (Barretto 1956), *S. bahiensis* Bravo, 2003 from Bahia State (Bravo 2003), and *S. longispinosa* Bravo, 2007 from Pará State (Bravo 2007). During routine entomological vigilance studies to control leishmaniasis in the municipality of Cariacica, Espírito Santo State, Brazil, between October 2007 and January 2008, specimens of two new species of *Sycorax* Curtis were collected and are described here.

Material and Methods

The specimens studied were collected with CDC light traps and preserved in alcohol 70%. All the specimens were treated with 10% KOH and mounted in Berlese's medium according method proposed by Barretto & Coutinho (1940). Morphological terminology follows that of McAlpine (1981) to Diptera. The specific morphological terminology for Psychodidae follows that of Duckhouse (1990) and Bravo (2006, 2007). The specimens were deposited in the Coleção Entomologia da Unidade de Medicina Tropical da Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Brazil (CEUMT) and Coleção Entomológica do Museu de Zoologia da Universidade Estadual de Feira de Santana, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil (MZUEFS).

Results

1. *Sycorax cariacaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. (Figures 1-8)

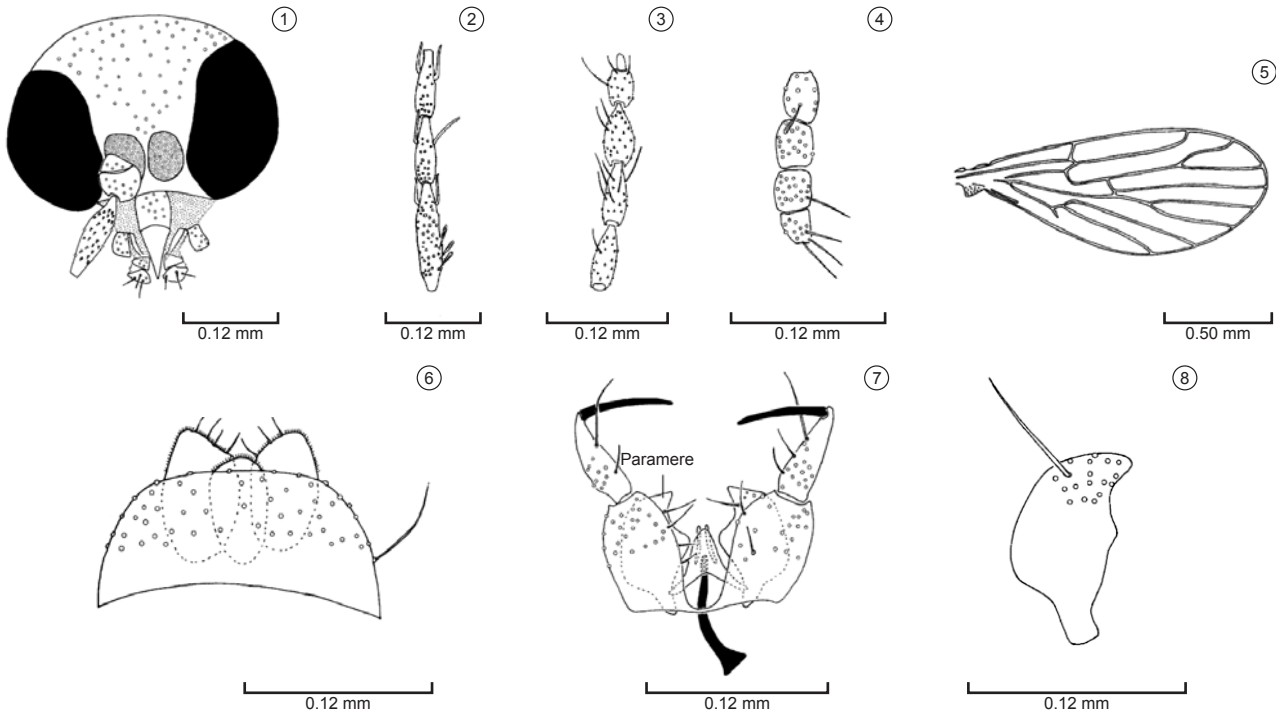
Type Material. BRAZIL, Espírito Santo, Cariacica, Estação Biológica Duas Bocas, 20° 28' S and 40° 46' W, 15.X.2007, Israel de Souza Pinto col., holotype male (CEUMT). Paratypes: 1 male,

same locality, date and collector as holotype (CEUMT), 2 males, idem, 06.I.2008 (CEUMT), 3 males, idem, 21.I.2008 (CEUMT), 1 male, idem, 07.V.2008 (CEUMT), 4 males, idem, 19.VI.2008 (CEUMT), 4 males, idem, 21.I.2008 (MZUEFS).

Etymology: The specific name *cariacaensis* is based on the type locality.

Diagnosis: First flagellomere 1.5X the length of the second; gonostylus with a long, thick apical spine-like bristle approximately the same length as the gonostylus; paramere with apical pilosity and a long, thick bristle the same length as the paramere; aedeagal apodeme with a truncate anterior margin.

Description: Male. Head: subcircular in frontal view; eyes separated; labrum triangular; clypeus rectangular 0.5X the length of the labrum (Figure 1). Antenna with 13 flagellomeres; scape pyramidal, smaller than the pedicel (Figure 1); pedicel spherical (Figure 1); basal flagellomeres cylindrical; first flagellomere 1.5X the length of the second (Figure 2); last flagellomere smaller than twelfth flagellomere; apical apiculus separated from the last flagellomere (Figure 3); ascoids present in flagellomeres 1-3 (Figure 2). Palpus with 4 articles; relative length of palpomeres 1.0:0.8:0.8:0.7 (Figure 4). Wing (Figure 5) with Sc reaching the C vein; r-m short; m-m absent. Epandrium 2.3X wider than long (Figure 6); cerci longer than wide with apical micropilosity (Figure 6). Sternite 10 shorter than the cercus, with rounded apex and apical micropilosity (Figure 6). Gonocoxite pilose, cylindrical, 1.2X the length of the gonostylus; gonocoxites fused basally with hypandrium (Figure 7). Gonostylus pilose with a long subapical bristle and a spine-like bristle at the apex (Figure 7); spine-like bristle similar in length to gonostylus (Figure 7). Paramere long, approximately the same length as the gonocoxite (Figure 7); paramere with apical pilosity and a long, thin subapical bristle 0.7X the length of the paramere (Figure 8). Aedeagus bifid (Figure 7). Aedeagal apodeme the same



Figures 1-8. *Sycorax cariacaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. Male. Figures 1, 4, 8 from holotype; figures 2, 3, 5-7 from paratypes. 1. Head, frontal. 2. Antenna, flagellomeres 1-3. 3. Antenna, flagellomeres 10-13. 4. Palpus. 5. Wing. 6. Male terminalia, dorsal view. 7. Male terminalia, ventral view. 8. Paramere.

Figuras 1-8. *Sycorax cariacaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. Macho. Figuras 1, 4, 8 do holótipo; figuras 2, 3, 5-7 de parátipos. 1. Cabeça. 2. Antena, flagelômeros 1-3. 3. Antena, flagelômeros 10-13. 4. Palpo. 5. Asa. 6. Terminália masculina, vista dorsal. 7. Terminália masculina, vista ventral. 8. Parâmero.

length as the paramere, expanded apically, with anterior margin truncate (Figure 7).

Sycorax espiritosantensis Santos & Bravo sp. nov. (Figures 9-15)

Type material: BRAZIL, Espírito Santo, Cariacica, Estação Biológica Duas Bocas, 20° 28' S and 40° 46' W, 15.VIII.2007, Israel de Souza Pinto col., holotype male (CEUMT). Paratypes: 2 males, same locality and collector as holotype, 06.I.2008 (CEUMT); 1 male, idem, 21.I.2008 (CEUMT); 2 males, idem, 07.V.2008 (CEUMT); 3 males, idem, 19.VI.2008 (CEUMT); 4 males, idem, 21.I.2008 (MZUEFS).

Etymology: The specific name *espiritosantensis* is based on the State where the species was collected.

Diagnosis: First flagellomere 2.0X the length of the second; gonostylus with thick apical spine-like bristle, 0.7X the length of the gonostylus; paramere with apical pilosity and a long, thin, medial bristle, 0.3X the length of paramere; distal margin of paramere U-shaped; aedeagal apodeme with a rounded anterior margin.

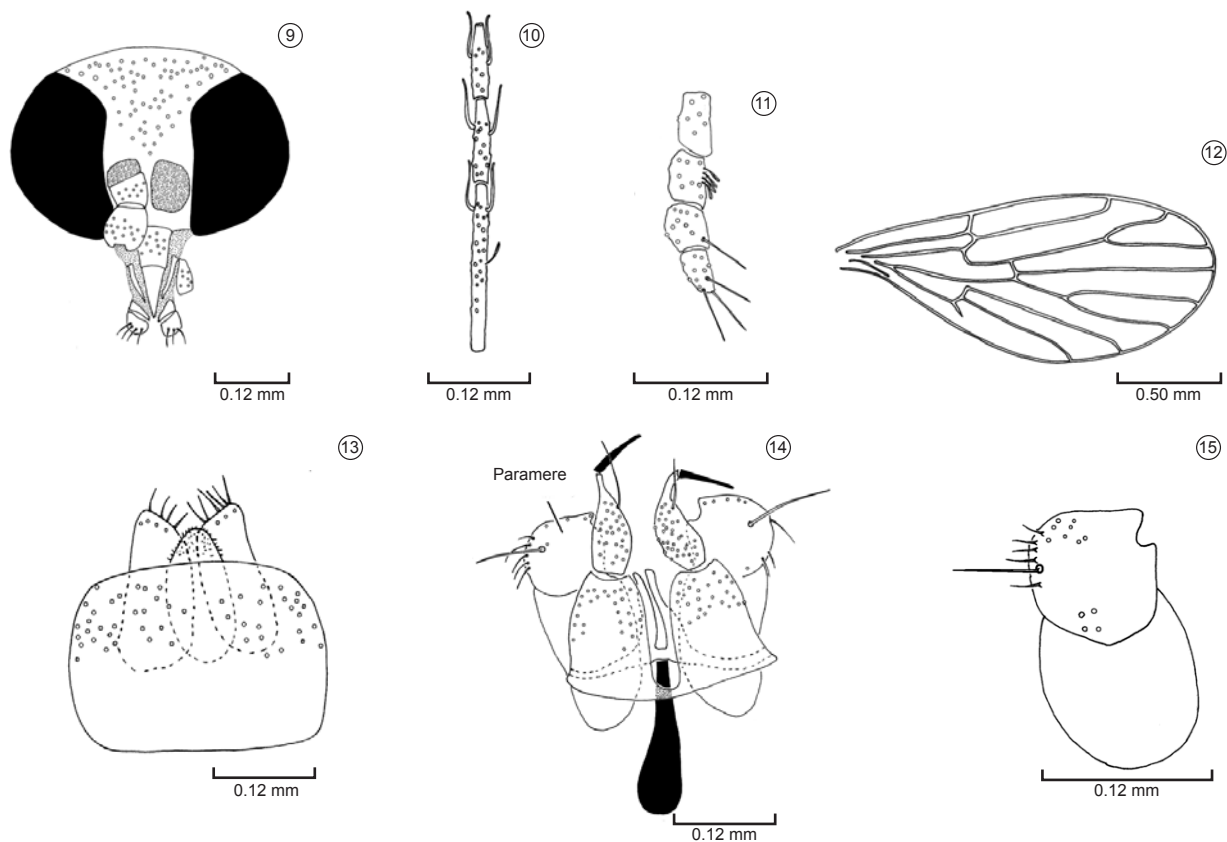
Description: Head: subcircular in frontal view; eyes separated; labrum triangular; clypeus rectangular 0.8X the length of the labrum (Figure 9). Antenna incomplete in all specimens studied; scape pyramidal, smaller than pedicel (Figure 9); pedicel spherical (Figure 9); basal flagellomeres cylindrical; first flagellomere 2.0X length of the second (Figure 10); ascoids present in flagellomeres 1-3 (Figure 10). Palpus with 4 articles; relative length of palpomeres 1.0:0.8:0.7:0.7 (Figure 11). Wing (Figure 12) with Sc reaching the C vein; r-m short; m-m absent. Epandrium

1.4X wider than long (Figure 13); cerci longer than wide, with apical micropilosity (Figure 13). Sternite 10 shorter than the cercus, with rounded apex and apical micropilosity (Figure 13). Gonocoxite pilose, cylindrical, 1.4X the length of the gonostylus; gonocoxites fused basally with hypandrium (Figure 14). Gonostylus pilose with long subapical bristle and spine-like bristle at apex (Figure 14); spine-like bristle 0.7X the length of the gonostylus (Figure 14). Paramere long, 1.8X the length of gonocoxite (Figure 14); paramere with small, apical, inner concavity (Figure 15); paramere with apical pilosity and a long, thin subapical bristle, 0.3X the length of the paramere (Figure 15). Aedeagus bifid (Figure 14). Aedeagal apodeme 1.3X the length of the paramere, with rounded anterior margin (Figure 14).

Discussion

Bravo (2007) proposed a key to the males of nine known species of Neotropical *Sycorax*. Another species of *Sycorax*, *S. utriensis* Bejarano, Duque & Vélez, was described by Bejarano et al. (2008), and represents an atypical species of the genus for having a gonostyle without a long terminal spine and with multiple thick spines distributed along this structure. According to the key prepared by Bravo (2007), the two new species segregate with the two Brazilian species of *Sycorax*, *S. longispinosa* Bravo and *S. assimilis* Barretto, which have a gonostylus with only a long apical spine and a long subterminal bristle.

The two new species of *Sycorax* differs from *S. longispinosa* by the latter having a paramere with a long bristle, 2.0X the length of the paramere. The paramere of *S. cariacaensis* Santos & Bravo sp.



Figures 9-15. *Sycorax espiritosantensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. Male. Figures 10, 11, 12, 15 from holotype; figures 9, 13, 14 from paratypes. 9. Head, frontal. 10. Antenna, flagellomeres 1-3. 11. Palpus. 12. Wing. 13. Male terminalia, dorsal view. 14. Male terminalia, ventral view. 15. Paramere.

Figuras 9-15. *Sycorax espiritosantensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. Macho. Figuras 10, 11, 12, 15 do holótipo; figuras 9, 13, 14 de parátipos. 9. Cabeça. 10. Antena, flagelômeros 1-3. 11. Palpo. 12. Asa. 13. Terminália masculina, vista dorsal. 14. Terminália masculina, vista ventral. 15. Parâmero.

nov. has a long bristle, but it is only 0.7X the length of the paramere, while the long bristle of *S. espiritosantensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. is 0.3X the length of the paramere.

S. espiritosantensis Santos & Bravo sp. nov. differs from *S. assimilis* by the relative length of the two basal flagellomeres. In the new species *S. espiritosantensis*, the first flagellomere is 1.8X the length of the second, while in *S. assimilis* this relationship is 1.5X. The relative length of the first flagellomere in *S. cariacicaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. is 1.5X the second flagellomere, similar to *S. assimilis*.

S. cariacicaensis Santos & Bravo sp. nov. differs from *S. assimilis* by the relative length of the aedeagus, and the terminal spine of the gonostylus. The aedeagus in *S. assimilis* reaches the end of the paramere, while in *S. cariacicaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. the aedeagus ends anteriorly to the apex of the paramere. Additionally, the apical spine of *S. cariacicaensis* Santos & Bravo sp. nov. is long (similar to the length of the gonostylus) while in *S. assimilis* it is only 0.5X the length of the gonostylus.

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