

TYPE LOCALITY

Turrialba, Cartago, Costa Rica.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Known only from type locality.

SPECIMENS STUDIED

Holotype.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS

Male: small size (6.8 mm); clypeus without teeth; first gastric tergite as long as 2nd; subgenital plate with 3 teeth; mandible sickle-shaped; dorsoapical projection of sagitta slightly shorter than ventroapical projection; distance from lateral ocellus to margin of compound eye about $1 \frac{1}{3}$ X diameter of median ocellus; posterior corners of head strongly swollen; narrow, somewhat sword-shaped, volsella; and stipes, in profile, with broad base which abruptly narrows into a ventroapical "finger-like" projection.

DISCUSSION

The *N. digitistipus* male may be keyed to *N. cloosae* in Borgmeier, (1955: 298), except the lateral ocelli of *N. digitistipus* are about 1.3 times their diameters from the margins of the compound eyes rather than "at least twice their diameters" as stated in couplet 44a, and the mandibles are not "thin" as stated in couplet 47a. The broader mandibles, narrow, sword-shaped volsellae, and unusual stipites of *N. digitistipus* will readily differentiate it from *N. cloosae*.

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