

ORDER SIPHONAPTERA LATREILLE

Siphonaptera Latreille, 1825, Fam. Nat. du Regne Animal, p. 334.

Suctoria Retzius, 1783, Caroli De Geer Genera et Species Insectorum, p. VI.

Aphaniptera Kirby and Spence, 1826, Introduction to Entomology. 4:382.

Wingless; the body laterally compressed. Mouthparts formed for piercing and sucking. Antenna three-jointed and situated in a groove. Eyes simple, sometimes vestigial or absent. Tarsi five-jointed; the coxae well-developed. Metamorphosis complete.

Key to the Suborders of Siphonaptera

Preantennal and postantennal regions of the head not separated by a dorsal sulcus, although there may be a heavy sclerotization above the antennaSuborder Integricipita

Preantennal and postantennal regions of the head separated above by a sulcus extending from the antennal groove to the dorsum and permitting motion between the two regionsSuborder Fracticipita

SUBORDER INTEGRICIPITA OUDEMANS

Integricipita Oudemans, 1908, Tijds. v. Ent., 51:92.

This suborder is represented in the East by three families.

Key to the Families of Integricipita

1. The three thoracic tergites together shorter than the first abdominal tergiteHectopsyllidae, p. 9
- The three thoracic tergites together not shorter than the first abdominal tergite2
2. One row of bristles to each abdominal tergitePulicidae, p. 13
- Two or more rows of bristles to each abdominal tergiteDolichopsyllidae, p. 29