### The publication and dating of P. A. Wytsman's Genera Insectorum

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In 1902, Philogène Auguste Galilée Wytsman (1866–1925), a Belgian lepidopterist and naturalist, commenced publication of one of the most prodigious efforts in systematic entomology, the *Genera Insectorum*. The series was published in large quarto fascicles, with each fascicle pertaining to a discrete taxon of insects—either an entire order (those with few taxa), or (most often) a family. In the case of larger families, a subfamily or group of subfamilies within a family was treated in fascicles that were issued separately in parts (a, b, c, etc.). Each published fascicle was to make current the systematics of a particular taxon, provide a world catalog of the species in each genus within that taxon, and allow description of new taxa, all accompanied by numerous colored illustrations.

In 1940 Eugène Séguy wrote the French text of a catalog of all the fascicles published thus far (translated in the same pamphlet into English and German) for an advertisement, which was mailed to prospective buyers. In this advertisement he colorfully stated: "In spite of all pretention, no mathematical law will serve for the identification of insects, as accurately as it will work for inorganic substances. Mathematics are not readily adaptable to the matter of living cells, enduring the influence of subconcious whims. Therefore we must be thankful to Mr Wytsman that he had the courage to elaborate a guide, the **Genera Insectorum**, establishing a census, first stage of thorough scientific study." and further: "Finally, artists will, with intense pleasure, scan this typographic monument, whose splendid appearance has not varied during thirty-eight years, in spite of almost unsurmountable difficulties. Owing to the richness of its illustration, the *Genera Insectorum* showing perfection in this respect, will remain for the Biologist the most beautiful and useful production of human genius."

With the contribution of over 100 specialists from all parts of the world, this publication is one of the major references for entomological systematists. It flourished from 1902 until 1939. World War II interrupted publication with fascicle 207. Thereafter, publication of a further twelve fascicles continued sporadically from 1950 until 1970 when the last fascicle (No. 219) was published. The series was never completed.

Wytsman died in 1925, but by 1910 had turned over publication coordination to other publishers in Belgium, while keeping editorial control. After his death, Mlle Hélène Wytsman continued editing the series. See Table I for a chronological list of publishers of the series.

Two published works indexing the series have appeared. Townsend (1937) provided a list of the 203 fascicles published through 1935. Townsend's list was indexed by

Publisher	Place	Years	Fascicles
P. Wytsman	Bruxelles	1902–1910	1–111
V. Verteneuil & L. Desmet	Bruxelles	1910-1914	112–165
Nijhoff	Den Haag	1916–1919	166a-171, 173a
L. Desmet-Verteneuil	Bruxelles	1919–1955	172, 173b-199a, 200-211
S.P.R.L. Imprimerie et Editions Mercurius	Anvers	1957–1970	199b-c, 212-219

Table I Publishers of Genera Insectorum

author as well as by taxon. Boyd and Ricketts (1987) published probably the best-known index of the series, which takes into account all of the fascicles and is also indexed by author and taxon. However, there are problems with both indexes. Neither gives detailed contents. Missing from Townsend's (1937) list is any breakdown of fascicles that were published in parts (e.g., No. 12 on Buprestidae; No. 14 on Sagridae; No. 17 on Hesperiidae; No. 112 on Riodinidae, etc.). Moreover, not all of the supplementary fascicles (printed variously on the wrappers as "Nachtrag", "Supplement", "bis", etc.) were listed. Boyd and Ricketts's (1987) work is fairly complete, but has a few typographical errors and also lacks a few of these supplementary fascicles; moreover, some errors in printed publication years appear in the list.

These two published indexes of the *Genera Insectorum* and most citations to the fascicles of this series in other publications give only the printed year of publication. Taxonomy requires knowledge of accurate dates of publication in order to ascertain priority when dealing with synonymous or homonymous taxa. This study was initiated in an attempt to obtain the earliest recorded date of publication for each of the fascicles of the *Genera Insectorum* thereby assisting taxonomists in obtaining dates of priority when doing systematic work.

### DATING OF THE FASCICLES

### Printed Year versus Actual Year

Finding accurate dates for this series was complicated by the chance discovery of a passage in Zimmer's (1926) Catalogue of the Edward E. Avery Ornithological Library, in which he noted that the issues of another publication edited by Wytsman (though one much more ephemeral in success than *Genera Insectorum*), *Genera Avium* (1905–1914, 26 fascicles), did not always appear within the year printed on the wrapper. In fact, some authors of that series noted that they received their copies well into the following year and were concerned as to the correct date of publication.

This problem of printed year versus actual year is also a problem with some issues of the *Genera Insectorum* (see Table II). One of the most striking is found in fascicle 186 in which the printed year is "1926", but the earliest date of receipt found in libraries and recording journals consulted during this study is 15 March 1928. Arnaud (1966) touched upon this problem in his research on the dating of fascicle 185 (A.L. Melander's work on the Diptera family Empididae). The printed date of fascicle 185

Table II Contents and dating of fascicles of the Genera Insectorum

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Pages (plates)	12 p 13 p	40 p	3 p	4 p	14 p	20 p	14 p	1–52(1–3)	53-84(1-3)	85	77 p	1-48(1-4)	49-112	113-240	241–338	124 p	1-11(1)	[13]–14	23 p	5 p	1-78(1-4)	79–142	143–182
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Contents*	Col.: Gyrinidae Hvm.: Evaniidae	Col.: Lathridiidae	Lep.: Papilionidae: Leptocercinae	Lep.: Libytheidae	Lep.: Papilionidae: Papilioninae, Sect. Triodes	Col.: Geotrupidae	Col.: Hylophildae	Hym.: Cynipidae. Premier fascicule	Hym.: Cynipidae (Deuxième fascicule)	Hym.: Cynipidae	Hym.: Mutillidae	Col.: Buprestidae	Col.: Buprestidae	Col.: Buprestidae	Col.: Buprestidae	Col.: Cleridae	Col.: Sagridae	Col.: Sagridae	Orth.: Eumastacidae	Lep.: Epicopiidae	Lep.: Hesperiidae	Lep.: Hesperiidae	Lep.: Hesperiidae
Author(s)	Régimbart, M. Kieffer I I	Belon, R.P.	Wytsman, P.	Pagenstecher, A.	Rippon, R.H.F.	Boucomont, A.	Pic, M.	Dalla Torre, W. von & J.J. Kieffer	Dalla Torre, W. von & J.J. Kieffer	Dalla Torre, W. von & J.J. Kieffer	André, E.	Kerremans, C.	Kerremans, C.	Kerremans, C.	Kerremans, C.	Schenkling, S.	Jacoby, M.	Jacoby, M.	Burr, M.	Janet, A. & P. Wytsman	Mabille, P.	Mabille, P.	Mabille, P.
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Fasc.	Author(s)	Contents*	Printed year	Pages (plates)	Colophon date	Earliest date found**	Notes
_	Mabille, P.	Lep.: Hesperiidae	1904	183-210	15.i.1904	27.viii.1904	
	Berthoumieu, V.	Hym.: Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae	1904	87 p	15.i.1904	13.v.1904	
	Dalla Torre, K.W. von	Hym.: Vespidae	1904	108 p	15.vi.1904	27.viii.1904	
	Stichel, H.	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Brassolinae	1904	48 p	20.viii.1904	xi.1904 <sup>1</sup>	а
	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Col.: Donacidae	1904	15 p	15.viii.1904	7.i.1905	
22a	Szépligeti, G.V.	Hym.: Braconidae	1904	1-78	1	7.i.1905	
22b	Szépligeti, G.V.	Hym.: Braconidae	1904	79–253(1–4)	28.xii.1904	29.iv.1905	
23	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Col.: Crioceridae	1904	40 p	15.xi.1904	7.i.1905	
24	Schouteden, H.	Het.: Pentatomidae: Scutellerinae	1904	98 p	15.vii.1904	29.iv.1905	þ
24bis	Schouteden, H.	Het.: Pentatomidae: Scutellerinae. Addenda et corrigenda	1906	2 p	14.viii.1906	10.xi.1906	
25	Desneux, J.	Iso.: Termitidae	1904	52 p	15.xi.1904	29.iv.1905	
56	Theobald, F.V.	Dipt.: Culicidae	1905	50 p	15.i.1905	15.iii.19051	
27	Konow, F.W.	Hym.: Lydidae	1905	27 p	10.iv.1905	28.x.1905	
	Konow, F.W.	Hym.: Siricidae	1905	14 p	15.iv.1905	28.x.1905	၁
	Konow, F.W.	Hym.: Tenthredinidae	1905	176 p	15.i.1905	28.x.1905	
	Schouteden, H.	Het.: Pentatomidae: Graphosomatinae	1905	1–46(1–3)	29.vi.1905	28.x.1905	
30bis	Schouteden, H.	Het.: Pentatomidae: Graphosomatinae. Addenda et corrigenda	9061	47	14.viii.1906	10.xi.1906	
	Stichel, H.	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Discophorinae	1905	16 p	1.iii.1905	28.x.1905	p
	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Col.: Megascelidae	1905	6 p	15.v.1905	28.x.1905	
	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Col.: Megalopidae	1905	20 p	14.viii.1905	28.x.1905	
	Szépligeti, G.W.	Hym.: Ichneumonidae: Pharsaliinae— Porizontinae	1905	71 p	14.viii.1905	28.x.1905	
	Desneux, J.	Col.: Paussidae	1905	34 p	13.viii.1905	28.x.1905	
	Stichel, H.	Lep.: Nymphalidae Amathusiinae	1906	67 p	4.xii.1905	26.v.1906	
	Stichel, H.	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Heliconiinae	9061	74 p	10.iv.1906	26.v.1906	

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Contents*	Col.: Carabidae: Anthiinae	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Hyanthinae	Col.: Carabidae: Mormolycinae	Col.: Platypsyllidae	Dipt.: Chironomidae	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Oestrinae	Dipt.: Phoridae	Colm.: Neelidae	Col.: Elateridae	Col.: Elateridae	Col.: Elateridae	Het.: Pentatomidae: Aphylinae	Orth.: Acridiidae: Tetriginae	Col.: Chrysomelidae: Clytrinae	Col.: Chrysomelidae: Clytrinae	Col.: Plastoceridae	Col.: Dicronychidae	Het.: Pentatomidae: Asopinae (Amyotinae)	Col.: Lampyridae	Hym. Dryinidae	Orth.: Blattidae: Ectobinae	Dipt.: Blepharoceridae	Lep.: Sphingidae	Lep.: Papilionidae: Parnassiinae	Lep.: Papilionidae: Zerynthiinae	Trichoptera	
Author(s)	Rousseau, E.	Stichel, H.	Rousseau, E.	Desneux, J.	Kieffer, J.J.	Bau, A.	Brues, C.T.	Börner, C.	Schwartz, O.	Schwartz, O.	Schwartz, O.	Schouteden, H.	Hancock, J.L.	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Jacoby, M. & H. Clavareau	Schwartz, O.	Schwartz, O.	Schouteden, H.	Olivier, E.	Kieffer, J.J.	Shelford, R.	Kellogg, V.L.	Rothschild, W. & K. Jordan	Stichel, H.	Stichel, H.	Ulmer, G.	
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	Schulz, W.A.	Hym.: Trigonaloidae	1907	24 p	12.iii.1907	31.xii.1907 <sup>1</sup>	
62	Schmiedeknecht, O.	Hym.: Ichneumonidae: Pimplinae	1907	120 p	15.viii.1907	17.iii.1908	
63	Stichel, H.	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Dioninae	1907	38 p	15.iv.1907	17.iii.1908	
2	Raffray, A.	Col.: Pselaphidae	1908	487 p	15.ii.1908	17.iii.1908	
65	Schönfeldt, H.	Col.: Brenthidae	1908	88 p	15.iii.1908	23.vi.1908	
99	Kellogg, V.L.	Mallophaga	1908	87 p	15.iii.1908	23.vi.1908	
29	Enderlein, G.	Neur.: Coniopterygidae	1908	18 p	15.iv.1908	23.vi.1908	
89	Hendel, F.	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Lauxaninae	1908	d 99	15.iv.1907	23.vi.1908	
69	Bovie, A.	Col.: Curculionidae: Entiminae	1908	7 p	15.iv.1908	23.vi.1908	
70	Bovie, A.	Col.: Curculionidae: Cryptoderminae	1908	3 p	15.iv.1908	23.vi.1908	
7.1	Bovie, A.	Col.: Curculionidae: Alcidinae	8061	6 p	15.iv.1908	23.vi.1908	
72	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Decticinae	1908	43 p	15.viii.1908	25.viii.1908	
73	Shelford, R.	Orth.: Blattidae: Phyllodromiinae	8061	29 p	15.v.1908	25.viii.1908	ч
74	Shelford, R.	Orth.: Blattidae: Nyctiborinae	8061	5 p	15.v.1908	25.viii.1908	
7.5	Schmiedeknecht, O.	Hym.: Ichneumonidae: Cryptinae	1908	165 p	1.viii.1908	23.vi.1908	
9/	Kieffer, J.J.	Hym.: Bethylidae	8061	50 p	30.viii.1908	15.xii.19081	
77	Kieffer, J.J.	Hym.: Stephanidae	1908	10 p	30.ix.1908	15.xii.19081	
78	Fowler, W.W.	Col.: Erotylidae: Languriinae	1908	45 p	21.xii.1908	14.iv.1909	
6/	Hendel, F.	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Pyrgotinae	1908	33 p	15.ix.1908	14.iv.1909	
80a	Brues, C.T.	Hym.: Scelionidae	1908	1–59(1–2)	1	14.iv.1909	
908	Brues, C.T.	Hym.: Scelionidae. Addenda et corrigenda	0161	61–112(3)	15.x.1910	31.xii.1910	
81	Dalla Torre, K. von	Anoplura	1908	22 p	15.ix.1908	14.iv.1909	
82a	Horn, W.	Col.: Carabidae: Cicindelinae	8061	1-104(1-5)	I	14.iv.1909	
82b	Horn, W.	Col.: Carabidae: Cicindelinae	0161	105-208(6-15)	1	12.vii.1910	
82c	Horn, W.	Col.: Carabidae: Cicindelinae	1915	209-486(16-43)	15.iv.1915	12.vii.1915 <sup>5</sup>	
83	Rousseau, E.	Col.: Carabidae: Omophroninae	8061	5 p	15.i.1908	14.iv.1909	
8	Rousseau, E.	Col.: Carabidae: Promecognathinae	8061	4 p	15.i.1908	14.iv.1909	

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	ididae	6061	550 p	1.ix.1909	18.xii.1909	
	Col.: Curculionidae: Nanophyinae	1909	11 p	17.ix.1909	18.xii.1909	
	Col.: Curculionidae: Brachycerinae	6061	38 p	1.x.1909	18.xii.1909	
	horidae	1910	22 p	15.vi.1908	25.vi.1910	
, di	Orth.: Blattidae: Epilamprinae	1910	21 p	15.xii.1909	25.vi.1910	
œi.	Hym.: Formicidae: Dorylinae	1910	34 p	15.xii.1909	25.vi.1910	
(ri	Lep.: Geometridae: Brephinae	1910	16 p	15.ii.1910	25.vi.1910	
uj.	Lep.: Geometridae: Oenochrominae	1910	120 p	15.iv.1910	25.vi.1910	
	nidae	1910	62 p	31.iii.1910	25.vi.1910	
	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Ulidiinae	1910	76 p	15.v.1910	25.vi.1910	
	idae	1910	47 p	4.v.1910	25.vi.1910	
Meyrick, E. Lep.: Orneodidae	didae	1910	4 p	15.v.1910	31.xii.1910	
Shelford, R. Orth.: Blattid	Orth.: Blattidae: Blattinae (=Periplanetinae)	1910	27 p	15.vii.1910	31.xii.1910	
Schmidt, A. Col.: Aphodiidae	iidae	1910	155 p	15.xii.1909	31.xii.1910	
Hagedorn, M. Col.: Ipidae		1910	178 p	15.x.1910	31.xii.1910	

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	Earl	31.x	15.	%i.6	9.ix	9.ix	9.ix	9.ix	9.ix	y.ix	9.ix	9.ix	30.y	25.1	25.1	25.	25.1	25.1	25.1	16.i	25.1	8.iii	15.1	
	Colophon date	ı	15.x.1910	15.xii.1910	1.iii.1910	15.iv.1911	15.v.1911	15.v.1911	15.vii.1911	15.iv.1911	15.vi.1911	15.v.1911	15.vii.1911	15.ix.1911	15.xii.1911	1.xii.1911	15.i.1912	15.xi.1911	15.x.1911	8.ii.1912	15.i.1912	15.xi.1911	15.i.1912	
Part of the cold	Pages (plates)	1–238(1–23)	239-452(24-27)	56 p	100 p	34 p	4 p	4 p	125 p	28 p	7 p	54 p	112 p	2 p	75 p	124 p	2 p	17 p	36 p	274 p	d 601	20 p	9 p	•
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	Contents*	Lep.: Riodinidae: Riodininae. I ter Teil	Lep.: Riodinidae: Riodininae. 2 <sup>1er</sup> Teil	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Richardiinae	Hym.: Ichneumonidae: Mesochoroidae (Limnerinae, Mesochorinae, Adelognathinae, Plectiscinae, Banchinae, Neomesochorinae, Megacerinae, Paniscinae)	Odon: Aeschnidae: Aeschninae	Col.: Carabidae: Metriinae et Mystro- nominae	Col.: Carabidae: Apotominae	Hym.: Formicidae: Ponerinae	Orth.: Mantidae: Vatinae	Orth.: Locustidae: Prophalangopsinae	Strepsiptera	Dermaptera	Col.: Carabidae: Psydrinae	Hym.: Diapriidae	Col.: Chrysomelidae: Hispinae	Col.: Carabidae: Opisthiinae	Col.: Cebrionidae	Lep.: Gracilariadae [sic]	Lep.: Geometridae: Hermitheinae	Col.: Curculionidae: Apioninae	Orth.: Locustidae: Listroscelinae	Lep.: Micropterygidae	
	Author(s)	Stichel, H.	Stichel, H.	Hendel, F.	Szépligeti, G.V.	Martin, R.	Dupuis, P.	Dupuis, P.	Emery, C.	Rehn, J.A.G.	Caudell, A.N.	Pierce, W.D.	Вит, М.	Dupuis, P.	Kieffer, J.J.	Weise, J.	Dupuis, P.	Dalla Torre, K. von	Meyrick, E.	Prout, L.B.	Wagner, H.	Karny, H.	Meyrick, E.	
	Fasc.	112a	112b	113	<b>11</b>	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	

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Fasc.	Author(s)	Contents*	Printed	Pages	Colophon	Earliest date	Notes	
			year	(plates)	date	found**		
134	Dupuis, P.	Col.: Carabidae: Notiophilinae	1912	7 p	15.i.1912	8.iii.1913		
135	Karny, H.	Orth.: Locustidae: Coniocephalinae	1912	17 p	15.iii.1912	8.iii.1913		
136	Navás, R.P.L.	Neur.: Nemopteridae	1912	23 p	15.v.1912	8.iii.1913		
137	Emery, C.	Hym.: Formicidae: Dolichoderinae	1912	50 p	1	8.iii.1913		
138	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Meconeminae, Phyllophorinae, Tympanophorinae, Phasconeurinae, Phasmodinae,	1912	25 p	15.viii.1912	8.iii.1913		
		Bradyporinae						
139	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Copiphorinae	1912	50 p	15.iii.1912	8.iii.1913		
140	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Ephippigerinae (= Pycnogasteridae)	1912	10 p	15.ix.1912	8.iii.1913		
141	Karny, H.	Orth.: Locustidae: Agraeciinae	1912	47 p	15.iii.1912	8.iii.1913		
142	Distant, W.L.	Hom.: Cicadidae: Cicadinae	1912	64 p	15.x.1912	8.iii.1913		
143	Lallemand, V.	Hom.: Cercopidae	1912	167 p	20.i.1913	12.iii.1913	į	
144	Giglio-Tos, E.	Orth.: Mantidae: Perlamantinae	1913	13 p	12.x.1912	1.xi.1913		
145	Dupuis, P.	Col.: Carabidae: Pentagonicinae	1913	4 p	15.i.1913	1.xi.1913		
146	Dupuis, P.	Col.: Carabidae: Peleciinae	1913	5 p	15.ii.1913	1.xi.1913		
147	Dupuis, P.	Col.: Carabidae: Hexagoniinae	1913	4 p	15.xii.1912	1.xi.1913		
148	Kröber, O.	Dipt.: Therevidae	1913	d 69	15.x.1912	1.xi.1913		
149	Meyrick, E.	Lep.: Tortricidae	1913	81 p	15.iii.1913	1.xi.1913		
150	Schmidt, A.	Col.: Scarabaeidae: Aegialiinae, Chironinae, Dynamopinae, Hybosorinae, Idiostominae, Ochodaeinae. Orphinae	1913	87 p	15.v.1913	1.xi.1913		
151	Bischoff, H.	Hym.: Chrysididae	1913	86 p	15.vi.1913	8.xi.1913		
152	Kieffer, J.J.	Dipt.: Cecidomyiidae	1913	346 p	15.vi.1913	8.xi.1913		
153	Schouteden, H.	Het.: Pentatomidae: Dinidorinae	1913	19 p	15.ix.1913	8.xi.1913		
154	Petersen, E.	Odon.: Raphididae	1913	13 p	15.xi.1913	30.vi.19141		
155	Martin. R.	Odon.: Libellulidae: Cordulinae	1914	32 p	15.xii.1913	30.vi.19141		

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Fasc.	Author(s)	Contents*	Printed year	Pages (plates)	Colophon date	Earliest date found**	Notes
156	Navás, R.P.L.	Neur.: Dilaridae	1914	14 p	15.xii.1913	30.vi.1914 <sup>1</sup>	
/CI 158	Hendel, F. Distant W.L.	Dipt.: Muscaridae: Flatystomatinae Hom : Cicadidae: Gaeaninae	1914	1/9 p 38 n	15.iv.1914	10.vi.1914 20.vi.1914	
159	Achard, J.	Col.: Chrysomelidae: Lamprosominae	1914	14 p	15.ii.1914	20.vi.1914	
160	Achard, J.	Col.: Chrysomelidae: Chlamydinae, Sphaerocharinae	1914	25 p	5.iii.1914	20.vi.1914	
191	Kröber, O.	Dipt.: Omphralidae	1914	16 p	1.v.1914	20.vi.1914	
162	Strohmeyer, H.	Col.: Chapuisiidae	1914	6 p	15.v.1914	20.vi.1914	
163	Strohmeyer, H.	Col.: Platypodidae	1914	55 p	15.v.1914	20.vi.1914	
164	Meyrick, E.	Lep.: Glyphipterygidae	1914	39 p	15.vi.1914	20.vi.1914	
165	Meyrick, E.	Lep.: Heliodinidae	1914	29 p	15.iii.1914	20.vi.1914	
166a	Bickhardt, H.	Col.: Histeridae	9161	1-112(1-15)	1	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
166b	Bickhardt, H.	Col.: Histeridae	1917	113–301	15.xii.1913	19.v.1919 <sup>5</sup>	
167	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Saginae	9161	10 p	15.vi.1914	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
168	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Heterodinae	9161	13 p	15.vi.1914	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
691	Jordan, K. & H. Eltringham	Lep.: Nymphalidae: Acraeinae	9161	81 p	15.vii.1916	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
170	Bolivar, I.	Orth.: Acridiidae: Pamphaginae	9161	40 p	15.iii.1916	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
171	Caudell, A.N.	Orth.: Locustidae: Mecopodinae	9161	32 p	15.vii.1914	30.ix.1916 <sup>1</sup>	
172	Lameere, A.	Col.: Cerambycidae: Prioninae	6161	189 p	15.iii.1919	19.v.1919 <sup>5</sup>	
173a	Fenyes, A.	Col.: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae	8161	1-110(1-7)	1	18.vi.1919	*
173b	Fenyes, A.	Col.: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae	1920	111-414	1	31.viii.1920¹	*
173c	Fenyes, A.	Col.: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae	1921	415-453	31.xii.1913	1.vi.1921	*
174a	Emery, C.	Hym.: Formicidae: Myrmicinae	1921	1-94(1-7)	1	1.vi.1921	
174b	Emery, C.	Hym.: Formicidae: Myrmicinae	1922	95–206	I	2.ix.1922	
174c	Emery, C.	Hym.: Formicidae: Myrmicinae	1922	207–397	20.xii.1922	24.vi.1924 <sup>2</sup>	
175	Surcouf, J.	Dipt.: Tabanidae	1921	1-182(1-5)	15.v.1921	1.vi.1921	
175suppl	Surcouf, J.	Dipt.: Tabanidae	1921	183–205	no date	4.ix.1922 <sup>2</sup>	

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Earliest date found**	4.x.1921 <sup>2</sup>	12.ix.1922	$4.ix.1922^2$	31.xii.19231	31.xii.19231	31.xii.19231	31.xii.19231	31.xii.19251	1.ii.19265	15.iii.19286	15.iii.1928	15.iii.19286	15.iii.19286	15.iii.19286	viii.1928	4.xi.19295	4.xi.19295	18.vi.1930 <sup>5</sup>	13.v.19315	1.v.1933 <sup>2</sup>	5.vi.1953 <sup>2</sup>	21.iii.1932 <sup>2</sup>	31.x.1932 <sup>7</sup>	28.ii.1934 <sup>7</sup>
Colophon	24.viii.1921	15.ix.1921	19.viii.1921	5.ix.1922	15.x.1922	20.v.1922	14.viii.1923	15.i.1925	22.vii.1924	21.vi.1927	15.vii.1925	15.vii.1925	1.vi.1926	1.vi.1926	30.vi.1924	1924"	1	I	1	no date	no date	20.xi.1931	5.iv.1931	30.xi.1933
Pages (plates)	50 p	36 p	121 p	10 p	224 p	45 p	185 p	302 p	290 p	434 p	68 p	16 p	12 p	13 p	41 p	13 p	1-153(1-7)	155-291	293–580	581-747	no text (2-10)	215 p	258 p	18 p
Printed year	1921	1921	1921	1922	1922	1923	1923	1925	1925	1927	1926	1927	1927	1927	1928	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1953	1931	1932	1933
Contents*	Col.: Tenebrionidae: Zophosinac	Orth.: Mantidae: Eremiaphilinae	Col.: Cerambycidae: Disteniinae Lepturinae	Lep.: Carposinidae	Lep.: Oecophoridae	Hym.: Apidae: Prosopidinae	Hom.: Acanaloniidae, Flatidae et Ricaniidae	Hym.: Formicidae: Formicinae	Lep.: Gelechiadae [sic]	Dipt.: Empididae	Dipt.: Tipulidae: Tipulinae	Dipt.: Tipulidae: Cylindrotominae	Dipt.: Ptychopteridae	Dipt.: Tanyderidae	Dipt.: Protorhyphidae, Anisopodidae, Pachyneuridae, Trichoceridae	Lep.: Anthelidae	Col.: Carabidae: Carabinae. Première partie	Col.: Carabidae: carabinae. Deuxième partie	Col.: Carabidae: Carabinae. Troisième partie	Col.: Carabidae: Carabinae. Quatrième partie	Col.: Carabidae: Carabinae. Plates	Lep.: Danaidae: Danaidinae, Tellervinae	Dipt.: Culicidae	Col.: Scarabaeidae: Euchirinae—
Author(s)	Chatanay, J.	Giglio-Tos, E.	Boppé, P.	Meyrick, E.	Meyrick, E.	Meade-Waldo, G.	Melichar, L.	Emery, C.	Meyrick, E.	Melander, A.L.	Pierre, C.	Alexander, C.P.	Alexander, C.P.	Alexander, C.P.	Edwards, F.W.—with descriptions of early stages by D. Keilin	Hulstaert, R.P.G.	Vacher de Lapouge, G.	Vacher de Lapouge, G.	Vacher de Lapouge, G.	Vacher de Lapouge, G.	Vacher de Lapouge, G.	Hulstaert, R.P.G.	Edwards, F.W.	Ohaus, F.
Fasc.	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	981	187	881	189	061	161	192	192a	192b	192c	192e	193	194	195

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Fasc.	Author(s)	Contents*	Printed year	Pages (plates)	Colophon date	Earliest date found**	Notes
961	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Hymenopodinae	1934	37 p	no date	2.vii. 1934 <sup>2</sup>	
190tlach 197	Beier, M.	Orth: Mantidae: Trymenopounae. Nachrage Orth: Mantidae: Sibyllinae. Empusinae	1937	10 p	no date	2.vii.1934 <sup>2</sup>	
861	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Toxoderinae	1934	d 6	no date	2.vii.1934 <sup>2</sup>	
198nach	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Toxoderinae. Nachträge	1937	111 p	no date	9.viii.1937 <sup>2</sup>	
199a	Ohaus, F.	Col.: Scarabaeidae: Rutelinae. Erster Teil	1934	1-172(1-6)	x.1934	30.xi.19347	
1996	Machatschke, J.W.	Col.: Scarabaeidae: Rutelinae. Zweiter Teil	1957	1-219(1-6)	"Ostern 1956"	30.vi.1958 <sup>2</sup>	Ь
199c	Machatschke, J.W.	Col.: Scarabaeidae: Rutelinae. Dritter Teil	1965	1-145(1-2)	"Februar 1965"	14.iii.1966 <sup>2</sup>	ь
200	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Thespinae	1935	1-32(1-2)	no date	2.xii.1935 <sup>2</sup>	
200nach	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Thespinae. Nachträge	1937	[1] p	no date	9.viii.1937 <sup>2</sup>	
201	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Orthoderinae— Choeradodinae, Deroplatynae	1935	10 p	no date	2.xii.1935²	
202	Gardner, J.C.M.	Col.: Histeridae: Niponiinae	1935	6 p	no date	31.xii.19357	
203	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Mantinae	1935	146 p	no date	17.ii.1936 <sup>2</sup>	
203nach	Beier, M.	Orth.: Mantidae: Mantinae. Nachträge	1937	10 p	no date	9.viii.1937 <sup>2</sup>	<b>L.</b>
204	Borchman, Fr.	Col.: Lagriidae	1936	561 p	31.xii.1934	16.xi.1936 <sup>2</sup>	
205	Séguy, E.	Dipt.: Muscidae	1937	604 p	no date	9.viii.1937 <sup>2</sup>	
206	Karny, H.H.	Orth.: Gryllacridiidae: Omnes	1937	317 p	1.ii.1937	15.vi.1938	
207	Kleine, R.	Col.: Brenthidae (revision)	1938	197 p	no date	7.iii.1939 <sup>2</sup>	s
208	Funkhouser, W.D.	Hom.: Membracidae	1950	383 p	no date	24.iv.1951	
500	Séguy, E.	Dipt.: Scatophagidae	1952	107 p	no date	14.iii.1952	
210	Strohecker, H.F.	Col.: Endomychiidae	1953	140 p	no date	4.vi.1953 <sup>2</sup>	
211	Paclt, J.	Protura	1955	35 p	no date	11.viii.1955 <sup>2</sup>	
212	Paclt, J.	Diplura	1957	123 p	no date	24.iii.1958 <sup>2</sup>	
213	John, H.	Col.: Discolomidae (= Notiophygidae)	6561	56 p	no date	5.v.1959 <sup>2</sup>	
214	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Thyretidae	1960	d 99	no date	20.ii.1961 <sup>2</sup>	
215	Schedl, K.E.	Col.: Coptonotidae	1962	13 p	no date	18.vi.1963 <sup>2</sup>	

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Fasc.	Author(s)	Contents*	Printed Pages year (plates	Pages (plates)	Colophon date	Earliest date found**	Notes
216	Paclt, J.	Thysanura: Nicoletiidae	1963	58 p	no date	18.vi.1963 <sup>2</sup>	
217a	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Notodontidae. Pars prima. Genera Aethiopica et Malgassica	1964	213 p	no date	21.iv.1965 <sup>2</sup>	
217A suppl	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Notodontidae: Addenda et corrigenda ad partim primam Genera Aethiopica et Malgassica	1970	74 p	no date	3.iv.1970	
217b	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Notodontidae. Pars secunda. Genera Palaearctica	1961	238 p	no date	22.xii.1967 <sup>2</sup>	
217c	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Notodontidae. Pers tertia. Genera Indo-Australica	8961	269 p	no date	20.xi.1968 <sup>2</sup>	
218	Paclt, J.	Thysanura: Lepidotrichidae, Maindroniidae, Lepismatidae	1961	86 p	no date	22.xii.1967 <sup>2</sup>	
219	Kiriakoff, S.G.	Lep.: Thaumetopoeidae	1970	54 p	no date	3.iv.1970	

### Footnotes to Table II.

\* Abbreviations of orders in contents section: Col.=Coleoptera; Colm.=Collembola; Dipt.=Diptera; Het.=Heteroptera; Hom.=Homoptera; Hym.=Hymenoptera; Iso.=Isoptera; Lep.=Lepidoptera; Neur.=Neuroptera; Odon.=Odonata; Orth.=Orthoptera.

\*\* The earliest date found is the stamped date of receipt of the BMNH library unless otherwise noted.

1. Date recorded in Naturae Novitates.

2. Date received at South African Museum, Cape Town.

3. Date received at Smithsonian Institution, Entomology Library, Washington, D.C.

4. Handwritten notation of date received directly from author of fascicle.

5. Date received at Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels.

6. Date recorded in Repertorium Entomologicum.

7. Date recorded in Bibliographie Belgique.

8. Date received at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelles, Paris.

## Explanation of Notes in Table II.

a. See note to fascicle 31 concerning corrigenda to this fascicle.

# Explanation of Notes in Table II (continued)

- Though the colophon date is 15 July 1904, an addendum on p 98 mentions a letter received from J. Martin on 20 December 1904, which lends further support to an early 1905 publication date rather than the printed date of 1904.
- The wrapper on all copies seen of this fascicle has the printed fascicle number "27me" crossed out and the number 28 penned above it in black ink.
  - The last page of this fascicle contains a corrigenda to fascicle 20.
- Recorded at the 18 February 1907 meeting of the Academy of Sciences, Paris.
- A supplement to this fascicle (p. 14–15) was bound at the beginning of fascicle 73 and takes that date of publication.
- Reviewed in Societas Entomologica 22: 76 by H. Fruhstorfer, in which the review article bears the date 25 June 1907.
  - See note to fascicle 55.
- Page 178 has a small slip of paper with a printed "Errata et Corrigenda" glued to it.
- The colophon date of 20 January 1913 is later than the printed year (1912) on the wrapper.
- The wrapper to 173a says it contains 7 plates; a handwritten note in copies seen during this study says that the plates could not be sent with that fascicle. The wrapper to 173c states that it contains the continuation of the plates, yet it does not. The plates are actually contained in fascicle 173b, thus dating from 1920 rather than 1921.
  - Original colophon date was 17.v.1914; printing was delayed due to WWI and the fact that the author was killed 15 October 1914 in combat. The colophon date is the
- Page 121 has an editor's paragraph stating that the manuscript was originally received at the end of May 1914, but printing was delayed due to WWI. Ë
- returned to the printer on 21 June 1927, which. according to the editor, MIle H. Wytsman, is the reason for the "1927" date on the wrapper. See also Arnaud (1966) for The original manuscript was received by the editor on 10 January 1925. P. Wytsman died during the editing process and there was a delay in printing. Final proofs were further details on the dating of this fascicle.
- Though the colophon is dated 1924, page 41 has a line stating that new species were added until December 1926.

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- The wrapper lists this fascicle as 192e. There is no 192d, but because the first fascicle in this series had no subletter "a", and this is the fifth fascicle in the series, it was thus labelled as 192e.
- The colophon date here is actually taken from the date of the "Vorwort".

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- Though there is no colophon date, the latest reference cited in the work is that of Annals and Magazine of Natural History (10) 19: 378, which was published March 1937. ı.
  - Though there is no colophon date, the latest reference cited in the work is that of Revue Franqise d'Entomologie 5: 102, which was published 20 June 1938.

has "1927", but correspondence from the editor, Mlle H. Wytsman, indicated that it was probably not issued until February or March of 1928.

Arnaud's (1966) paper relates a portion of Mlle Wytsman's letter, in which she explains the apparent reason for discrepancies with the printed year versus the actual publication date. Concerning Melander's fascicle 185 with "1927" on the wrapper, she wrote: "The date of a book is always that of typographic composition and to the last corrections and additions of the author. After that the last 50 [or] 100 pages, the Index must be printed upon the definitive paper, the fascicle must be stiched . . . [That] leads us till February or March 1928 for the delivery to the subscribers." Her belief that the date of a book is that of the typographic composition after author's corrections explains the printed years on the wrappers of fascicles in this series, some of which are in striking contrast to actual receipt dates at various libraries.

With this evidence from the editor of the series, the year on the wrapper must then be considered as indicative of the final composition of the work or, more likely, the year in which it was printed, but not necessarily the year of publication (i.e. the year in which it was sent to subscribers).

### **Publication Process**

In order to obtain accurate dates of publication for each fascicle, the process by which the fascicles were issued by the publisher is an important factor. It is evident that only the early fascicles through fascicle 12a were issued individually. Succeeding fascicles were apparently issued in batches. Given that Wytsman published the first 111 fascicles privately (see table I), issuing fascicles in batches would undoubtedly have saved him money on postage, which was probably a major consideration in trying to keep such a large and ambitious endeavor alive. This process of issuing fascicles in batches continued until the final years of publication, when fascicles were published sporadically. The fact that fascicles were issued simultaneously in batches is corroborated by dates of receipt at numerous libraries as well as evidence of receipts in recording journals.

Given this type of publication, the actual date of publication for some fascicles can be one or even two years *after* the printed year on the wrapper. For example, fascicles 185–189 were issued simultaneously in 1928 with the earliest recorded receipt as 15 March. Fascicles 185 and 187–189 have "1927" on the wrapper. Fascicle 186 has "1926" printed on the wrapper. It is most likely that fascicle 186 was ready to be sent to subscribers as early as mid-1926, but could not be sent until fascicles 185 and 187–189 were finished. After binding them, they were then sent to subscribers as a batch in March of 1928.

### **Results of Research**

The earliest dates obtained for each fascicle from the libraries and journals listed below are given in Table II. Table II gives for each fascicle the author, contents, year printed on the wrapper, number of pages, number of plates [only enumerated for those fascicles that were published in parts so as to pinpoint the date of publication of each plate], "colophon" date, and earliest recorded date of receipt in a library or journal. Additional notes clarifying publication or editing anomalies are also given.

The use here of the term "colophon" is not bibliographically correct and is used only as a matter of convenience, there being no other term for this printed date. This is not the printer's colophon, but is essentially the date given by the editor after the manuscript had been received from the author, though confusing the issue is the fact that the date is prefaced by the city of the author (e.g., for fascicle 72: "Washington, D.C., August 15, 1908"). The colophon date is usually placed at the end of the manuscript proper and before the figure legends or before the taxonomic index, but can be found after the index and/or figure legends in other fascicles. There is not a great deal of consistency either in the timing of the colophon date given by the editor. In some cases, it was when the original manuscript was received. In other cases, it is the date when the corrected manuscript was received. In any case, this date is useful in noticing how slow or fast actual publication took place. For example, fascicle 72 has a colophon date of 15 August 1908, but the date of receipt at the Natural History Museum, London was 26 August 1908—only eleven days later! This date can also give an indication as to the general order of fascicles published as well as illuminate any publishing anomalies. In one case (fascicle 143), the "colophon" date is 20 January 1913, while the wrapper has the printed date of "1912"!

No confirmed dates of publication could be ascertained from the publishers; hence, the dates given in Table II as the earliest dates found thus far should be considered as publication dates until such time as further evidence is found to suggest earlier dates. Given the evidence shown in this study that the method of printing dates on the wrappers indicates when a fascicle was printed rather than when it was sent to subscribers, the dates given in Table II can be safely considered as the earliest dates of publication for each fascicle concerned.

### **Comments on Dates of Receipt**

Dates of receipt were recorded from the libraries and journals listed below and the earliest date placed in Table II. Originally, it was thought that libraries or recording journals in Brussels would have the earliest dates of receipt since the fascicles were published there or near there throughout most of their history. However, results of the dating research showed otherwise. In most cases, the Entomological Library at the Natural History Museum had the earliest dates of receipt—sometimes months earlier than those recorded in *Bibliographie de Belgique* (the journal giving the accessions of the national library in Brussels) or those found in the Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique. The biggest surprise was finding that the South African Museum library in Cape Town had earlier dates of receipt for some fascicles than any European library or journal!

The reasons for these dating patterns most likely have a lot to do with the recording procedures in libraries. In larger libraries, many journals arrive each day waiting to be stamped as received. A long waiting period before the journal is recorded or stamped as received may be reflected in the relatively late dates of receipt at various libraries. This could well be the reason that the national library in Brussels was slow to record each fascicle that came in. The method of recording journals received at the South African Museum was to stamp the date of receipt the day a publication from the South African Museum was received and to stamp the remainder of the journals at the end of

the week. Being a smaller library, this method was kept for many years and probably resulted in some receipt dates being earlier than for larger libraries thousands of miles closer to the publisher.

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The following libraries were visited personally or were researched by others: Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii; Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Aiea, Hawaii; Entomology Library, University of California, Berkeley; Entomology Library, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Entomology Library, the Natural History Museum, London; Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels; South African Museum, Cape Town; Entomology Library, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco.

In addition, the following journals were consulted for dates of receipt: Annals and Magazine of Natural History, London; Bibliographie de Belgique, Brussels; Bibliographie de la France, Paris; Bulletin et Annales de la Société Entomologique de Belgique, Brussels; Comptes Rendus Hebdomaires de l'Académie des Sciences, Paris; Entomologische Literatur Blätter, Berlin; Naturae Novitates, Berlin; Repertorium Entomologicum, Berlin; Wiener Entomologische Zeitung, Vienna; Zoologischer Anzeiger (Bibliographia Zoologica), Leipzig.

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