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Phaonia gallicola ALBUQUERQUE, 1958 (DIPTERA; MUSCIDAE)
A GALL MAKER ON *Pteridium aquilinum* KUNH. (PTERIDOPHYTA)

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In a survey of phytophagous insects associated with bracken fern *Pteridium aquilinum* Kunh (Martins & Pimenta, unpublished data) at km 22 of the BR 135 road, near Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, we reared one muscid pupae from araquis rounded gall. We compared the emerged adult male genitalia with genitalia of several *Phaonia* species described in ALBUQUERQUE (1958): The galler genitalia presented the same morphology as *Phaonia gallicola* Albuquerque, 1958.

ALBUQUERQUE (1958) obtained the holotype male numbered 5315 from the Represa dos Ciganos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in October, 1924 from a *Piper* sp gall. However, we were unable to compare the *Pteridium*'s gall morphology and its localization on the host plant with that of Albuquerque because no information is available on the *Piper* sp. gall. In addition, MANI (1968) did not mention any cecidogenic muscid in his comprehensive survey of 1300 references. However, BEZZI & TAVARES (1916) obtained only four muscid species from the material described in 3,5 years of gall insects survey in Brazil.

This is the first record of *P. gallicola* in *P. aquilinum*. The specimen is deposited in the Museu de Zoologia da Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil.

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