

## A New Species of *Dixa* from Argentina (Dixidae, Dipt.)

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Species of the family Dixidae from the South Temperate Zone are very uncommon. The only other species known is *D. chilensis* Alexander,\* from Chile. The following species was taken in association with several interesting species of Tipulidae that are recorded elsewhere.

### *Dixa argentina*, sp. n.

Rostrum obscure yellow; head black; mesonotum with three velvety black stripes, the anterior lateral margins yellow; pleura largely dark brown; knobs of the halteres brown; wings dusky, a conspicuous brown spot at *r-m*; abdomen brownish black.

♂.—Length about 2.3 mm.; wing, 3.2 mm. Rostrum obscure yellow; palpi dark brown. Antennae setaceous, black, the scapal segments slightly paler. Head black.

Mesonotum yellow on the antero-lateral angles; disk with three velvety black stripes, the interspaces dark brown; median stripe not reaching beyond midlength of the sclerite; remainder of the mesonotum black. Pleura yellow with a very broad brownish suffusion that covers all the sclerites with the exception of the sternum and the dorso-pleural membranes. Halteres dark brown, the base of the stem yellowish.

Legs with the coxae and trochanters light yellow; femora light brown, the tips narrowly blackened, most conspicuous on the posterior legs; tibiae and tarsi dark brown.

Wings with a strong dusky tinge, the costal and subcostal cells slightly more yellowish; a large brown cloud at *r-m*; veins dark brown. Venation: *Sc* ending just beyond the origin of *Rs*; *Rs* straight, very slightly sinuate, in direct alignment with  $R^4+5$ ;  $R^2+3$  only moderately arcuated, much shorter than either  $R^2$  or  $R^3$ ; *r-m* at the fork of *Rs*; *m-cu* opposite or slightly before *r-m*.

Abdomen brownish black, the sternites a very little paler.

*Habitat*: Argentina. *Holotype*, ♂, La Granja, Alta Gracia, Province de Córdoba, April 1-8, 1920 (Charles Bruch). Paratopotype, ♂. Type in the collection of the author; paratype in the collection of the Museu La Plata.

*Dixa argentina* bears a certain resemblance to *D. centralis* Loew of the United States but the details of coloration are very distinct. The types were collected by my friend, Dr. Charles Bruch, to whom I am indebted for many favors.

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