

Selected species described by F. Christian THOMPSON. I. Ximo MENGUAL

In his revision of the *Eristalis* of Americas south of the United States, THOMPSON (1997) named two new species after the co-founders of Microsoft Corp. [namely Paul ALLEN and William (Bill) GATES, III] in recognition of their contribution to the PC revolution. The drawings of *Eristalis alleni* and *Eristalis gatesi* were done by Steven FALK and Chris THOMPSON paid for them 'at my expense', in another gesture of his generosity. Chris was a computer enthusiast, but ironically, he hated Microsoft Word and kept using Corel WordPerfect until the last day. Among friends, Chris revealed that his aim with naming these two species from Costa Rica was to bring attention to the Microsoft co-founders and try to get some funding from them, something that he regretted never happened.



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Figs 1, 2: Selected species described by F. Christian THOMPSON. – 1: *Eristalis alleni* THOMPSON, 1997; – 2: *Eristalis gatesi* THOMPSON, 1997. From the original publication.