

OTHER FLY FAMILIES EASILY CONFUSED WITH SCIOMYZIDAE

Sciomyzidae are distinguished from other acalyptrate Diptera by the complete subcosta, lack of vibrissae, divergent postocellar setae, preapical tibial setae on all legs, and inconspicuous clypeus.

Here are some of the flies most often confused with Sciomyzidae:



1 – Some Heleomyzidae (shown here) and Scathophagidae superficially resemble Sciomyzidae but have vibrissae (see arrow).

2 – Dryomyzidae look like some common Sciomyzidae but have an exposed clypeus (the piece below the lower margin of the face) and katepisternal setae.

3 – Lauxaniidae usually are smaller than similar Sciomyzidae and have convergent postocellar setae.



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