

## ***Ozeoura*—a New Genus of Chioneinae (Insecta: Diptera: Tipuloidea: Limoniidae) from Australia**

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**ABSTRACT.** *Ozeoura* g. nov. (subfamily Chioneinae, family Limoniidae) is established for nine Australian species, four previously known species and five newly described here: *Ozeoura billeang* sp. nov., *O. bonelya* sp. nov., *O. lotheggi* sp. nov. and *O. narahdarn* sp. nov., all from tropical Queensland, and *O. dingo* sp. nov. from northeastern New South Wales. The taxonomy of *Ozeoura* is discussed, a key for separating males is presented and the larval and pupal stages are described and figured.

**KEYWORDS.** *Ozeoura*; new genus; Diptera; Tipuloidea; Limoniidae; freshwater ecosystem.

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This paper proposes a new genus, *Ozeoura* g. nov., to receive four species of Australian chioneine limoniid crane flies, previously included in *Baeoura* Alexander, 1924 along with an additional five species described as new. *Ozeoura* is endemic to Australia, primarily occurring in the east along the Great Dividing Range, with a single species present in Tasmania (Fig. 1). They are rather rarely encountered,

generally in close proximity to waterways in forested areas (Figs 2, 3) of alpine and temperate and tropical rainforest environments.

*Ozeoura* (Fig. 4) is morphologically similar to the New World genus *Cryptolabis* Osten Sacken, 1860 and to *Baeoura*, a genus virtually restricted to the Old World. Together the three genera likely constitute a closely related

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