Five new species of subgenus Plesiominettia (Diptera, Lauxaniidae, Minettia) in southern China, with a key to known species

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Abstract

Five species of the subgenus Plesiominettia Shatalkin from the southern China are described as new to science: Minettia (Plesiominettia) flavoscutellata sp. n., Minettia (P) longaciculiformis sp. n., Minettia (P) nignantennata sp. n., Minettia (P) tridentata sp. n. and Minettia (P) zhejiangica sp. n. One species, Minettia longistylis Sasakawa, is transferred to the subgenus Plesiominettia from Minettia s. str. A key to separate the known species of the subgenus is presented, along with a taxonomic list of species. The type material of the new species are deposited in the China Agricultural University, Beijing, China (CAUC).

Keywords

Minettia, Lauxaniidae, Oriental region, species key
Introduction

The subgenus *Plesiominettia* Shatalkin, 2000, of the genus *Minettia* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830, was erected for the type species *Minettia helvola* (Becker, 1895). In the same paper, Shatalkin (2000) transferred the following species from the subgenus *Minettia* to the subgenus *Plesiominettia*: *Minettia crassulata* Shatalkin, 1998; *M. divaricata* Sasakawa, 1985; *M. filia* (Becker, 1895); *M. fuscescens* Shatalkin, 1998; *M. gemina* Shatalkin, 1992; *M. gemmata* Shatalkin, 1992; *M. helva* Czerny, 1932; *M. helvola* (Becker, 1895); *M. ishidai* (Sasakawa, 1985); *M. loewi* (Schiner, 1864); *M. omei* Shatalkin, 1998; *M. punctata* Sasakawa, 1985; *M. styriaca* (Strobl, 1892); *M. tenebrica* Shatalkin, 1992. The species *M. longistylis* Sasakawa, 2002, is here transferred into *Plesiominettia* from the subgenus *Minettia*. The subgenera of *Minettia*, as well as the species of *Plesiominettia*, can be separated using the key in this paper.

Based on a combination of the original definition by Shatalkin 2000, and the authors’ observations, *Plesiominettia* is diagnosed as follows: arista pubescent, rarely bare or short plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae longer than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere; wing uniformly hyaline, rarely pale brown at base (in *Minettia* (*P.*) *zhejiangica* sp. n.); mesonotum with 0–1+2–3 dorsocentral setae (first post sutural dorsocentral setae close to transverse scutal suture or located medially between transverse scutal suture and scutocutellar suture); acrostichal setulae hair-like, most species with 1–2 pairs of strong setae among them, located at middle of mesonotum or in front of prescutellar acrostichal setae; male genitalia: a pair of postgonites present, postgonites rarely absent; phallic sheath absent, phallus forming a case; female terminalia: spermathecae 1+1 or 1+2. In this subgenus, the body color varies from black (most species, e.g., *Minettia* (*P.*) *divaricata*, Fig. 49) to grey pruinose (e.g., *Minettia* (*P.*) *gemma*, Fig. 50) to yellow (e.g., *Minettia* (*P.*) *punctata*, Fig. 51).

There are 20 known species distributed in the Palaearctic and Oriental regions in the subgenus *Plesiominettia*, eight of which have been found in China.

Materials and methods

The general terminology follows Cumming and Wood (2009) and Gaimari and Silva (2010). Line diagrams were drawn using a drawing tube attached to a Nikon SMZ 1500 stereomicroscope and to a Nikon 80i compound microscope. Photographs were taken by a Nikon DS-Fi2-U3 digital camera mounted on a Nikon SMZ 1500 stereomicroscope. Genitalia preparations were made by removing and macerating the apical portion of the abdomen in cold saturated NaOH for six hours, then soaking in distilled water with a few drops of glacial acetic acid. After examination, the genitalia were transferred to glycerin and stored in a microvial pinned below the specimen. Specimens examined were deposited in China Agricultural University, Beijing, China (CAUC). Type specimens (see Appendix) are from the following museums:
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Honolulu, Hawai’i, USA (BPBM), Hungarian Natural History Museum; Budapest, Hungary (HNHM), Hrvatski Narodni Zooloski Muzej, Zagreb, Croatia (HZMZ), Władysław Rydzewski Museum of Natural History; University of Wrocław, Poland (MNHW), Naturhistorisches Museum; Vienna, Austria (NMBA), Osaka Museum of Natural History; Osaka, Japan (OMNH), Department of Natural History, National Museums of Scotland; Edinburgh, United Kingdom (RMSE), Slovenské Národné Muzeum; Bratislava, Slovak (SNMC), Zoological Museum; University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands (ZMAN), Museum für Naturkunde; Berlin, Germany (ZMHB), Zoological Museum; Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia (ZMUM).

**Taxonomy**

**Subgenus Plesiominettia Shatalkin, 2000**

*Plesiominettia* Shatalkin, 2000: 52. Type species: *Minettia helvola* (Becker, 1895) (original designation).

**Species descriptions**

*Minettia (Plesiominettia) flavoscutellata* sp. n.

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Figs 1–5, 31–33, 43

**Type material.** Holotype: ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Hubei: Shennongjia National Natural Reserve, Pingqian, 1650 m, 25. vii. 2007, Qifei Liu. Paratypes: 5 ♂♂, 7 ♀♀ (CAUC), CHINA, Hubei: same data as holotype.

**Etymology.** Latin, *flavor*-is from the latin flavus, meaning yellow, + *scutellata* is from the latin scutellatum, meaning shield; referring to the scutellum being mostly yellow; a feminine adjective.

**Diagnosis.** Face slightly concave, yellowish brown to blackish brown except black ventral margin. Antenna with scape brown and pedicel brownish yellow, 1st flagellomere entirely blackish brown on outer edge but yellow on basal 1/4 on inner edge. Arista short plumose, and rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of 1st flagellomere. Mesonotum with weak anterior most dorsocentral setae clearly behind transverse scutal suture. Male genitalia: surstylus with a long falcate process in lateral view; phallus wide basally and narrow apically, with a small elliptical concavity at apex. Female spermathecae 1+1, round.

**Description.** *Male.* Body length 3.3–3.5 mm, wing length 3.4–3.8 mm. Female. Body length 3.6–3.9 mm, wing length 3.9–4.3 mm.
Head black. Face slightly concave, yellowish brown to blackish brown except black ventral margin, parafacial yellow except black inner margin, with a narrow pale brown medial stripe. Frons blackish brown except yellow anterior margin; ocellar triangle black; ocellar setulae developed, longer than anterior fronto-orbital setae, anterior fronto-orbital setae reclinate, shorter than posterior fronto-orbital setae. Gena yellow,
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approximately 1/6 height of eye. Antenna with scape brown and pedicel brownish yellow, 1\textsuperscript{st} flagellomere entirely blackish brown on outer edge but yellow on basal 1/4 on inner edge; 1\textsuperscript{st} flagellomere nearly 1.6 times longer than high; arista black, except yellow at base, short plumose; rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of 1\textsuperscript{st} flagellomere. A blackish brown spot present between eye and base of antenna. Proboscis and palpus black.

Thorax black with sparse brownish gray pollinosity, slightly subglossy. Mesonotum with 0-3 dorsocentral setae (weak anteriormost dorsocentral setae clearly behind transverse scutal suture), acrostichal setulae in four rows; a pair of long acrostichal setulae present in front of prescutellar setae, prescutellar setae slightly longer than 1\textsuperscript{st} postsutural dorsocentral setae; one strong intra-alar seta, one anepisternal seta, two katepisternal setae. Scutellum mostly yellow, except blackish brown on basal 1/4–1/3. Legs: femora black; tibiae dark yellow on basal 1/2–2/3 and blackish brown on apical 1/3–1/2; tarsi dark yellow except tarsomeres 3–5 pale brown. Fore femur with four posteroverentral setae and eight posterodorsal setae, fore tibia with one short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Mid femur with four anterior setae and one apical posterior seta, mid tibia with one strong preapical anterodorsal seta and one strong apicoventral seta. Hind tibia with one preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Wing (Fig. 43) slightly yellow, hyaline; costa with 2\textsuperscript{nd} (between R\textsubscript{1} and R\textsubscript{2+3}), 3\textsuperscript{rd} (between R\textsubscript{2+3} and R\textsubscript{4+5}) and 4\textsuperscript{th} (between R\textsubscript{4+5} and M\textsubscript{1}) sections in proportion of 5.3:2:1; r-m at middle of discal cell; ultimate and penultimate sections of M\textsubscript{1} in proportion of 1:1.1; ultimate section of CuA\textsubscript{1} approximately 1/4 of penultimate. Halter yellow.

Abdomen black with sparse brownish gray pollinosity. Male genitalia (Figs 1–5): syntergosternite 7+8 circular with dorsal setulae; epandrium broad, round apically; surstylus with a long falcate process in lateral view; hypandrium inverted–U shape, hypandrial apodeme absent; postgonite and pregonite absent; phallus wide basally and narrow apically, with a small elliptical concavity at apex; phallapodeme long, nearly as long as phallus. Female sternite 8 semicircular; spermathecae 1+1, round (Figs 31–33).

Remarks. The new species is different from other species of the subgenus in the scutellum being yellow except blackish brown on basal 1/4–1/3 and the surstylus having a long falcate process in lateral view. The 1+1 female spermatheca is distinctive from the other species of the subgenus.

Distribution. China (Hubei).

Minettia (Plesiominettia) longaciculiformis sp. n. 
http://zoobank.org/A16E8F85-E30B-43A3-A2F5-981E745BC2F4
Figs 6–10, 34–35, 44

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Zhejiang: Lin’an, Tianmushan, 19. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu. Paratypes: 1 ♂, 6 ♀♀ (CAUC), CHINA, Zhejiang: Lin’an, Tianmushan, 18. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu; 1 ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Zhejiang: Lin’an, Tianmushan, Huoshandashigu, 21. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu.
Figures 6–10. Minettia (Plesiominettia) longaciculiformis sp. n. Male. 6 syntergosternite 7+8 and epandrium, lateral view 7 syntergosternite 7+8, anterior view 8 epandrial complex, posterior view 9 aedeagal complex, ventral view 10 aedeagal complex, lateral view. Scale bar: 0.1 mm.
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Etymology. Latin, Longi- is from the Latin, longus, meaning long; -acicula is the diminutive of the Latin noun acus, meaning needle, or pin; -formis is from the Latin forma, meaning shape; referring to the surstylus with 2 pairs of long needle-like processes; a feminine adjective.

Diagnosis. Body yellow. Mesonotum with anteriormost dorsocentral setae situated midway between transverse scutal suture and scutoscutellar suture. Legs yellow, except brown at tip of tibiae and tarsomeres 3–5 pale brown; hind tibia with one weak preapical anterodorsal seta. Male genitalia: surstylus with a pair of long needle-like processes in lateral view; phallus round apically with a pair of long processes curved upward in ventral view. Female sternite eight confluent with tergite 8, projecting on posterior margin with dense setae.

Description. Male. Body length 6.5–8.0 mm, wing length 6.5–7.0 mm. Female. Body length 7.0–8.5 mm, wing length 6.6–7.0 mm.

Head yellow. Frons with ocellar triangle yellow; ocellar setulae developed, longer than posterior fronto-orbital setae, anterior fronto-orbital setae reclinate, shorter than posterior setae. Face with sparse grayish white pollinosity, without spot; gena about 1/5 height of eye. Antenna entirely yellow, 1st flagellomere 1.7 times longer than high; arista black except yellow at base, pubescent; rays of arista with longest setulae slightly shorter than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere. Proboscis yellow except brown tip and palpus brownish yellow.

Thorax yellow with sparse grayish white pollinosity. Mesonotum with 0+3 dorsocentral setae (anteriormost dorsocentral setae situated midway between transverse scutal suture and scutoscutellar suture), acrostichal setulae in eight rows; a pair of long acrostichal setulae present in front of prescutellar setae, prescutellar setae shorter than 1st postsutural dorsocentral setae; one strong intra-alar seta and one weak intra-alar seta situated at almost equal intervals on line between supra-alar setae and posterior dorsocentral setae; one anepisternal seta, two katepisternal setae. Scutellum yellow. Legs yellow except brown at tip of tibiae and tarsomeres 3–5 pale brown. Fore femur with six posteroventral setae and nine posterodorsal setae, fore tibia with 1 short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Mid femur with eight anterior setae and one apical posterior seta; mid tibia with one strong preapical anterodorsal seta and two strong apicoventral setae. Hind tibia with one weak preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Wing (Fig. 44) slightly yellow, pale brown along costal margin and a brown stripe on dm-cu; costa with 2nd (between R₁ and R₂₃), 3rd (between R₂₃ and R₄₅) and 4th (between R₄₅ and M₁) sections in proportion of 5.5:1.5:1; r-m at middle of discal cell; ultimate and penultimate sections of M₁ in proportion of 1:1.5; ultimate section of CuA₁ approximately 1/10 of penultimate. Halter yellow.

Abdomen yellow with sparse grayish white pollinosity. Male genitalia (Figs 6–10): syntergosternite 7+8 circular with long irregular ventral process and many dorsal setae; epandrium broad, far shorter than syntergosternite 7+8, narrow apically; surstylus with a pair of long needle-like processes in lateral view; hypandrium inverted–U shape, hypandrial apodeme indistinct; pregonite and postgonite absent; phallus slender, longer than 1/2 length of abdomen, round apically with a pair of long subuliform processes
curved upward in ventral view; phallapodeme short, projecting forward. Female ster- 
nite eight confluent with tergite 8, projecting on posterior margin with dense setae; 
spermathecae 1+2, nearly elliptical, each with irregular short ridges. (Figs 34–35).

Remarks. The new species differs entirely from other species of the subgenus in the 
surstylus having a pair of very long needle-like processes and the phallus being brown, 
longer than 1/2 length of abdomen in ventral view.

Distribution. China (Zhejiang).

Minettia (Plesiominettia) nigrantennata sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/62C0D97E-160A-41B2-8800-FD17F2E614A4
Figs 11–15, 45

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Hunan: Changde, Shimen, Huping- 
shan National Nature Reserve, Zhipeng River, 450 m, 6. vi. 2008, Li Shi.

Etymology. Latin, nigr- is from the Latin, nigra, meaning black, + antennata, 
meaning antenna; referring to the blackish brown antenna; feminine adjective.

Diagnosis. Arista pubescent, rays of arista with longest setulae shorter than 1/3 
height of 1st flagellomere. Mesonotum with anteriormost dorsocentral setae slightly 
beyond suture. Legs black, except basal tip of tibia yellow, fore tarsus brown, mid and 
hind tarsomeres 1–2 dark yellow and tarsomeres 3–5 brown; hind femur with a row of 
anteroventral setae on apical half. Male genitalia: surstylus consisting of a brown 
knife–like apical process and a yellow bar–like apical process with setulae in lateral 
view; postgonite narrow basally and broad contorted apically with 2 short setulae; 
phallus very broad, columnar, with a pair of inner sclerites and a row of tiny spinule, 
visible in dorsal view.

Description. Male. Body length 4.6 mm, wing length 5.0 mm.

Head blackish brown. Frons with narrow yellow margin; ocellar triangle grayish 
black; ocellar setulae developed, slightly longer than anterior fronto-orbital setae, ante-
rior fronto-orbital setae reclinate, shorter than posterior fronto-orbital setae. Face and 
parafacial dark black; gena approximately 1/6 height of eye. Antenna blackish brown, 
1st flagellomere 1.6 times longer than high; arista black, except pale brown at base, 
pubescent, rays of arista with longest setulae shorter than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere. 
A blackish brown spot present between eye and base of antenna. Proboscis blackish 
brown and palpus black.

Thorax black with dense brownish pollinosity. Mesonotum with 0+3 dorsocentral 
setae (anteriormost dorsocentral setae slightly beyond suture), acrostichal setulae in 6 
irregular rows, prescutellar setae as long as first postsutural dorsocentral setae; 1 strong 
intra-alar seta, one anepisternal seta, two katepisternal setae. Scutellum black with 
dense brown pollinosity. Legs black, except basal tip of tibia yellow, fore tarsus brown, 
mid and hind tarsomeres 1–2 dark yellow and tarsomeres 3–5 brown. Fore femur with 
six posteroventral setae and eight postero dorsal setae, fore tibia with one short preapi-
cal anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Mid femur with five anterior setae
Figures 11–15. *Minettia (Plesiominetta) nigrantennata* sp. n. Male. 11 syntergosternite 7+8 and epan- drium, lateral view 12 syntergosternite 7+8, anterior view 13 epandrial complex, posterior view 14 aedeagal complex, ventral view 15 aedeagal complex, lateral view. Scale bars: 0.1 mm.
and one apical posterior seta; mid tibia with one strong preapical anterodorsal seta and one strong apicoventral seta. Hind femur with a row of anteroventral seta on apical half, one short preapical anterodorsal seta and two apical posterior setae, hind tibia with one short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Wing (Fig. 45) slightly dark yellow; costa with 2nd (between R₁ and R₂3), 3rd (between R₂3 and R₄₅) and 4th (between R₄₅ and M₁) sections in proportion of 6.5:1.7:1; ρ-r beyond middle of discal cell; ultimate and penultimate sections of M₁ in proportion of 1:1.3; ultimate section of Cu₁ approximately 1/9 of penultimate. Halter yellow.

Abdomen blackish brown with sparse brownish pollinosity, subglossy. Male genitalia (Figs 11–15): syntergosternite 7+8 semicircular with a pair of dorsal setulae; epandrium broad with long dorsal setae in lateral view; surstylus consisting of a brown knife–like apical process and a yellow bar–like apical process with setulae in lateral view; hypandrium slightly V–shaped, hypandrial apodeme very small; postgonite narrow basally, broad and contorted apically, with two short setulae; phallus very broad columnar, ventral sclerite narrow apically and slightly shorter than dorsal sclerite, and medial membranous section beyond base of phallus sclerites, with a pair of inner sclerites and a row of tiny spinule, visible in dorsal view; phallapodeme short, Y–shaped, slightly projecting forward.

Female. Unknown.

Remarks. See Minettia (P.) tridentata sp. n.

Distribution. China (Hunan).

Minettia (Plesiominettia) tridentata sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/A3170A09-8EE1-4D2A-8C39-F33835BF1F54
Figs 16–20, 36–38, 46

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Hunan: Changde, Shimen, Hupingshan National Nature Reserve, Zhipeng River, 450 m, 6. vi. 2008, Kuiyan Zhang. Paratypes: 2 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀ (CAUC), CHINA, Hunan: data same as holotype; 5 ♀♀ (CAUC), CHINA, Hunan: Changde, Shimen, Hupingshan National Nature Reserve, Zhipeng River, 450 m, 6. vi. 2008, Li Shi

Etymology. Latin, tri-, meaning three, + dentata, meaning toothed; referring to a pair of subuliform inner sclerites of the phallus each with 3 acute apical teeth; a feminine adjective

Diagnosis. Antennal scape blackish brown, pedicel yellow, 1st flagellomere yellow except upper and apical edges black and brown on apical half; rays of arista with longest setulae shorter than 1/4 height of 1st flagellomere. Mesonotum with anterior-most dorsocentral setae slightly beyond suture. Legs black, except mid and hind tibiae dark yellow on basal 2/3 and tarsomeres 3–5 blackish brown. Male genitalia: surstylus broad triangular in lateral view, with a tiny acute process and a small triangular apical process in ventral view. Female sternite eight confluent with tergite 8, sternite 9 narrow triangular apically and slightly curved.
Five new species of subgenus *Plesiominettia* (*Diptera, Lauxaniidae, Minettia)*...
**Description.** Male. Body length 3.8–4.3 mm, wing length 3.7–4.3 mm. Female. Body length 3.5–4.0 mm, wing length 3.9–4.4 mm.

Head blackish brown. Frons with narrow yellow margin; ocellar triangle grayish black; ocellar setulae developed, slightly shorter than anterior fronto-orbital setae, anterior fronto-orbital setae reclinate, shorter than posterior fronto-orbital setae. Face dark black and parafacial grayish black. Genae approximately 1/5 height of eye. Antennal scape blackish brown and pedicel yellow, 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere yellow except upper and apical edges black and brown on apical half, 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere 1.4 times longer than high; arista black, with microscopic setulae, and rays of arista with longest setulae shorter than 1/4 height of 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere. A blackish brown spot present between eye and base of antenna. Proboscis blackish brown and palpus black.

Thorax black to blackish brown with dense brownish pollinosity. Mesonotum with 0+3 dorsocentral setae (anteriormost dorsocentral setae slightly beyond suture), acrostichal setulae in eight irregular rows, prescutellar setae as long as 1\(^{st}\) postsutural dorsocentral setae; one anepisternal seta, two katepisternal seta. Scutellum black with dense brown pollinosity. Legs black, except mid and hind tibiae dark yellow on basal 2/3 and tarsomeres 3–5 blackish brown. Fore femur with 5–6 posteroventral setae and 10 posterodorsal setae, fore tibia with one short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Mid femur with 5–6 anterior setae, one apical posterior seta and one apicoventral seta; mid tibia with one strong preapical anterodorsal seta and one strong apical posterior seta. Hind femur with a row of anteroventral seta on apical half and one short preapical anterodorsal seta, hind tibia with one short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apical posterior seta. Wing (Fig. 46) slightly dark yellow; costa with 2\(^{nd}\) (between R\(_1\) and R\(_{2,3}\) ), 3\(^{rd}\) (between R\(_{2,3}\) and R\(_{4,5}\) ) and 4\(^{th}\) (between R\(_{4,5}\) and M\(_{1}\) ) sections in proportion of 5.7:1.5:1; r-m at middle of discal cell; ultimate and penultimate sections of M\(_{1}\) in proportion of 1:1.1; ultimate section of CuA\(_{1}\) approximately 1/6 of penultimate. Halter yellow.

Abdomen blackish brown with sparse brownish pollinosity, subglossy. Male genitalia (Figs 16–20): syntergosternite 7+8 semicircular with a pair of dorsal setulae; epandrium narrow basally with long setae and broad apically; surstylus broad triangular in lateral view, with a tiny acute process and a small triangular apical process in ventral view; hypandrium slightly V-shaped, hypandrial apodeme short; postgonite slender with a triangular medial process and two subapical setulae and one apical setula in ventral view; phallus broad columnar, with a trapezial basal process and a pair of subuliform inner sclerites each with three acute apical teeth, and medial membranous section beyond base of phallus in ventral view; phallapodeme short, Y-shaped, slightly projecting forward. Female sternite 8 confluent with tergite 8, sternite 9 narrow triangular apically and curved slightly; spermathecae 1+2, round with short brown stem (Figs 36–38).

**Remarks.** The new species is very similar to *Minettia (P.) nigrantennata* sp. n. from China (Hunan) in the following characters: body blackish brown; frons with yellow anterior margin and face dark black; thorax black to blackish brown with dense brownish pollinosity, mesonotum with 0+3 dorsocentral setae (anteriormost dorsocentral setae
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slightly beyond suture) and prescutellar setae as long as 1\(^{st}\) postsutural
dorsocentral setae; wing slightly dark yellow; abdomen blackish brown with sparse brownish pol-
линости, subglossy. It can be separated from the latter by the yellow antena1\(^{st}\) flagel-
lomere , except upper and apical edges being black and brown on apical half; the legs
being black, except mid and hind tibiae being dark yellow on basal 2/3. In *Minettia (P.)*
*nigrantennata*, the antena1\(^{st}\) flagellomere is blackish brown and the legs are black,
except basal tip of tibia is yellow, mid and hind tarsomeres 1–2 are dark yellow.

**Distribution.** China (Hunan).

*Minettia (Plesiominettia) zhejiangica* sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/A692F0A2-DC3E-4017-8A98-15A69A4E7C67
Figs 21–25, 39–40, 47

**Type material.** Holotype: ♂ (CAUC), CHINA, Zhejiang; Longquan, Fengyang-
shan National Nature Reserve, Fengyang Lake, 28. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu. Paratypes:
CHINA, Zhejiang: 1 ♂, 2 ♀♀ (CAUC), Longquan, Fengyangshan National Nature
Reserve, 26. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu; 1 ♂ (CAUC), Longquan, Fengyangshan National
Nature Reserve, Huangmaojian, 27. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu; 1 ♀ (CAUC), Longquan,
Fengyangshan National Nature Reserve, Huangmaojian, 29. vii. 2007, Yajun Zhu; 1 ♀
(CAUC), Longquan, Fengyangshan National Nature Reserve, Qixingtan, 1. viii. 2007,
Yajun Zhu; 1 ♂, 1 ♀ (CAUC), Lin’an, Tianmushan National Nature Reserve, 19. vii.
2007, Yajun Zhu.

**Etymology.** The new species is named after the type locality, Zhejiang Province.

**Diagnosis.** Frons with sparse whitish gray pollinosity. Face pale brown on dorsal
1/2 and black on ventral 1/2, with sparse whitish gray pollinosity; parafacial yellow,
inner margin blackish brown on ventral 1/2. Arista short plumose, rays of arista with
longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere. Mesonotum with anteriormost
dorsocentral setae situated on basal 1/3 between transverse scutal suture and scutos-
cutellar suture. Male genitalia: surstylus with a curved needle-like inner process and a
egenulate outer process, acute apically.

**Description.** Male. Body length 6.0–6.2 mm, wing length 5.9–6.3 mm. Female.
Body length 5.6–6.2 mm, wing length 5.6–6.7 mm.

Head pale brown. Frons with sparse whitish gray pollinosity, pale yellow on nar-
row anterior margin; ocellar triangle grayish black; ocellar setulae developed, long-
er than posterior fronto-orbital setae, anterior fronto-orbital setae reclinate, slightly
shorter than posterior fronto-orbital setae. Face pale brown on dorsal 1/2 and black on
ventral 1/2, with sparse whitish gray pollinosity; parafacial yellow, blackish brown on
ventral 1/3, inner margin glossy black. Gena approximately 1/5 height of eye. Antenna
brownish yellow, 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere pale brown on apical 2/3, 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere 2.0 times
longer than high; arista black except yellow at base, short plumose, rays of arista with
longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of 1\(^{st}\) flagellomere. A grayish black triangular spot
present between eye and base of antenna. Proboscis brown and palpus black.
Figures 21–25. Minettia (Plesiominettia) zhejiangica sp. n. Male. 21 syntergosternite 7+8 and epandrium, lateral view 22 syntergosternite 7+8, anterior view 23 epandrial complex, posterior view 24 aedeagal complex, ventral view 25 aedeagal complex, lateral view. Scale bar: 0.1 mm.
Five new species of subgenus Plesiominettia (Diptera, Lauxaniidae, Minettia)...

Figures 26–30. *Minettia (Minettia) lupulina* (Fabricius). Male. 26 syntergosternite 7+8 and epandrium, lateral view 27 syntergosternite 7+8, anterior view 28 epandrial complex, posterior view 29 aedeagal complex, ventral view 30 aedeagal complex, lateral view. Scale bar: 0.1 mm.

Thorax brown with grayish pollinosity, anterior half sparse and posterior half dense. Mesonotum with 0+3 dorsocentral setae (anteriormost dorsocentral setae situated on basal 1/3 of mesonotum), acrostichal setulae in eight rows; a pair of long acrostichal setulae present in front of prescutellar setae, prescutellar setae longer than
Figures 31–42. Female terminalia. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *flavoscutellata* sp. n. 31, 32 sternites 7–9, lateral and ventral view 33 spermathecae. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *longaciculiformis* sp. n. 34 sternites 7–9, ventral view 35 spermathecae. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *tridentata* sp. n. 36, 37 sternites 7–9, lateral and ventral view 38 spermathecae. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *zhejiangica* sp. n. 39 sternites 7–9, ventral view 40 spermathecae. *Minettia* (*Minettia*) *lupulina* (Fabricius) 41 sternites 8–9, ventral view 42 spermathecae. Scale bar: 0.1 mm.
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Figures 43–48. Wing. 43 Minettia (Plesiominettia) flavoscutellata sp. n. 44 Minettia (Plesiominettia) longaciculiformis sp. n. 45 Minettia (Plesiominettia) nigrantennata sp. n. 46 Minettia (Plesiominettia) tridentata sp. n. 47 Minettia (Plesiominettia) zhejiangica sp. n. 48 Minettia (Minettia) lupulina (Fabricius).

1st postsutural dorsocentral setae; one strong intra-alar seta. Anepisternum black and katepisternum brown, both with sparse grayish pollinosity; one prescutellar setae, two katepisternal setae. Scutellum blackish brown with grayish pollinosity. Legs with femora black; tibiae brown except yellow on basal tip; tarsi dark yellow except tarsomeres 3–5 pale brown. Fore femur with 5–6 posteroventral setae and ten posterodorsal setae; fore tibia with one short preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Mid femur with six anterior setae and one apical posterior seta; mid tibia with one strong preapical anterodorsal seta and two strong apicoventral setae. Hind femur with a weak preapical anterodorsal seta; hind tibia with one preapical anterodorsal seta and one short apicoventral seta. Wing (Fig. 47) slightly yellow, pale brown at base; costa with 2nd (between R₁ and R₂₃), 3rd (between R₂₃ and R₄₅) and 4th (between R₄₅ and M₁) sections in proportion of 5:1.5:1; r-m at middle of discal cell; ultimate and penultimate sections of M₁ in proportion of 1:1.2; ultimate section of CuA₁ approximately 1/6 of penultimate. Halter yellow.

Abdomen black with grayish white pollinosity. Male genitalia (Figs 21–25): syntergosternite 7+8 circular with a long irregular ventral process and many dorsal setulae; epandrium slender, slightly projecting at anterior ventral corner; surstyulus with a curved aciculiform inner process and a geniculate outer process, acute apically; hypandrium inverted–U shape, hypandrial apodeme very short; postgonite short claviform in ventral view; phallus broad at middle, three acute processes and many spinules on membranous section in ventral view and slender and round apically in lateral view;
Figures 49–51. Habitus. 49 Minettia (Plesiominettia) divaricata Sasakawa, holotype male, OMNH 50 Minettia (Plesiominettia) gemmata Shatalkin (paratype female of junior synonym Minettia kimi Sasakawa & Kozanek, OMNH) 51 Minettia (Plesiominettia) punctata Sasakawa, holotype male, OMNH.
phallapodeme small, projecting forward. Female sternite 7 rectangular and sternite 8 semicircular; spermathecae 1+2, nearly rounded and stem brown at base (Figs 39–40).

**Remarks.** The new species is similar to *Minettia* (*P.*) *longistylis* Sasakawa from China (Taiwan) in size (large), mesonotum brown with grayish pollinosity, a pair of long acrostichal setae present in front of prescutellar setae. It can be separated from the latter by the arista being short plumose, the rays of arista having longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of antennal 1st flagellomere; the mesonotum having acrostichal setae in eight rows; the mid tibia having two posterovertral setae; the surstylus having a curved aciculiform inner process and a geniculate outer process, acute apically. In *Minettia* (*P.*) *longistylis*, the arista is pubescent and the rays of arista have longest setulae as long as 1/4 height of antennal 1st flagellomere; the mesonotum has acrostichal setae in ten irregular rows; the mid tibia has one posteroventral seta; the surstylus is very long (Sasakawa 2002).

**Distribution.** China (Zhejiang).

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**Key to the subgenera of Minettia and the species of the subgenus Plesiominettia**

[Modified from Stuckenberg 1971, Shatalkin 2000 and Shi and Yang 2014]

1 Frons shiny and face flat; arista pubescent; mesonotum with 0–1+2–3 dorsocentral setae and 0–1+2–4 long acrostichal setae; katepisternum with 1 strong katepisternal seta; male genitalia: phallic sheath present .............................. subgenus *Minettiella* Malloch
– Frons often dull and face slightly concave; arista pubescent or plumose; mesonotum with 0–1+3 dorsocentral setae and 0+2–3 long acrostichal setae; katepisternum with 1 strong and 1 weak katepisternal setae; male genitalia: phallic sheath absent .......................................................... 2

2 Lower part of face with a distinct, slight and weakly round swelling on each side ........................................................................................................................................ 3
– Lower part of face without round swelling on each side .............................................. 4

3 Basal part of wing black; arista long plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae longer than height of 1st flagellomere (rarely shorter than height of 1st flagellomere); male genitalia: two pairs of ventral hypandrial appendages (including some Palaearctic and Oriental species)....subgenus *Frendelia* Collin
– Basal part of wing yellow; arista short plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/2 height of 1st flagellomere; male genitalia: one pair of ventral hypandrial appendages (such as *M. eoa* Shatalkin, 1992)............................................................... part of subgenus *Scotominettia* Shatalkin

4 Male genitalia: one pair of ventral hypandrial appendages (such as *Minettia austriaca* Hennig, 1951)............. part of subgenus *Scotominettia* Shatalkin
– Male genitalia: hypandrial appendages often transverse, bar–like, U–shaped or other shapes........................................... 5
Arista with gentle setulae, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as or shorter than 1/4 height of 1st flagellomere, sometimes bare; male genitalia: phallic sheath absent (Fig. 24) ..........subgenus Plesiominettia Shatalkin...6
– Arista pubescent or plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae shorter than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere; male genitalia: phallic sheath present (Fig. 29), square, rectangular, triangular or trapezial in shape (for example: Minettia (Minettia) lupulina (Fabricius, 1787), Figs 26–30, 41–42, 48) .................
.......................................................... subgenus Minettia Robineau-Desvoidy
6 Mesonotum with presutural dorsocentral setae ........................................ 7
– Mesonotum without presutural dorsocentral setae .................................. 8
7 Frons with dark gray stripes through or rows; mesonotum and scutellum dark gray; wing with dark costal margin ......................M. (P.) styriaca (Strobl)
– Frons without stripes; mesonotum yellowish brown and scutellum yellow; wing faintly yellow.............................M. (P.) ishidai (Sasakawa)
8 Mesonotum without strong acrostichal setae before prescutellar setae ........9
– Mesonotum with 1–2 pairs of strong acrostichal setae before prescutellar setae .............................................................. 13
9 Body entirely yellow ..........................................................M. (P.) filia (Becker)
– Body partly black or entirely brown to black (entire thorax with grey pruinose in M. kimi which is a junior synonym of M. (P) gemmata Shatalkin, fig. 50)................................................................. 10
10 Acrostichal setulae in 8 irregular rows; male genitalia: epandrium and surstylus fused; phallus broad and truncate apically (Figs. 16, 19) ..............
..........................................................M. (P.) tridentata sp. n.
– Acrostichal setulae in 6 rows; male genitalia: epandrium and surstylus articulate, blunt apically lateral view; phallus narrow or rounded apically .... 11
11 Face yellow with a large black round median spot above ventral margin; arista with microscopic rays; abdominal tergites 2–5 each with brownish yellow posterior margin ..................................................M. (P.) gemmata Shatalkin
– Face brown to black without black medial spot; rays of arista with longest setulae slightly shorter than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere or longer than half height of 1st flagellomere; abdominal tergites 2–5 without brownish yellow posterior margin .................................................. 12
12 Arista pubescent, rays of arista with longest setulae slightly shorter than 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere; abdomen blackish brown with sparse brownish polinosity, subglossy; male genitalia: surstylus with narrow double processes in lateral view (Fig. 11) ........................................M. (P.) nigrantennata sp. n.
– Arista plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 3/5–4/5 height of 1st flagellomere; abdominal tergites brownish yellow along medial line and dark brown to black on lateral margins; male genitalia: surstylus short and broad in lateral view (Shatalkin 2000: Fig. 95)........ (P.) gemina Shatalkin
13 Mesonotum with two pairs of strong acrostichal setae.......................... 14
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14 Body black except frons, face, mesonotum, scutellum and metanotum yellow; male genitalia: surstylus blunt and with hairy outgrowths (Remm and Elberg 1979: Fig. 13)..............................M. (P.) loewi (Schiner)

15 Arista with microscopic rays, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/7 height of 1st flagellomere; frons and legs entirely brown; male genitalia: surstylus widened apically and narrow subapically, with a small concavity at middle of apical edge (Shatalkin 2000: fig. 94, Remm and Elberg 1979: Fig. 12).............................................M. (P.) helvola (Becker)

16 Body entirely yellow (Fig. 51).................................................................17

17 Mesonotum with anteriormost dorsocentral setae slightly longer than length of acrostichal setae rows, and distinctly shorter than other dorsocentral setae; scutellum without large black lateral spots on lateral margin........................

...............................................................M. (P.) helva Czerny

18 Mesonotum with acrostichal setae in 4–6 rows.......................................19

19 Mesonotum with acrostichal setae in 8–10 rows.................................22

M. (P.) punctata Sasakawa

20 Arista short plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/3 height of 1st flagellomere; frons yellow on ventral 1/5; legs dark brown except base of tibiae and tarsi yellowish; male genitalia: surstylus consisting of outer process narrow basally and bifurcated apically, and inner process clubbed and slender in lateral view (Sasakawa 1985: Fig. 2A–C) ............M. (P.) divaricata Sasakawa

21 Halter dark brown except stem yellowish at base; male genitalia: surstylus slender and curved, claviform, acute apically (Shatalkin 2000: Fig. 97)..........

...............................................................M. (P.) fuscescens Shatalkin
– Halter entirely yellow; male genitalia: surstylus short and rounded apically (Shatalkin 2000: Fig. 96) ........................................... \textit{M. (P.) tenebrica} Shatalkin

22 Body yellow to dark yellow; male genitalia: surstylus with a pair of very long aciculiform processes (Fig. 6) ................... \textit{M. (P.) longaciculiformis} sp. n.
– Body brown to black; male genitalia with short claviform process or process shaped otherwise.......................................................23

23 Mid tibia with 2 strong apicoventral setae; halter dark brown except stem yellowish; male genitalia: surstylus claviform narrowing gradually, with a tiny median process and tiny setulae in lateral view (Shatalkin 2000: Fig. 91)......
.......................................................... \textit{M. (P.) omei} Shatalkin
– Mid tibia with 1 strong apicoventral seta; halter yellow; male genitalia: surstylus in another shape, if claviform, then without a median process in lateral view.................................................................24

24 Arista pubescent, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/4 length of 1\textsuperscript{st} flagellomere; acr in 10 irregular rows; mid tibia with 1 apicoventral seta; male genitalia: surstylus with a long clubbed process, curved ventrally at tip (Sasakawa 2002: Fig. 6) ................................. \textit{M. (P.) longistylis} Sasakawa
– Arista short plumose, rays of arista with longest setulae as long as 1/2 length of 1\textsuperscript{st} flagellomere; acrostichal setulae in 8 rows; mid tibia with 2 apicoventral setae; male genitalia: surstylus with an acute geniculate outer process and a curved needle-like inner process (Fig. 21) .......... \textit{M. (P.) zhejiangica} sp. n.

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Appendix

Genus *Minettia* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830

Subgenus *Plesiominettia* Shatalkin, 2000

1. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *crassulata* Shatalkin, 1998a: 61. Holotype male, ZMAN. Type locality: China, Sichuan, Mt. Omei. Palaearctic: Russia. Oriental: China (Sichuan).

2. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *divaricata* Sasakawa, 1985: 5. Holotype male, OMNH. Type locality: Japan, Mie Prefecture, Osugidani. Palaearctic: Japan (Hokkaido, Kyushu).

3. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *filia* (Becker, 1895: 237) (*Sapromyza*). Syntypes female, possibly HZMZ and/or ZMHB. Type locality: Croatia, Dalmatia; Poland (“Dalmatien und Polen”). Palaearctic: Britain, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland. [Note: the syntypes were in the collections of Langhoffer and Schnabl; most of the Langhoffer collection is in HZMZ, but some specimens are in ZMHB; the Schnabl collection was reported by Šifner (2008) as destroyed in WWII according to A. A. Stackelberg.]. Combination Papp, 1978: 223. *Minettia dissimilis* Collin, 1966: 144. Holotype female, RSME. Type locality: Scotland. Dumbarton, Bonhill. Synonymy Shatalkin, 1998b: 815.

4. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *flavoscutellata* sp. n. Holotype male, CAUC. Type Locality: China, Hubei Province, Shennongjia National Natural Reserve, Pingqian. Oriental: China (Hubei).

5. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *fuscescens* Shatalkin, 1998b: 812. Holotype male, ZMUM. Type locality: Japan, Honshu, Nagano Prefecture, Chino-Shi. Palaearctic: Japan (Honshu, Nagano-Ken, Chino-Shi).

6. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *gemma* Shatalkin, 1992: 83. Holotype male, ZMUM. Type locality: Russia, Primorsky Krai, Ussuri District, Kamenushka. Palaearctic: Russia, Korea. *Minettia tarsata* Sasakawa & Kozánek, 1995: 327. Holotype male, SNMC. Type locality: North Korea, Myohyangsan Mts., 5 km SW of Hyangsan. Synonymy Shatalkin, 1998b: 815.

7. *Minettia* (*Plesiominettia*) *gemmata* Shatalkin, 1992: 83. Holotype female, ZMUM. Type locality: Russia, Primorsky Krai, Ussuri District, Kamenushka. Palaearctic: Russia, Korea.
Minettia kimi Sasakawa and Kozánek, 1995: 323. Holotype female, SNMC. Type locality: North Korea, Ryongaksan Mts., 10 km W of Pyongyang. Synonymy Shatalkin, 1998b: 814.

8. Minettia (Plesiominettia) helva Czerny, 1932. Syntypes, 3 male and 2 female, NHMW. Type locality: “Unterlaufe des Amur” (=Russian Far East). Palaearctic: Russia.

9. Minettia (Plesiominettia) helvola (Becker, 1895: 220) (Sapromyza). Syntypes male and female, HNHM. Type locality: Hungary; Russia. Palaearctic: Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland. [Note: the syntypes were in the collections of Thalhammer and Schnabl; most of the Thalhammer collection is in HNHM; the Schnabl collection was reported by Šifner (2008) as destroyed in WWII according to A. A. Stackelberg.]. Combination Czerny, 1932: 25.

10. Minettia (Plesiominettia) ishidai (Sasakawa, 1985: 2) (Prorhaphochaeta). Holotype female, OMNH. Type locality: Japan, Hokkaido, Yukomanbetsu, Mt. Daisetsu. Palaearctic: Japan (Honshu), Russia.

11. Minettia (Plesiominettia) loewi (Schiner, 1864: 104) (Sapromyza). Replacement name for Sapromyza bicolor Loew, 1858. Palaearctic: Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland. Combination Czerny, 1932: 25. Sapromyza bicolor Loew, 1858: 12. Syntypes male and female, possibly MNHW and/or ZMHB (Scholtz collection). Type locality: “Silesia” (=region of Central Europe, mostly Poland, partly Czech Republic and Germany). Preoccupied by Macquart, 1835: 403.

12. Minettia (Plesiominettia) longaciculiformis sp. n. Holotype male, CAUC. Type locality: China, Zhejiang Province, Lin’an, Tianmushan. Oriental: China (Zhejiang).

13. Minettia (Plesiominettia) longistylis Sasakawa, 2002: 45. Holotype male, BPBM. Type locality: China, Taiwan, Mt. Alishan. Oriental: China (Taiwan). New subgenus combination.

14. Minettia (Plesiominettia) nigrantennata sp. n. Holotype male, CAUC. Type locality: Chian, Hunan Province, Changde, Shimen, Hupingshan National Nature Reserve, Zhipeng River. Oriental: China (Hunan).

15. Minettia (Plesiominettia) omei Shatalkin, 1998a: 61. Holotype male, ZMAN. Type locality: China, Sichuan, Mt. Omei, (between Oingyin and Chunyang). Palaearctic: Russia. Oriental: China (Sichuan).

16. Minettia (Plesiominettia) punctata Sasakawa, 1985: 5. Holotype male, OMNH. Type locality: Japan, Kyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture, Aburayama. Palaearctic: Russia, Japan (Honshu, Kyushu).

17. Minettia (Plesiominettia) styriaca (Strobl, 1892) (Sapromyza). Holotype female, NMBA. Type locality: Austria, Natterriegel, near Admont. Palaearctic: Austria, Finland. Combination with Prorhaphochaeta Czerny, 1932: 31. Combination Collin 1948: 225 (although the species was not mentioned, the genus Prorhaphochaeta was synonymized under Minettia).
18. *Minettia (Plesioptinettia) tenebrica* Shatalkin, 1992: 84. Holotype male, ZMUM. Type locality: Russia, Primorsky Krai, Ussuri District, Kamenushka. Palaearctic: Russia.

19. *Minettia (Plesioptinettia) tridentata* sp. n. Holotype male, CAUC. Type locality: China, Hunan Province, Changde, Shimen, Hupingshan National Nature Reserve, Zhipeng River. Oriental: China (Hunan).

20. *Minettia (Plesioptinettia) zhejiangica* sp. n. Holotype male, CAUC. Type locality: China, Zhejiang Province, Longquan, Fengyangshan National Nature Reserve, Fengyang Lake. Oriental: China (Zhejiang).