

- Head not swollen; frontal bristles arranged in one or more rows on each side of the frontal band 14.
14. Facial ridges with a row of bristles (eyes pilose, at least in the male) *Distichona*, v. d. Wulp. 44
- Facial ridges without, or, at most, with some scattered, bristles 15.
15. Frontal bristles on each side in two or three rows; eyes bare *Cnephalia*, Rond. 45
- Frontal bristles on each side in a single row; eyes pilose *Nemoræa*, Rob.-Desv. 47
16. Eyes hairy* 17.
- Eyes bare 21.
17. Metallic green species; antennæ rather short *Gymnochæta*, Rob.-Desv.
- Grey or black, seldom fulvous or partly fulvous species (in a few species of the genus *Mystacella*, the abdomen with a tendency to metallic coloration); antennæ rather long 18.
18. Vibrissæ inserted at some distance above the oral margin 19.
- Vibrissæ inserted just at the oral margin 20.
19. Curvation of the fourth vein with a rectangle; apical cross-vein usually concave; abdomen ovate *Mystacella*, v. d. Wulp. 51
- Curvation of the fourth vein with a blunt angle; apical cross-vein straight; abdomen conical *Meigenia*, Rob.-Desv. 58
20. Facial ridges without bristles (sometimes with a few bristles immediately above the vibrissæ) *Exorista*, Meig. 60
- Facial ridges with a row of bristles *Phorocera*, Meig. 75
21. Antennæ very short 22.
- Antennæ elongate, often nearly as long as the face 23.
22. Cheeks as broad as the longitudinal diameter of the eyes; macrochætæ as usual *Trixa*, Meig. 87
- Cheeks narrow, the eyes descending to near the inferior part of the head; macrochætæ very short and weak *Miltogramma*, Meig. 88
23. Facial ridges without bristles (sometimes with a few bristles placed at a considerable distance from each other, or some immediately above the vibrissæ) 24.
- Facial ridges with a row of bristles extending up half the face 26.
24. Vibrissæ inserted at some distance above the oral margin *Brachycoma*, Rond. 90
- Vibrissæ inserted quite at the oral margin 25.
25. Second joint of the antennæ rather elongate, the third, at most, twice as long as the second; some veins of the wings bristly; fourth vein prolonged at its point of curvature; the apical and especially the posterior cross-vein very oblique *Plagia*, Meig. 101
- Second joint of the antennæ very short, the third more than

* The genus *Plagia* is ranged here under No. 21; most of its species have the eyes bare, but a few of them (including one belonging to the Central-American fauna) have the eyes thinly pilose. *Plagia*, however, may be distinguished from all the other genera of the group by the short bristles on some of the longitudinal veins, and by the peculiar oblique position of the posterior cross-vein.