AFD ☐ Order HYMENOPTERA iNaturalist **⊞ Superfamily CHRYSIDOIDEA** ☐ Infraorder Aculeata (Ants, Bees, and Stinging Wasps) **⊞ Superfamily CYNIPOIDEA** Superfamily Vespoidea (Ants and Vespoid Wasps) **⊞ Superfamily EVANIOIDEA ⊞ Superfamily ICHNEUMONOIDEA** → Family Bradynobaenidae (Bradynobaenid Wasps) **⊞** Superfamily PLATYGASTROIDEA **⊞ Superfamily PROCTOTRUPOIDEA** → Family Formicidae (Ants) □ Superfamily VESPOIDEA → Family Mutillidae (Velvet Ants) → Family Myrmosidae (Myrmosid Wasps) **⊞ Family POMPILIDAE** ☐ Family TIPHIIDAE → Family Pompilidae (Spider Wasps) → Family Rhopalosomatidae (Rhopalosomatid Wasps) **⊞** Subfamily Diamminae ⊞ Subfamily Myzininae → Family Sapygidae (Club-horned Wasps) **⊞** Subfamily Thynninae → Family Scoliidae (Scoliid Wasps) ⊞ Subfamily Tiphiinae **⊞ Family RHOPALOSOMATIDAE** Family Vespidae (Hornets, Paper Wasps, Potter Wasps, and Allies) **⊞ Family SCOLIIDAE** □ Superfamily TENTHREDINOIDEA ☐ Infraorder Aculeata (Ants, Bees, and Stinging Wasps) → Superfamily Thynnoidea (Thynnid and Chyphotid Wasps) Superfamily Tiphioidea (Tiphiid Flower Wasps and Allies) → Family Thynnidae (Thynnid Flower Wasps) → Family Tiphiidae (Tiphiid Flower Wasps) → Subfamily Anthoboscinae → Subfamily Brachycistidinae → Subfamily Tiphiinae Subfamily Diamminae Subfamily Methochinae Note that AFD shows older arrangement. iNat has → Subfamily Myzininae Thynnidae as the major Flower Subfamily Thynninae Wasp family, with Thynninae as the major subfamily.

Superfamilies: Vespoidea, Thynnoidea and Tiphoidea

POMPILIDAE

- tibial spurs prominent
- eye not (or only weakly) emarginate
- pronotum large and free (like Thynnidae)
- forewings with at least some closed cells
- agile, with long legs
- behaviour quite uniform ... jump, hop, flick wings in search for spiders

Pepsinae (Aust 23 genera, 86 species, contested taxonomy)

- very diverse group

Pompilinae (Aust 13 genera, 132 species)

- tend to be shiny black with silvery bands, and some with yellow or orange markings
- some mimic vespids, with longitudinally folded wings

SCOLIIDAE - Scoliinae

- mid & hind tibial spurs strong
- eye strongly emarginate
- pronotum not free
- pseudovenation of forewing (apical array of ridges and grooves)
- most large, stout, hairy and fossorial
- Aus = 20spp
- strongly sexually dimorphic, but both are winged

THYNNIDAE

- eyes not strongly emarginate
- forewing lacks pseudovenation & not folded
- pronotum large, dorsally, and free from mesonotum

Thynninae

- vast majority of Aust app
- Aust = > 600 spp
- 1st submarginal cell usually has spur vein
- antennae arise beneath ridge
- mid tibia with 2 spurs
- sexually dimorphic, females nearly always wingless

Diamminae

one species, Diamma bicolor

Anthoboscinae

Aust= 20spp

Tiphiidae - Tiphiinae

(northern Aus)

only 1 species in Aus

- antennae simple sockets
- mostly black

VESPIDAE

- eyes strongly emarginate (except Masarinae)
- forewing longitudinally folded (except Masarinae)
- pronotum short dorsally, acute above tegular, ventrally acute

Eumeninae

- most Aust species (~300)
- not social
- mud nest builders

Polistinae

- eusocial
- paper wasps

Vespinae

- 2 spp, introduced

Masarinae

- solitary, bee-like
- collect nectar and pollen
- Aus = 33spp (most in arid regions)

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