

SERPHTIDAE (INSECTA: HYMENOPTERA) FROM THE LOWER CRETACEOUS AMBER OF ÁLAVA (SPAIN)

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Two individuals belonging to the Serphitidae fossil family (Insecta: Hymenoptera) are found in the Aptian-Albian amber of Álava. Into this family, only known in the Cretaceous, we include three genera: *Microsephites*, *Aposerphites* and *Serphites*, and they have been found in the Cretaceous Taimyr (Russia) and Cedar Lake (Canada) outcrops. Recently this family has been found in the New Jersey and Burmese ambers too, but this material has not yet been described (Rasnitsyn, per. obs.). Except for the Canada and Taimyr localities, the individuals of this family are very scarce in the fossil assemblages. There are two individuals from the Álava amber, one of them belong to the *Aposerphites* Kozlov & Rasnitsyn genus and the other one to the *Serphites* Brues genus.