









Ceratitis "FAR" species complex



The *Ceratitis* FAR complex is a group of the subgenus *Pterandrus* comprising initially three morphologically similar species: *C. fasciventris* (Bezzi), *C. anonae* Graham and *C. rosa* Karsch. More recently a fourth species was added to this group namely, *C. quilicii* De Meyer, Mwatawala & Virgilio. Whereas females cannot be differentiated among the complex, reliable morphological characters can be found on the femur and tibia of the mid leg from male specimens.

1 Mid tibiae of male specimens:







C. anonae



C. rosa



Though is does not belong to the *Ceratitis* FAR complex, *C. colae* is another closely related species within the subgenus *Pterandrus* which can also only be reliably identified with the characters of the male fore and mid leg.

C. colae

Individual species of the FAR complex and C. colae are handled on separate sheets

Further information see: http://projects.bebif.be/fruitfly/index.html Limitation: the species sheets only show differentiation between major pest species but do not take into account similarities/differences between ALL fruit infesting tephritids in West Africa. Copyright: text G. Goergen, IITA; images G. Goergen, IITA & *NHM, London. Acknowledgements: Thanks are due to M. De Meyer, MRAC for help provided in the conceptualization of the sheets.