

**Shore Fly *Limnellia fallax* (Czerny, 1903) Diptera:  
Ephydriidae.**

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01. *Limnellia fallax* at Piper's Hill 29.05.24. John Bingham.

Whilst looking for beetles on a visit to Piper's Hill, Hanbury on 29th May 2024, I spotted a tiny fly some 3mm long running over an old rotten tree trunk. It was an attractive, well-marked species so out of interest I took a photo. Having little idea of the species, I posted it on UK Diptera Facebook site and Tony Irwin kindly identified it as *Limnellia fallax*, adding that little was known about the species.

The only other Worcestershire record is from Mick Blythe on 9th August 2003 at woodlands near Eastham in the Teme Valley. Most species in this group are coastal, shore flies but some use inland pools. This looks likely at Piper's Hill as a pool was nearby.

This little fly is most likely overlooked, but perhaps the tiny species are worth our attention, although not all can be named so easily.

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**Image**

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