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The 709th meeting of the Hawaiian Entomological Society was called to order by President Mitchell at 2:00 P. M. in Agee Hall, Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Assn. (HSPA) Experiment Station, Honolulu.

Members present: Ashlock, Beardsley, Bess, Bianchi, Chock, Clagg, Davidson, Davis, Ganesalingam, Harrell, Holway, Joyce, Kajiwara, Krauss, Look, Mitchell, Nakao, Nakata, Nishida, Pemberton, Perkins, Quate, Ross, Shiroma, Suehiro, Suman, Tenorio, Thistle, Tsuda, Voss, Wilson, Woolford, and Yoshimoto.

Visitors: Stanley F. Bailey, Blair R. Bartlett, Duane Gubler, Carleton Phillips, and Ellis Traoughton.

Ronald Mau, Harry Kaya, and Mutsuo Miyatake were elected unanimously to membership in the Society.

Drs. Blair Bartlett and Stanley Bailey, visiting professors in Entomology at the University of Hawaii, spoke about their visit here. A movie, "The Sentinels of Agriculture", prepared by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, California State Department of Agriculture, was shown.

NOTES AND EXHIBITIONS

Rubus rogersi Linton: N. L. H. Krauss reported on this wild blackberry, identified by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England, and native to England and Ireland. It has invaded the forest around Kokee, Kauai and has become a major pest. Specimens were collected at Kalalau Lookout, Kokee, 4,000 ft, 10, March 1963. The wild blackberry at Olinda, Maui previously was identified as Rubus lucidus Rydberg, a southeastern United States species (P. H. E. S., 18 (1)8: 11-12, 1962). One or two additional species of introduced wild Rubus may occur on Hawaii.

Hypothenemus pubescens Hopkins: N. L. H. Krauss exhibited this immigrant scolytid, a new pest record for the island of Hawaii, which was recovered from Bermuda grass on the Kona Coast of Hawaii by Carl Gaddis, 16, December 1964. *H. pubescens* was reported for the first time in the state from Maui and Molokai during November, 1964 and from Oahu on 7, December 1964.

Mosquito survey of some islands of the Central Pacific:

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INSECTS AND OTHER TERRESTRIAL ARTHROPODS FROM THE LEEWARD HAWAIIAN ISLANDS'

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INTRODUCTION

The Leeward Hawaiian Islands comprise a chain of small rocky islets, and coral atolls which extend west-northwest of Kauai. Nihoa, the nearest, is about 150 miles from Kauai, while Kure, the furthermost, is some 1,150 miles away (see map, p. 158). All Leeward Islands except Midway and Kure are now a part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This paper summarizes results of recent entomological field work in these islands, and attempts to update the existing lists of insects and other terrestrial arthropods known.

The terrestrial arthropod fauna of these islands is a mixture of endemic or indigenous elements and recently, adventive forms. The numbers of endemic species are greatest on the two relatively undisturbed southeastern volcanic islands of Nihoa and Necker, and apparently have disappeared largely from the more northwesterly atolls where, in most cases, the original vegetation has changed drastically in the past 100 years or so. Extinction of native plants and endemic insects has been documented fairly well for Laysan (Christophersen & Caum, 1931, Butler & Usinger, 1963a). Unfortunately, less is known about the original biota of the other atolls.

Most recent immigrant insects now known from the Leeward Islands occur also on the larger inhabited islands of Hawaii; however, two species could become serious crop pests should they spread into agricultural areas of the state. The Egyptian cotton moth, Spodoptera litura (Fabricius), is established on Pearl and Hermes Atolls and may be present also on Kure Atoll and Midway. In addition to cotton, this insect is also a pest of many garden and truck crops throughout the tropical and subtropical areas of the Old World and on many south and western Pacific islands. A species of scarab beetle, Anomala sulcatula Burmeister, known as a pest of sugar cane in the Philippine and Mariana Islands, is present on Midway Island.

New immigrant arthropods are continuing to invade and spread within the Leeward Islands. Such immigrants may have profound effects upon the delicate ecosystems of these small islands. Therefore, it seems worthwhile to record the recently discovered additions to the known terrestrial faunas for the benefit of ornithologists, ecologists, and others concerned with the biota of these islands.

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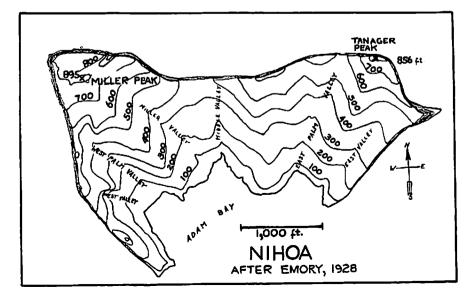
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The principal work on terrestrial arthropods of the Leeward Islands (Bryan et al. 1926) deals with material collected by the 1923 Tanager Expedition and other earlier collectors. This paper contains a nearly complete listing of the species then known from each of the islands. Several recent papers list arthropods known to be from the following islands: Laysan (Butler 1961, Butler & Usinger 1963 a), Midway (Suchiro 1960), and Kure (Butler & Usinger 1963b). No attempt is made here to duplicate lists for these islands, although a few new records from my own recent collecting are given. A relatively complete list is provided for each remaining island I visited. I have indicated also the collection dates (year), pertinent host and other ecological data, abundance, etc.

One group of insects, the Mallophaga, is not included since they are being worked on by others. Published records of Mallophaga from the Leeward Islands are principally from Laysan Island (Thompson 1948; Zimmerman 1948, Vol. 2; Butler & Usinger 1963a), although the species concerned probably will be found wherever their avian hosts occur.

I am indebted to the following persons for assistance in identifying specimens: P. D. Ashlock, F. A. Bianchi, E. A. Chapin, Mrs. D. Fellows, D. E. Hardy, D. F. Hardwick, Louise M. Russell, C. W. Sabrosky, T. W. Suman, E. L. Todd, N. Wilson, W. W. Wirth, C. M. Yoshimoto, and E. C. Zimmerman. Other identifications are from Brayn (1926) or were made by this writer. Most Tanager Expedition material is at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu, and where misidentifications in Bryan's list are indicated, I have examined the specimens. Specimens collected by me in 1962 and 1964 will be placed in the Bishop Museum with duplicates in the collection of the Entomology Department,



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University of Hawaii.

New island records in the species lists which follow are indicated by an asterisk.

Thanks are due the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (particularly to E. Kridler of the Honolulu office), the State of Hawaii Division of Fish and Game, personnel of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard for making possible my field work in the Leeward Islands during 1962 and 1964 and to E.H. Bryan, Jr. of the B.P. Bishop Museum who kindly supplied maps and other information used to prepare the figures.

NIHOA ISLAND

Nihoa Island, the nearest and highest of the Leeward Islands, is a steep rocky remnant of a former extensive volcanic dome. The island's area is about 156 acres; the highest point about 895 feet (Emory, 1928). Although Nihoa was the site of a prehistoric Hawaiian settlement, it remains in a relatively undisturbed condition. The island is covered sparsely with a scrubby growth of native plants, predominantly Chenopodium oahuense, Sida cordifolia, Solanum nelsoni, Sesbania tomentosa and Portulaca lutea, with native bunch grass Eragrostis variabilis along some of the higher ridges, Euphorbia celastroides as a prostrate shrub above 800 feet on Miller Peak (the highest point on the island), and an endemic fan palm Pritchardia remota in scattered groves in two of the larger gulches. Other less prominent plants include Amaranthus brownii, Panicum torridum, Rumex giganteus, Sicyos microcarpus, and Tribulus cistoides. A few others are recorded which I did not see (Christophersen & Caum, 1931). All the plants are considered to be native, and, apparently, there are no recently established exotic weeds present.

I spent about 7 hours on Nihoa on 10, June 1962 and one night and most of two days in September, 1964. The vegetation was relatively green, indicating recent abundant rainfall in June, 1962, but was much drier in September, 1964. A total of 102 species of terrestrial arthropods was collected or observed during these two visits; 51 are new records. Of the 72 species listed by Bryan, 21 were not collected in 1962 or 1964. Of the 123 species listed below, at least 35 are restricted either to the island or are species endemic to the Hawaiian Archipelago.

In addition to the arthropods listed, a small gecko, Lepidodactylus lugubris Dumeril & Bibron (determined by Karl Frogner, University of Hawaii Department of Zoology) was taken in Eragrostis clumps in 1964, and appears to be a recently established immigrant.

CRUSTACEA (Det. by Mrs. D. Fellows)
ISOPODA

Armadilliidae

*Armadillidium or Spherillo sp., 1964, in Eragrostis clumps.

Porcellionidae

*Porcellio (?) sp., immature specimen; 1964, in Eragrostis clumps.

ARACHNIDA

PSEUDOSCORPIONIDA

*undetermined genus and species, 1964.

ARANEIDA (Det. by T. W. Suman)

Argiopidae

*unidentified genus and species (mature Q); 1964.

Clubionidae

*Chiracanthium diversum L. Koch; 1964.

Oonopidae

*Gamasomorpha sp. (1 2); 1964.

Salticidae

*unidentified genus and species; 1964.

Thomisidae

*unidentified genus and species (immature 3); 1964.

INSECTA

THYSANURA

Lepismatidae

Acrotelsella hawaiiensis (Silvestri); 1923. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined species (see Zimmerman 1948, 2:36).

COLLEMBOLA

*undetermined genus and species; 1964.

ORTHOPTERA

Blattidae

Cutilia soror (Brunner); 1923; 1964.

Periplaneta americana (L.); 1923.

Periplaneta australasiae (Fabricius); 1923; 1964.

Pycnoscelus surinamensis (L.); 1923; 1964.

Tettigoniidae

Banza nihoa Hebard; 1923; 1964, in Eragrostis clumps.

DERMAPTERA

Labiduridae

Euborellia annulipes (Lucas); 1923; 1964.

PSOCOPTERA

undertermined genus and species; 1923: 1964.

THYSANOPTERA (Det. by F. A. Bianchi)

Thripidae

*Frankliniella sulphurea (Schmutz); 1962; 1964, in flowers of Sesbania, Tribulus & Solanum.

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COLEOPTERA

Staphylinidae

Atheta coriaria Kraatz; 1923.

Coccinellidae

Coelophora inaequalis (Fabricius); 1923, fragments (elytra) only.

*Scymnus debilis Leconte; 1964, on Eragrostis.

Scymnus loewii Mulsant: 1923; 1962, feeding on Platycoccus on Pritchardia; 1964, on Chenopodium and Euphorbia. Listed by Bryan as Pullus kinbergi (Boheman).

"Scymnus sp., near bipunctatus"; 1923, specimens not located.

Nitidulidae

*Carpophilus dimidiatus (Fabricius); 1964.

Cucujidae

Cryptomorpha desjardinsi Guenée; 1923.

Lathridiidae

*Lathridius (?) sp.; 1962, ex Eragrostis, one.

Dermestidae

Dermestes ater De Geer; 1923; 1964, under dead birds. Listed by Bryan as D. cadaverinus Fabricius.

Dermestes frischii Kugelam; 1923; 1964, under dead birds. Misidentified in Bryan's list as D. vulpinus Fabricius.

Labrocerus sp.; 1923; 1964, on Euphorbia celastroides.

Tenebrionidae

Sciophagus pandanicola (Boisduval); 1923; 1964. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined species.

Histeridae

*Saprinus lugens Erichson; 1964, under dead birds.

Anobiidae

*Xyletobius gossypii Ford (?); 1964, at light.

Cioidae

Cis vagans Perkins; 1923; 1964, on Euphorbia.

Cleridae

Necrobia rufipes De Geer: 1923.

Cerambycidae

Plagithmysus nihoae Perkins; 1923, ex Euphorbia stems.

Chrysomelidae

Epitrix hirtipennis (Melsheimer); 1923; 1962; 1964, feeding on Solanum nelsoni. Misidentified in Bryan's list as E. parvula (Fabricius).

Anthribidae

Araecerus fasciculatus (De Geer); 1923; 1962; 1964, adults at light, on Chenopodium and on Euphorbia.

Curculionidae

Oodemus breviscapum Perkins; 1923; 1962; 1964, ex Eragrostis.

Oodemus erro Perkins; 1923; 1964.

Oodemus laysanensis Fullaway; 1923; 1962; 1964, reared from larvae in

Chenopodium stems.

Pentharthrum pritchardiae Perkins; 1923, on Pritchardia.

Rhyncogonus exsul Perkins; 1923; 1962, adults abundant on Chenopodium; 1964, a few adults in Eragrostis clumps.

Proterhinidae

Proterhinus abundans Perkins; 1923; 1964, on Euphorbia.

Proterhinus bryani Perkins; 1923, on Euphorbia.

DIPTERA

Chironomidae (Det. by D. E. Hardy)

*Chironomus esakii Tokunaga, 1962.

* Telmatogeton pacificus Tokunaga; 1964.

Dolichopodidae

Paraphrosylus acrosticalis (Parent); 1923. Listed by Bryan as P. sp. (see Hardy, 1964:249).

Syrphidae

*Ischiodon grandicornis Macquart (?); 1962, seen flying but not captured.

Ephydridae

Neoscatella sexnotata (Cresson); 1923; 1962, 1964.

*Atissia antennalis Aldrich (Det. by W. W. Wirth); 1962, one specimen.

Canaceidae

Canaceoides nudata (Cresson); 1923. Reported by Bryan in 1932.

Sphaeroceridae

*Leptocera hirtula (Rondani) (?) 1962; 1964.

Asteiidae

Bryania bibunctata Aldrich; 1923; 1962; 1964. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined Asteinae.

*New genus and species (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1962.

Drosophilidae (Det. by D. E. Hardy)

*Scaptomyza (Bunostoma) sp.; possibly hamata Hardy; 1962 (one 2)

*Scaptomyza (Parascaptomyza) pallida Zetterstedt; 1962, one specimen.

Agromyzidae

Liriomyza sp.; 1923. Listed by Bryan as Agromyza pusilla Meigen. *Pseudonapomyza spicata (Malloch) (Det. by D. E. Hardy); 1962, one specimen.

Milichiidae

Milichiella orientalis Malloch; 1923. Listed by Bryan (1926) as an undetermined Milichiinae, and subsequently determined by Aldrich (Bryan, 1931).

*Leptometopa n. sp. (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1962; 1964, plentiful.

Chloropidae

Siphunculina signata (Wollaston); 1925; 1962; 1964, abundant.

Tachinidae

Achaetoneura archippivora (Williston); 1923.

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Sarcophagidae

Goniphyto bryani Souza-Lopez; 1923; 1962; 1964. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined species.

Calliphoridae

Lucilia sericata Meigen (?); 1923; 1962; 1964.

Hippoboscidae

Olfersia spinifera Leach; 1923; 1962; 1964, adults at light.

HYMENOPTERA

Braconidae

*Apanteles marginiventris Cresson; 1962, reared from Hilicoverpa larva; 1964.

*Chelonus blackburni Cameron; 1962; 1964.

Dorycles pallidiceps (Perkins); 1923.

Ichneumonidae

Horogenes blackburni Cameron 1923; 1962; 1964.

Mymaridae (Det. by C. M. Yoshimoto)

*Lymaenon mexicanus Perkins; 1964.

Eulophidae

Euderus metallicus Ashmead; 1923.

Hemiptarsenus semialbiclavus (Girault); 1923; 1964. Listed by Bryan as Pseudopheliminus vagans Timberlake, a synonym.

Eupelmidae

Eupelmus nihoaensis Timberlake; 1923.

Lepideupelmus bryani Timberlake; 1923.

Lepideupelmus robustus Timberlake; 1923; 1962; 1964.

Pteromalidae

*Spalangia drosophilae Ashmead (Det. by C. M. Yoshimoto); 1962; 1964. Diapriidae

*genus and species unidentified; 1964.

Bethylidae

Sclerodermus nihoaensis Timberlake; 1923.

Formicidae

Monomorium floricola (Jerdon); 1923; 1964.

Phrenolepis longicornis Fabricius; 1923; 1964.

Tapinoma melanocephalum (Fabricius); 1923; 1962; 1964.

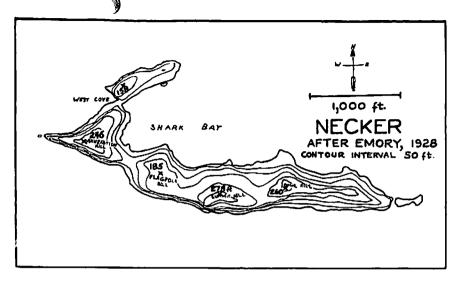
Tetramorium guineense (Fabricius); 1923; 1962; 1964.

Hylaeidae

Nesoprosopis perkinsiana Timberlake; 1923; 1964.

NECKER ISLAND

Necker Island, 300 miles northwest of Kauai, is both smaller and lower than Nihoa and consists of a long, roughly hook-shaped ridge with steep sides and a fairly broad, easily traversable summit at 150-200 ft elevation. The highest elevation is 278 feet, and the land area is about 41 acres



(Emory, 1928). The surface is rocky and is partly clothed with sparse, scrubby vegetation. During June, 1962, I spent approximately three hours on the island, and during September, 1964, one night and most of two days.

The flora of Necker includes only five species of vascular plants: Chenopodium oahuense, Panicum torridum, Portulaca lutea, Sesbania tomentosa, and Sesuvium portulacastrum (Christophrensen and Caum, 1931). Despite the simplicity of the flora, the terrestrial fauna includes a fair number of apparently endemic arthropods. Of the approximately 69 species here recorded, about 20 are known only from Necker, or from Necker and Nihoa. Twenty-eight of the species reported below are new records. Of the 41 species previously recorded, 10 were not re-collected in 1962 or 1964.

CRUSTACEA Isopoda (Det. by Mrs. D. Fellows)

Porcellionidae

Porcellio sp., Prob. laevis Latrielle; 1964, on rocks, 30 feet above sea level.

ARACHNIDA ARANEIDA (Det. by T. W. Suman)

Lycosidae

*Lycosa sp.; 1962; 1964.

Salticidae

*genus and species not identified; 1964.

Scytodidae

*Scytodes striatipes (L. Koch); 1964.

Dermestes ater De Geer; 1923; 1964. Listed by Bryan as D. cadaverinus Fabricius.

Labrocerus sp.: 1923.

Histeridae

*Acritus sp.; 1962, ex ground litter.

Tenebrionidae

Sciophagus pandanicola (Boisduval); 1923; 1964. Listed by Bryan as an unidentified tenebrionid.

Elateridae

Itodactus novicornis Van Zwaluwenburg; 1923; 1964, under rocks under Chenopodium.

*Itodactus sp.; 1964, under rocks under Chenopodium.

Anthribidae

Araecerus fasciculatus (De Geer); 1923; 1964.

Curculionidae

Rhyncogonus biformis Perkins; 1923; 1964, plentiful under Chenopodium bushes.

Oodemus laysanensis Fullaway; 1923; 1964, ex Chenopodium twigs. Oodemus neckerensis Perkins; 1923; 1964.

DIPTERA

Chironomidae (Det. by D. E. Hardy)

* Telmatogeton pacificus Tokunaga; 1964, adults at light.

Ceratopogonidae

*genus and species not yet identified; 1964.

Dolichopodidae

Paraphrosylus acrosticalis (Parent); 1923. Listed by Bryan as P. sp.

Phoridae

*Diplonevra peregrina (Wiedemann); 1964.

Ephydridae

Neoscatella sexnotata (Cresson); 1923; 1962; 1964.

Atissia antennalis Aldrich; 1923. Not listed by Bryan (1926), but description based on specimens from Necker collected by Tanager Expedition (Aldrich, 1931).

Sphaeroceridae

*Leptocera hirtula (Rondani) (?); 1964.

Asteiidae

*New genus and species (Det. by D. E. Hardy); 1964 (same as Nihoa species).

Chloropidae

Siphunculina signata Wollaston; 1923; 1962; 1964.

Milichiidae

Milichiella orientalis Malloch; 1923. Not listed by Bryan (1926), but a specimen from Necker was subsequently determined by Aldrich (Bryan, 1931).

*Leptometopa n. sp. (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1964.

Sarcophagidae

Goniophyto bryani Souza Lopez; 1923; 1962; 1964.

Hippoboscidae

Olfersia spinifera Leach; 1923; 1964, adults at light.

HYMENOPTERA

Encyrtidae

*Anagyrus n. sp.; 1964, reared from Pseudococcus n. sp. on Chenopodium. Eupelmidae

Lepideupelmus robustus Timberlake; 1923; 1964.

Signiphoridae

*Thysanus aspidioti Ashmead; 1964, reared from Hemiberlesia lataniae on Chenopodium.

Pteromalidae (Det. by C. M. Yoshimoto)

*Spalangia drosophilae Ashmead; 1964.

Formicidae

Cardiocondyla nuda minutior Forel; 1923; 1964.

Monomorium minutum Mayr; 1923; 1964.

Ponera kalakauae Forel; 1923.

Tetramorium guineense (Fabricius); 1923; 1962; 1964.

FRENCH FRIGATE SHOAL

French Frigate Shoal, situated about 80 miles west of Necker, is a group of about a dozen small coraline islets with a total land area of some 50 acres enlosed within a large reef. The largest islet, Tern Island, is the site of a U.S. Coast Guard Station and is occupied now almost entirely by the airstrip, buildings, and other facilities associated with the station. Vegetation of a limited sort occurs on 6 or 7 of the islets. La Parouse Rock, a small remnant of the original volcanic dome, lies outside the fringing reef and, apparently, is void of higher plant life.

During the Tanager Expedition visit in 1923 only 6 species of vascular plants were found: Boerhavia diffusa, Chenopodium oahuense, Ipomoea pescaprae, Portulaca lutea and Tribulus cistoides, (Christophersen & Caum, 1931). In addition to these, there are now several introduced weeds and a few ornamentals on Tern Island.

In June, 1962, I spent a few hours collecting on Tern Island, and in September, 1964, I made brief visits to Trig, Whale-Skate, and East Islets. Fifty-two species of terrestrial arthropods from the atoll are listed below, of which 25 are new records. Of the 27 species listed by Bryan (1926), 11 were not collected in 1962 or 1964.

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Deltocephalus sonorus Ball; 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I., on grass. Aphididae

Aphis craccivora Koch; 1923; 1964, Whale-Skate I., East I., on Chenopodium, Tribulus and Portulaca. Listed by Bryan as A. medicginis
Koch.

Pseudococcidae

*Ferrisia virgata (Cockerell); 1964, Trig I., on Portulaca and Boerhavia.

Coccidae

*Saissetia oleae (Bernard); 1962, Tern I., on Coccoloba uvifera twigs.

Diaspididae

- *Hemiberlesia lataniae (Signoret); 1964, Whale-Skate I., on twigs and branches of Chenopodium oahuense.
- *Odonaspis ruthae Kotinsky; 1962, Tern I., 1964 Trig I., on Lepturus stems.

LEPIDOPTERA

Noctuidae

Agrotis kerri Swezey; 1923.

*Chrysodeixis chalcites (Esper); 1962, Tern I., one reared from larva on Messerschmidia argentea foliage.

Spodoptera exempta (Walker); 1923. Misidentified in Bryan's list as S. mauritia (Boisduval).

Pterophoridae

Megalorhipida defectalis (Walker); 1923; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I., East I., on Boerhavia. Listed by Bryan as Trichoptilus oxydactylus (Walker).

Pyralidae

Hymenia recurvalis (Fabricius); 1923.

Tineidae

Erunetis kerri Swezey; 1923; 1964, Trig I.

Tineola uterella Walsingham; 1923.

Tortricidae

Crocidosema plebiana Zeller (?); 1923.

COLEOPTERA

Coccinellidae

Scymnus loweii Mulsant 1923; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I. Listed by Bryan as S. kinbergi (Boheman).

Dermestidae

Dermestes ater De Geer; 1923; 1964, Trig I. Listed by Bryan as D. cadaverinus Fabricius.

Tenebrionidae

*Alphitobius laevigatus Fabricius; 1964, Whale-Skate I., under boards.

Curculionidae

Dryotribus mimeticus Horn; 1923; 1964, Trig I., under driftwood. Dryotribus wilderi Perkins; 1923.

DIPTERA

Syrphidae

*Ischiodon grandicornis (Macquart); 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I., East I., adults flying, larvae preying on aphids.

Dolichopodidae

Paraphrosylus acrosticalis (Parent); 1923. Listed by Bryan as P. sp.

Ephydridae

*Hecamede persimilis Hendel; 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I.

Agromyzidae

*Liriomyza sp., hawaiiensis group; 1964, Tern I., reared from mines in Tribulus leaves, Trig I., Whale-Skate I.

Chloropidae

Siphunculina signata Wollaston; 1923; 1962, Tern 1.; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I., East I.

Sphaeroceridae

*Leptocera hirtula (Rondani)?; 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I.

Sarcophagidae

Goniophylo bryani Souza-Lopez; 1923; 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I., Whale-Skate I., East I. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined species.

Hippoboscidae

Olfersia spinifera Leach; 1923.

HYMENOPTERA

Eulophidae

*Hemiptarsenus semialbiclavus Girault; 1962, Tern 1.; 1964, Tern I., reared from Liriomyza larvae in Tribulus leaves.

Formicidae

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Cardiocondyla nuda Mayr; 1923; 1964, Trig I.

*Phrenolepis longicornis (Latreille); 1962, Tern I.

Ponera kalakauae Forel; 1923.

*Monomorium floricola (Jerdon); 1962, Tern I.; 1964, Trig I.

Monomorium pharaonis (L.); 1923; 1964, Whale-Skate I.

*Tetramorium guineense (Fabricius); 1962, Tern I.

*Tetramorium tonganum Mayr; 1962, Tern I.

LISIANSKI ISLAND

Lisianski Island, about 360 miles WNW of French Frigate Shoal and 100 miles WNW of Laysan, is a single, roughly rectangular low coraline

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islet approximately one-half square mile in area. The greatest elevation is about 40 feet.

Lisianski is now covered with low vegetation, although it was almost completely denuded by rabbits prior to the arrival of the Tanager Expedition in 1923. The vascular plants present include Scaevola frutescens (mostly along the beach margins), Eragrostis variabilis, Portulaca lutea (?), Nama sandwicensis and Tribulus cistoides. A few ironwood trees (Casuarina sp.) are present, also.

Approximately 7 hours were spent collecting insects on Lisianski on 18. IX. 64. Thirty-five species of terrestrial arthropods are known now from the island, 21 being new records. Bryan (1926) listed only 13 species, 7 of which were not re-collected in 1964. In addition, Hardwick (1964) recently has described an apparently endemic species of Helicoverpa from Lisianski, based on specimens apparently taken prior to 1923 by an unknown collector.

ARACHNIDA

ARANEIDA (DET. by T. W. Suman)

Argiopidae

- *Neoscona sp.; 1964.
- * Tetragnatha sp.: 1964.

Clubionidae

*Chiracanthium diversum L. Koch; 1964, plentiful.

INSECTA ORTHOPTERA

Blattidae

- *Blatella germanica (L.); 1964.
- *Periplaneta americana (L.); 1964.

DERMAPTERA

Labiduridae

Anisolabis eteronoma Borelli; 1923.

THYSANOPTERA (Det. by F. A. Bianchi)

Phlaeothripidae

*Karnyothrips melaleuca (Bagnall); 1964, on Eragrostis.

HEMIPTERA

Lygaeidae (Det. by P. D. Ashlock)

Nysius fullawayi Usinger; 1923; 1964, on Portulaca. Listed by Bryan as Nysius spp.

Nabidae

Nabis capsiformis German: 1923.

HOMOPTERA

Aphididae

Aphis craccivora Koch; 1923; 1964, on Tribulus. Listed by Bryan as A. medicaginis Koch.

*Hysteroneura sp.(Det. by Louise M. Russell); 1964, on Eragrostis.

Pseudococcidae

*Trionymus insularis Ehrhorn; 1964, on Eragrostis stems, plentiful.

*Saissetia nigra (Nietner); 1964, very heavy infestations on Scaevola, less abundant on Eragrostis.

Diaspididae

*Hemiberlesia lataniae (Signoret); 1964, heavy infestation on twigs of Scaevola, also on Portulaca.

LEPIDOPTERA

Noctuidae

Helicoverpa minuta Hardwick; date unknown, presumably prior to 1923. Pseudaletia unipuncta (Haworth); 1923.

Pterophoridae

*Megalorhipida defectalis (Walker); 1964, plentiful on Boerhavia.

Tineidae (Det. by E. C. Zimmerman)

*Ereunetis kerri Swezey; 1964, reared from larvae on Eragrostis.

Cygnodiidae (Det. by E. C. Zimmerman)

*Petrochroa dimorpha Busck; 1964.

COLEOPTERA

Coccinellidae

*Scymnus loewii Mulsant; 1964, preying on Trionymus insularis. Listed by Bryan as S. kinbergi (Boheman).

Dermestidae

Dermestes ater De Geer; 1923; 1964. Listed by Bryan as D. cadaverinus Fabricius.

DIPTERA

Dolichopodidae

Paraphrosylus acrosticalis (Parent); 1923; 1964, along rocky beach, preying on small flies. Listed by Bryan as P. sp.

Phoridae

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Diplonevia peregrina (Wiedemann); 1923; 1964. Misidentified in Bryan's list as Apiochaeta scalaris (Loew).

Ephydridae

*Hecamede persimilis Hendel; 1964, along beach.

Canaceidae

Canaceoides nudata (Cresson); 1923; 1964, along beach,

Sphaeroceridae

Leptocera sp.; 1923.

Milichiidae

- *Milichiella lactipennis (Loew); 1964.
- *Leptometopa n. sp. (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1964.

Chloropidae

Cadrema pallida Loew; 1923. Listed by Bryan as Hippelatus nigricornis var. flavus Thomson.

Siphunculina signata Wollaston; 1923; 1964.

Tethinidae (Det. by D. E. Hardy)

- * Tethina albula (Loew); 1964.
- * Tethina insularis Aldrich; 1964.

Calliphoridae

*Lucilia graphita Shannon; 1964.

Muscidae

*Musca domestica L.; 1964, very abundant and annoying.

Hippoboscidae

Olfersia spinifera Leach; 1923.

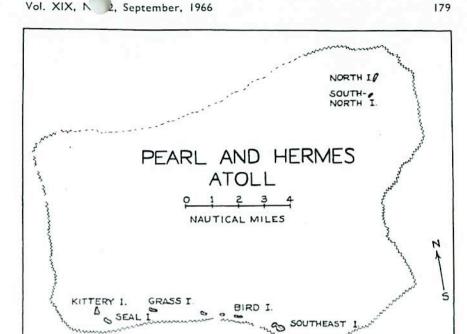
PEARL AND HERMES ATOLL

Pearl and Hermes Atoll is a large, shallow, reef-enclosed lagoon with about seven small islets along its south side and two near the northeast corner. The total land area probably amounts to one-half square mile. Several of the islets are large enough to support permanent vegetation.

Three of the Pearl and Hermes islets were visited in September, 1964. One night and several daylight hours were spent on Southeast Islet (the largest of the group), and about two hours on North Islet at the northeastern corner of the atoll including a few minutes on the nearby small "South-North" Islet. Records from two northeastern islets are cited together under North Islet in the list below.

The vascular plants observed were Portulaca sp., (Southeast I. only) Sesuvium portulacastrum, Boerhavia diffusa, Tribulus cistoides, Ergrostis variabilis, Lepturus repens, Setaria sp. (Southeast I. only), Sicyos sp., Lepidium owaihuense (North Islet), Achyranthes splendens (North Islet), Solanum nelsoni, and the dead stalks of an introduced mustard (on Southeast Islet). A few shrubs of Scaevola frutescens and Messerschmidia argentea were also seen along the beaches. In general, North Islet seemed to have suffered less disturbance from the activities of man than had Southeast Islet.

Fifty-one species of terrestrial arthropods from Pearl and Hermes Reef are recorded below; of these, 30 are new records. Of the 21 species listed by Bryan, 7 were not re-collected in 1964.



ARACHNIDA

Araneida (Det. by T. W. Suman)

Argiopidae

- *Neoscona sp.; 1964, North I., Southeast I.
- * Tetragnatha sp.; 1964, North I., Southeast I.

Salticidae

*Hasarius adansoni (Audouin); 1964, Southeast I.

CHILOPODA

Geophilidae

Honuaphilus alohanus Chamberlin; 1923.

INSECTA ORTHOPTERA

Blattidae

*Periplaneta americana (L.); 1964, Southeast I. Pycnoscelus surinamensis (L.); 1923, 1964, Southeast I.

DERMAPTERA

Labiduridae

Anisolabis eteronoma Borelli; 1923; 1964, North I., Southeast I. Listed

Milichiidae

*Leptometopa n. sp. (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1964, North I., Southeast I. Bryan lists an "undertermined Milichiinae" collected in 1923, but specimens were not located.

Chloropidae

*Siphunculina signata (Wollaston); 1964, North I.

Tethinidae

Tethina insularis Aldrich; 1923. Not listed by Bryan (1926) but two specimens in type series were from Pearl and Hermes material collected by Tanager Expedition.

Sarcophagidae

Goniophyto bryani Souza Lopez; 1923; 1964, North I., Southeast I. Listed by Bryan as an undetermined species.

Calliphoridae

Lucilia graphita Shannon; 1923; 1964, North I.

Muscidae

Musca domestica L.; 1923.

HYMENOPTERA

Braconidae

Chelonus blackburni Cameron; 1923; 1964, North I., Southeast I.

*Apanteles sp., probably marginiventris Cresson; 1964, Southeast I., numerous empty cocoons on Sesuvium infested with Hymenia larvae.

Encyrtidae

*Dusmetia sangwani Rao?; 1964, Southeast I., larvae and pupae of what is probably this species found within parasitized specimens of Antonina graminis.

Formicidae

*Cardicondyla nuda Mayr; 1964, North I., Southeast I.

*Pheidole megacephala Fabricius; 1964, North I., Southeast I., tending Aphis or Tribulus.

Tetramorium guineense (Fabricius); 1923; 1964, North I., Southeast I.

KURE ATOLL

A brief stopover was made at Kure Atoll, en route to Midway, on 14, September 1964. About three hours were spent collecting insects in the area surrounding the U. S. Coast Guard Station on Green Island. Butler and Usinger (1963b) have listed the insects taken by them during a three-day stay in September, 1961. The new records listed below probably are mostly recent immigrants which became established during the threeyear interval between the Butler-Usinger collections and my own.

HOMOPTERA

Cicadellidae

*Circulifer tenellus Baker; 1964, on Boerhavia.

- *Deltocephalus sonorus Ball; 1964, on grass.
- *Empoasca solana Delong; 1964, on Solanum nigrum.

Pseudococcidae

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*Antonina graminis (Maskell); 1964, on Eragrostis stem.

Diaspididae

- *Hemiberlesia lataniae (Signoret); 1964, on Lepidium.
- *Odonaspis ruthae Kotinsky; 1964, Eragrostis stems.

LEPIDOPTERA

Moctuidae

*Spodoptera mauritia (Boisduval); 1964, adults on mess-hall screen.

Gelichiidae

*Stoberhinus testaceus Butler; 1964.

COLEOPTERA

Coccinellidae

*Scymnus notescens (Blackburn); 1964.

DIPTERA

Ceratopogonidae

*undetermined genus and species; 1964.

Agromyzidae

*Pseudonapomyza spicata (Malloch); 1964.

Chloropidae

*Siphunculina signata (Wollaston); 1964.

Sphaeroceridae

*Leptocera hirtula (Rondani)?; 1964.

HYMENOPTERA

Mymaridae

Polynema reduvioli Perkins; 1923; 1964.

Eulophidae

*Euderus metalicus Ashmead (?); 1964.

Encyrtidae

- *Anagyrus swezeyi Timberlake; 1964.
- *Blepyrus insularis (Cameron); 1964. This species is a parasite of Ferrisia virgata. The latter was stated to be heavily infesting Boerhavia, and apparently was abundant on other hosts as well, in 1961. In 1964 this mealy bug was scarce.

LAYSAN ISLAND

New records in my June, 1962 collections from Laysan have been cited by Butler and Usinger (1963a). Half a day was spent collecting on Laysan in September, 1964. An apparently recently established immigrant spider was found, but no new insects.

Also taken in 1964 and not previously reported from Laysan was a small lizard of the family Scincidae, Cryptoblepharus boutoni poecilopleurus (Wiegmann) (Det. by W. O. Wirtz II), several of which were seen.

ARANEIDA

Clubionidae (Det. by T. W. Suman)

*Chiracanthium diversum L. Koch: 1964, plentiful.

The following insects collected in 1964 seem worthy of note.

COLEOPTERA

Coccinellidae

Scymnus loewi Mulsant (Det. by E. A. Chapin); 1912; 1964, feeding on Trionymus insularis on Eragrostis.

This is probably the species collected by Butler in 1959 on Eragrostis, the specimens of which were lost. (Butler & Usinger 1963a: 15) Listed by Bryan as S. kinbergi (Boheman).

Cleridae

Necrobia rulipes De Geer; 1912; 1964.

Curculionidae

Dryotribus mimeticus Horn; 1912, 1964, numerous specimens on underside of driftwood on beach.

DIPTERA

Milichiidae

*Leptometopa n. sp. (Det. by C. W. Sabrosky); 1962; 1964. Same species from Nihoa, Necker, Lisianski and Pearl and Hermes Atoll, not previously recorded.

HYMENOPTERA

Pteromalidae (Det. by C. M. Yoshimoto)

Spalangia drosophilae Ashmead; 1962; 1964. Recorded as Spalangia sp. by Butler & Usinger (1963a).

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