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A RECORD OF PHYGOCEPHALA AFFINIS WILLISTON AS A PARASITE OF ADULT BEMBIX COMATA PARKER

The sand wasp, Bembix comata Parker, which nests in the sand flats at Emeryville, California, is frequently parasitized by the conopid fly, Physocephala affinis Williston, which can be collected nearby on sweet clover blossoms. The habits of the fly at this locality are similar to those recorded in a recent paper1 for the same species as a parasite of Bembix occidentalis beutenmuelleri Fox. -- By G. E. Bohart and J. W. MacSwain.


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