FACT FILE Help please

We are getting reports of emerging crane fly and believe this is the Marsh Crane Fly

To help us verify this hypothesis please can you send picture and location to

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Information on this species is shown below source Wikipedia

Tipula oleracea

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The **marsh crane fly** (*Tipula oleracea*) is a species of cranefly found throughout the Palaearctic and parts of the Nearctic.i.e North America and All across Europe.

Its specific name *oleracea* means "related to vegetables/herbs" in Latin and is a form of *holeraceus* (*oleraceus*).[1][2]

Technical description[edit]

A usually greyish species, but abdomen occasionally ferruginous and often with a blackish median and/or lateral longitudinal stripe. The wing length is 18–28 mm. The minimum space between eyes below is at most subequal to the maximum width of antenna! scape ; the antennae are 13-segmented. The male tergite 9 has a short median projection (its breadth at base exceeding its length), and roundly bifurcated at apex, the bifurcations blackish ; sternite 8 simple, 9 almost fused with tergite 9 (as in *T. paludosa* and *T. czizeki*). female wings as long as abdomen; sternal valves usually extending to about two-thirds length of cerci, cerci only slightly clubbed at tips.

Distribution[edit]

T. oleracea is prevalent mainly in Europe. Their habitat ranges in the South to North Africa, but has a limit in Algeria to the East. In Europe the South-eastern boundary is in Greece. It occurs on some Greek islands such as Crete as a subspecies and is also on Malta. It is found in Northern Europe with the exception of Finland and Latvia. In North and South America, it was probably introduced as an invasive species located in the West of the North American continent from British Columbia to California, in the East between Michigan and New York. It was introduced in Ecuador in South America.

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Adult –

Wing Detail

Larvae