

**DESCRIPTION OF ADULTS AND REDESCRIPTION OF DEUTONYMPHS OF
HISTIOSTOMA DARWISHII ERAKY, 1994 (ASTIGMATA: HISTIOSTOMATIDAE), AN
ASSOCIATE OF *PARASITUS FIMETORUM* BERLESE (MESOSTIGMATA:
PARASITIDAE)**

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ABSTRACT - *Histiostoma darwishii* Eraky (Astigmata: Histiostomatidae) was studied from a culture of a mesostigmatid mite (*Parasitus fimetorum* Berlese, 1903, Mesostigmata: Parasitidae), collected from compost at the Hokkaido University Experimental Farm in 1997. The morphological characters of the deutonymphs were identical to those of *Histiostoma darwishii* Eraky, 1994, recorded from an animal farm of the College of Agriculture, Assiut, Egypt. The adult male and female are described and illustrated for the first time, and the deutonymph is redescribed.

Key Words - Acari, Histiostomatidae, Parasitidae, description, adults, phoretic host, Japan.

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