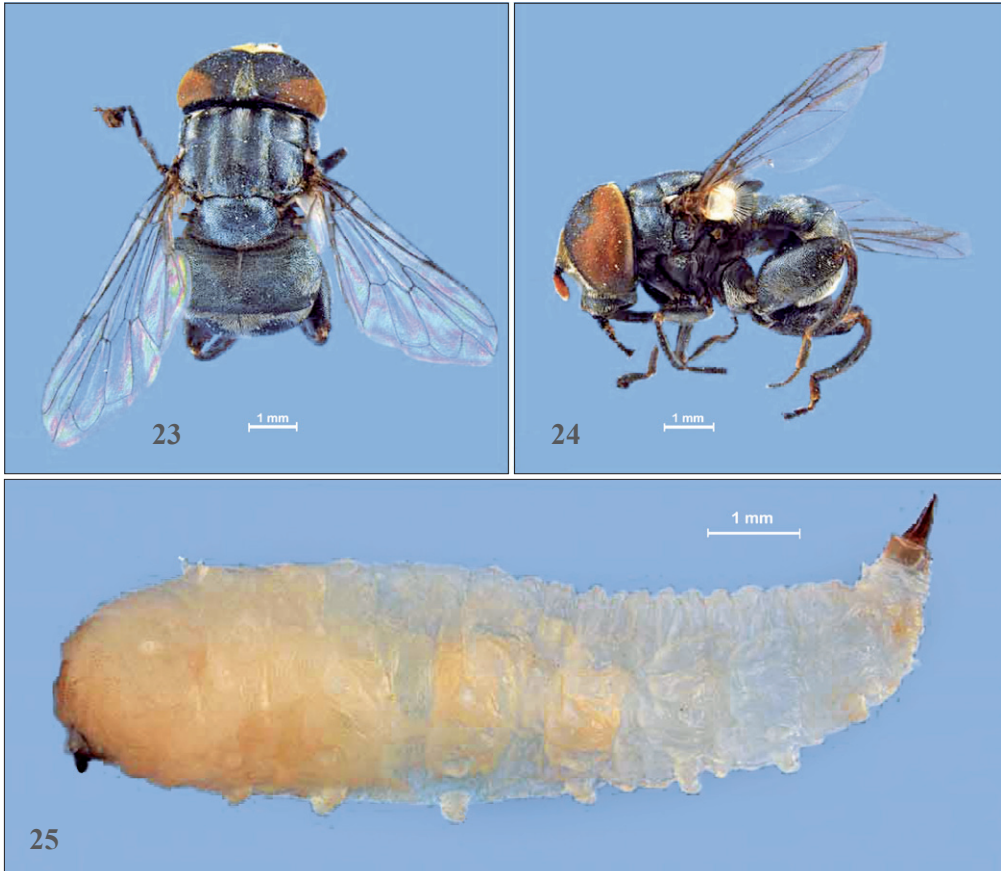


Selected species described by F. Christian THOMPSON. VIII. Ximo MENGUAL

In 2009, together with Brazilian colleagues, Chris described a “very long-known” flower fly species, *Alipumilio athesphatus* THOMPSON in MORALES et al., 2009. In the publication of his PhD (THOMPSON 1972), Chris already said that he found several new species of *Alipumilio* SHANNON, 1927 and figured out the male genitalia of a so-called *Alipumilio* species 1 THOMPSON. In a manuscript from Chris, the same species has one of the famous Thompson’s codes, *Alipumilio* 67–4, which denotes that it was the fourth (new or unknown to him) species recognized in 1967. Other researchers interpret these codes as ‘new species’, but sometimes they are only temporary name-holders until Chris could find a name for the taxon in question. A few decades later, that “species 1” was finally published as *A. athesphatus*, together with its larval morphology and ecology.



Figs 23–25: *Alipumilio athesphatus* THOMPSON in MORALES et al., 2009. – 23: Male, dorsal view; – 24: Male, lateral view; – 25: Third instar larvae, lateral view. From the original publication, modified.