

The unimportance of Diptera and introducing Karsing Megu.

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The taxonomic impediment has been lamented for many years and by many researchers. Given the decrease in opportunities for training of young taxonomists and the increase in what I would call pseudo-taxonomy, it is timely to reflect on the important part taxonomists have played and still play in the recognition of species. Taxonomy, being arguably one of the least expensive sciences, is experiencing less funding across a wide spectrum of taxa. Thus even major groups such as Diptera seemingly become unimportant in spite of the economic impact they may have (e.g. fruit fly). On this note I will introduce Karsing Megu, a young scientist keen to learn about insect systematics.

