

An acrostic abstract about Acroceridae

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Arguably the most interesting family of flies, Acroceridae are very rarely collected. There are ten described species in New Zealand and three new species requiring descriptions. All acrocerids are parasitoids and **o**nly parasitise spiders. Acrocerids have a fascinating biology, which I will discuss. The **c**apture of specimens is best done by collecting adults as they **e**merge from their spider hosts. Some acrocerid species readily visit flowers, where they can also be caught. It is my **i**ntention to revise the New Zealand Acroceridae, but this project will have a long **d**uration as I want to sample DNA from each species and examine **a**dults from each of the species. I appeal to my fellow **e**ntomologists to be on the lookout for these wonderful insects.

