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## **PROCEEDINGS**

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# Hawaiian Entomological Society

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### JANUARY 15, 1962

The 673rd meeting of the Hawaiian Entomological Society was called to order by President Rainwater at 2:05 p.m., Monday, January 15, 1962, at the Experiment Station, HSPA.

Members present: Anderson, Beardsley, Bess, Bianchi, Carter, Chock, Chong, Clagg, Davis, Fullaway, Habeck, Hardy, Joyce, Kajiwara, Kim, Krauss, Lofgren, Look, Matsumoto, Miyatake, Nakao, Nakata, Namba, Nishida, Pemberton, Phillips, Rainwater, Suehiro, Sugerman, Thistle, and Woolford.

Visitors: Dr. Emil Bogen and Mr. Melvin Abramovitz.

Dr. Carter, representing the Society at the State Park Conference, reported on the activities of that group.

Mr. Thistle reported on the amendment of air pollution regulations proposed by the Environmental Health Division of the State Department of Health. After some discussion of the proposed regulations, a committee was appointed to study the proposed amendment and take whatever action it deemed necessary on behalf of the Society.

#### NOTES AND EXHIBITIONS

Mr. Krauss presented the following notes:

Hypena strigata Fabricius: The Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London, advises that further study of the noctuid moth known in Hawaii as H. jussalis Walker shows it to be H. strigata Fabricius. This species was introduced into Hawaii from southern Rhodesia and Kenya in 1957, and is now well established and causing severe defoliation of Lantana camara aculeata.

Aceria lantanae (Cook): Eriophyid galls causing severe damage to flower heads of Lantana camara mista at Boca del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico, November 21, 1962, and L. camara flower heads at Cali, Colombia, November 10, 1961 were exhibited by Mr. Krauss. This mite is widely distrib-

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pronotum. It is also figured and described (in Japanese) by Chûjô (1936,

pp. 123-124, fig. 71). Size: Measurements, in millimeters, of the 11 undissected specimens at hand (seven from Hawaii and four from Japan), length, 2.74-3.54 (mean 3.20); maximum pronotal width, 1.22-1.52 (mean 1.39).

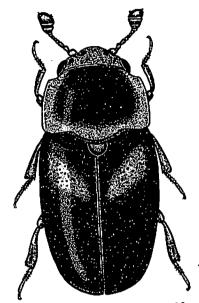


FIGURE 1.-Dacne picta Crotch (Waianae Mts., Oahu).

Genitalia: Male genitalia not distinctly different from those of Dacne (D.) quadrimaculata (Say) (Boyle, 1956, pp. 79-80, 82, figs. 17-18). Female genital tube also generally similar (op. cit., pp. 80-82, figs. 30-32) except the proctigeral lobe is more acuminate, and lateral comb rows are entirely absent. The heavily sclerotized seminal receptacle is about three times as long as wide and faintly sigmoid or banana-shaped.

The absence of lateral comb rows in the female genital tube of D. picta suggests a phylogenetic affinity to the subgenus Xenodacne, limited to western North America, which also lacks these structures. Before important inferences can be drawn regarding such relationships within the genus Dacne, however, the genitalia of other species must be studied.

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## Insects and Other Arthropods from Kure Island

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Kure Island, sometimes called Ocean Island and located 1,200 miles to the northwest of Honolulu, 56 miles west of Midway Islands, is the northernmost island of the Hawaiian Archipelago. It is an atoll, circular in outline with a reef surrounding a lagoon approximately 6 miles in diameter. In the southeast portion of the lagoon lies Green Island, the only land mass of any consequence, which is about a mile long and less than a half mile wide, rising to a height of 20 feet above the ocean. An airstrip now runs almost the entire length of the island.

The vegetation of Kure consists mainly of dense thickets of Scaevola. The dominant plant in the open areas within these thickets and around the margins is Boerhavia, with some Solanum nelsoni. In addition to these three plants, Lepidium, Achyranthes, Eragrostis, Tribulus, Ipomoea, Verbesina, Gnaphalium, and Erigeron grow in the disturbed areas around the camp and under the 625-foot radio tower. Various cultivated plants and seeds, flown to the island during March 1961, were planted in the clearings around the buildings; a number of weed species were obviously introduced with the 1500 plants; and other weed species probably came in with the heavy construction equipment.

The Tanager Expedition visited Green Island in April 1923. With D. T. Fullaway as entomologist, 35 species of insects were collected (Bryan, 1926), the only record of insects from the island. The present authors collected 96 species of insects and other terrestrial arthropods and failed to find 15 species collected by Fullaway. Nearby Midway Atoll had 205 species recorded by Suehiro (1960); Laysan had approximately 140 species (Butler, 1961) to which subsequent collecting in 1961 and 1962 (Butler and Usinger, in manuscript) made a total of approximately 190 species.

The authors visited Kure Island from September 12-14, 1961 through the courtesy of the United States Coast Guard and Dr. H. J. Coolidge. Appreciation for determining the specimens is expressed to P. A. Adams, P. D. Ashlock, W. T. Ateyo, R. S. Beal, Jr., J. W. Beardsley, J. C. Bequaert, F. A. Bianchi, O. L. Cartwright, D. A. Chant, E. A. Chapin, R. L. Doutt, H. Dybas, R. G. Fennah, W. J. Gertsch, A. B. Gurney, D. F. Hard-

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Coccinellidae

Coelophora inaequalis (Fabricius), determined by E. A. Chapin. 1961. Scymnus (Pullus) loewii Mulsant [Pullus kinbergi (Boheman)], determined by E. A. Chapin. 1923, 1961. On Scaevola.

Scymnus (Pullus) sp., 1961.

Cucuiidae

Cryptamorpha desjardinsi Guerin, determined by H. Dybas. 1923, 1961.

Dermestidae

Dermestes ater DeGeer, determined by R. S. Beal, Jr. 1961.

Dermestes maculatus DeGeer, determined by R. S. Beal, Jr. 1961.

Elateridae

Conoderus pallipes (Eschscholtz), determined by R. H. Van Zwaluwenburg. 1961.

Tenebrionidae

Undetermined. 1923.

Gonocephalum adpressiformis Kaszab, determined by H. Kulzer. 1961.

Scarabaeidae

Pleurophorus micros (Bates) (Psammodius nanus DeGeer), determined by O. L. Cartwright, 1961.

Saprosites sp.

Saprosites sp. [?dilutus (Fairmaire)], determined by O. L. Cartwright.

Saprosites pygmaeus Harold. 1923.

Scolytidae

Hypothenemus eruditus Westwood, determined by S. L. Wood. 1961. On Cyperus laevigatus.

Corvlophidae

Sericoderus minutus Matthews, determined by R. D. Pope. 1961.

Curculionidae (determined by E. C. Zimmerman)

Pentarthrum halodorum Perkins. 1923, 1961.

Dryotribus wilderi Perkins. 1923, 1961.

Araecerus fasciculatus (DeGeer). 1923, 1961.

Dryophthorus distinguendus Perkins. 1961.

#### DIPTERA

Mycetophilidae

Neosciara molokaiensis (Grimshaw). 1923.

Scenopinidae

Lucidomphrale lucida (Becker), determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Dolichopodidae

Chrysosoma fraternum Van Duzee, determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Psilopus patellifer Thompson. 1923.

Undetermined species. 1923.

Syrphidae

Ischiodon scutellaris (Fabricius), determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

**Ephydridae** 

Hecamede persimilis Hendel, determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Asteiidae

Bryania bipunctata Aldrich, determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Agromyzidae

Liriomyza sp. 1961.

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Milichiidae

Milichiella lacteipennis Loew, determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Chloropidae

Hippelates collusor (Townsend), determined by C. W. Sabrosky, 1961. This single specimen may have come from a contaminated collecting tube.

Hippelates nigricornis var. flavus Thompson. 1923.

Cadrema pallida Loew, determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Sarcophagidae

Parasarcophaga (Thomsonae) argyrostoma (R. D.), determined by D. E. Hardy. 1961.

Calliphoridae (determined by D. E. Hardy)

Chrysomyia megacephala (Fabricius), 1961.

Lucilia graphita Shannon, 1923, 1961.

Phaenicia cuprina (Wiedemann), 1961.

Muscidae (determined by D. E. Hardy)

Ophyra chalcogaster (Wiedemann), 1961. Musca domestica L. 1961.

Anthomyidae

Fannia canicularis L. 1923.

Hippoboscidae

Olfersia aenescens Thompson, determined by J. C. Bequaert. 1961.

#### HYMENOPTERA

Braconidae (determined by C. F. W. Muesebeck)

Apanteles marginiventris (Cresson). 1961.

Chelonus blackburni Cameron. 1961.

Ichneumonidae

Diplazon laetatorius Fabricius, determined by H. Townes. 1961.

Devorgilla n. sp. 1961. Swarming about Scaevola at two high points on the island.

Mymaridae

Polynema reduvioli Perkins. 1923.

Stephanodes near similis (Foerster), determined by R. L. Doutt. 1961.