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## Abstract

A taxonomic revision of Neotropical wasps of the subgenus *Kappa* de Saussure of the genus *Mischocyttarus* de Saussure leads to recognition of 36 species, twelve of them described here for the first time: *M. laurae* **sp. n.**, *M. mirus* **sp. n.**, *M. magdalenensis* **sp. n.**, *M. paris* **sp. n.**, *M. fidus* **sp. n.**, *M. occiduus* **sp. n.**, *M. efferus* **sp. n.**, *M. acreanus* **sp. n.**, *M. porantin* **sp. n.**, *M. timbira* **sp. n.**, *M. mysticus* **sp. n.**, and *M. pertinax* **sp. n.** Synonymies included are: *M. deceptus* (Fox, 1895) = *M. atrocyanus* Zikán, 1949; *M. imitator* (Ducke, 1904) = *M. goyanus* Zikán, 1949 = *M. communalis* Richards, 1978; *M. socialis* (de Saussure, 1854) = *M. atramentarius* Zikán, 1949; *M. metathoracicus* (de Saussure, 1854) = *M. granadaensis* Zikán, 1949 = *M. rectus* Richards, 1978; *M. injucundus* (de Saussure, 1854) = *M. injucundus bimarginatus* (Cameron, 1912) = *M. juruanus* Richards, 1978 = *M. jucundus* Richards, 1978 = *M. injucundus tingomariae* Richards, 1978. Males of five species are described for the first time: *M. zikaninus* Richards, *M. villarricanus* Zikán, *M. adolphi* Zikán, *M. latissimus* Richards, and *M. deceptus* (Fox).

**Key words:** Vespidae, Polistinae, *Mischocyttarus*, *Kappa*, taxonomy