THE TRIBE SYRPHINI (DIPTERA: SYRPHIDAE) IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

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ABSTRACT

The tribe Syrphini in India and neighbouring countries, representing the Indian Subregion of the Oriental Zoogeographical Region, is reviewed. More than 10,000 specimens of this and other tribes of the subfamily Syrphinae were examined from here and from other parts of the Oriental Region, as well as from the Palaearctic, Australian and "Pacific" Regions. Types of most names proposed for the included (or erroneously recorded) taxa, including current junior synonyms, were examined and lectotypes have been designated . A key to Indian genera as well as those to species of each for genus, polytypic in this area, are provided. Male terminalia of almost all species for which males are known, are illustrated. Diagnostic descriptions of every species and diagnoses of each genus are given. For every taxon, the synonymy, literature references and pertinent taxonomic discussions are also presented. Maps showing the range of each genus in the Indian Subregion are also included. Finally, an attempt is made to present generic interrelationships and zoogeographical considerations of Indian Syrphini.

A total of 108 species in 32 genera are treated, including two new genera (<u>Agnisyrphus</u> Ghorpadé, <u>Vockerothia</u> Thompson & Ghorpadé), four genera new to the Subregion (Macrosyrphus Matsumura, Megasyrphus Dusek & Laska, Melangyna



Verrall, <u>Parasyrphus</u> Matsumura), one genus given that status newly (<u>Macrosyrphus</u> Matsumura), and another, <u>Rhinobaccha</u> de Meijere, transferred from the tribe Bacchini to the Syrphini. <u>Ischyrosyrphus</u> Bigot is included based only on the record of <u>sivae</u> Bigot from India (the type is apparently lost). Besides the two new genera described here, the other 27 genera included and confirmed as Indian are: <u>Allobaccha</u> Curran, <u>Allograpta</u> Osten Sacken, <u>Asarkina</u> Macquart, <u>Asiobaccha</u> Violovitsh, <u>Betasyrphus</u> Matsumura, <u>Chrysotoxum</u> Meigen, <u>Citrogramma</u> Vockeroth, <u>Dasysyrphus</u> Enderlein, <u>Didea</u> Macquart, <u>Dideoides</u> Brunetti, <u>Dideopsis</u> Matsumura, <u>Eosphaerophoria</u> Frey, <u>Epistrophe</u> Walker, <u>Episyrphus</u> Matsumura, <u>Megasyrphus</u> Dusek & Laska, <u>Melangyna</u> Verrall, <u>Meliscaeva</u> Frey, <u>Metasyrphus</u> Matsumura, <u>Parasyrphus</u> Matsumura, <u>Rhinobaccha</u> de Meijere, <u>Scaeva</u> Fabricius, <u>Sphaerophoria</u> Le Peletier & Serville, and Syrphus Fabricius.

Of the 108 species included, the following 42 are newly described: <u>Agnisyrphus angara, A. gressitti; Allobaccha binghami, A. sanjanae; Allograpta</u> <u>dravida; Asarkina ayyari, A. belli, A.bhima, A. hema, A. pitambara;</u> <u>Betasyrphus fletcheri, B. linga; Chrysotoxum corbetti; Citrogramma chola, C.</u> <u>henryi; Dasysyrphus darada, D. gurkha, D. pandu, D. rossi; Didea poorva, D.</u> <u>vockerothi; Epistrophe kingdonwardi; Leucozona brunettii, L. vichitra, L.</u> <u>virendra; Megasyrphus deodarae; Meliscaeva cinctelloides, M. kusuma, M.</u> <u>magnifica, M. malaisei, M. maxwelli, M. shevaroya; Metasyrphus girija, M.</u> <u>laskai; Parasyrphus kashmiricus, P. sherpa, P. thompsoni; Rhinobaccha krishna,</u> <u>R. montana, R. peterseni; Sphaerophoria knutsoni, S. ladakhensis; and Syrphus</u> <u>dalhousiae</u>. Three species, <u>Sphaerophoria rueppellii</u> (Wiedemann), <u>Syrphus</u> <u>ribesii</u> (Linné), and <u>Syrphus vitripennis</u> Meigen, are recorded from the Indian Subregion for the first time.

The ten new combinations proposed are: Betasyrphus aeneifrons (Brunetti), B bazini (Brunetti), B. isaaci (Bhatia), B. rufiventris (Brunetti), B. transversus (Brunetti); Melangyna remota (Brunetti); Meliscaeva tribeni (Nayar); Metasyrphus annandalei (Brunetti); Scaeva indica (Nayar) and S. pruthii (Deoras). The following 26 new junior synonyms are also proposed: Allobaccha sapphirina (Wiedemann) (= umbrosa Brunetti); Asarkina incisuralis (Macquart) (= formosae Bezzi); Betasyrphus aeneifrons (Brunetti) (= transversus Brunetti); B. bazini (Brunetti) (= albipilus Coe); Chrysotoxum antiquum Walker (= convexum Brunetti); Dasysyrphus orsua (Walker) (= brunettii Hervé-Bazin); Dideoides kempi Brunetti (= pellucidipennis Coe); D. tigerinus (Bigot)(= chrysotoxoides Curran); Dideopsis aegrota (Fabricius)[= hemipennis Hull (nomen nudum ?) and pura Curran]; Episyrphus viridaureus (Wiedemann)(= formosae Sack, graptus Hull, heterogaster Thomson, nectarinus Wiedemann and triligatus Walker); Macrosyrphus confrater (Wiedemann) (= macropterus Thomson, okinawae Matsumura and torvoides de Meijere); Metasyrphus nuba (Wiedemann) (= annandalei Brunetti); Scaeva albomaculata (Macquart)(= sulphureus Sack); S. latimaculata (Brunetti)(= indica Nayar, montana Violovitsh and pruthii Deoras); Sphaerophoria bengalensis Macquart (= turkmenica Bankowska); S. macrogaster (Thomson)(= poonaensis Joseph); and Syrphus ribesii (Linné)(= himalayanus Nayar).

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Introduction

The Syrphidae (Diptera: Cyclorrhapha: Aschiza) is a large, widespread family of true flies, attractively patterned and economically beneficial. These flies are characterized by the almost uniformly present 'vena spuria' (spurious vein) in the wing and by the habit of hovering of many species. Perhaps most of the 5,000 or more species described in some 500 genus-group taxa mimic bees or wasps, many very effectively (see Glumac, 1962). As adults, the majority of syrphids feed on nectar and pollen, which they obtain by visiting flowers and these flies rank close to the bees (Hymenoptera: Apoidea) as important pollinators of several plant species, both wild and cultivated. The flies also feed on honeydew produced by several Homoptera as well as drink free water. The larvae, on the other hand, are either predacious on other insects (mainly Homoptera), or are saprophytic or phytophagous. Of the latter, a few are known to damage cultivated plants, but, almost invariably, are secondary 'pests', feeding on the plant after primary damage has been done by another organism. Some larvae, consumed by man through drinking putrid water, cause accidental myiasis.

The predacious species belong to the subfamily Syrphinae and to the tribe Pipizini of the subfamily Eristalinae. Species of the other subfamily, the Microdontinae, which occur as immatures in nests of ants (Hymenoptera: Formicidae), are known to be predatory on ant immatures (van Pelt & van Pelt, 1972; Akre <u>et al.</u>, 1973; Duffield, 1981; Thompson, 1981). In the Indian subcontinent, <u>Microdon bellus</u> Brunetti was found in nests of the ant <u>Crematogaster dohrni</u> Mayr in northeastern India (Das, 1959). A synoptic list of the insect prey groups of predacious syrphids, together with recorded prey of Indian species, was compiled by Ghorpadé (1981). The other major activity

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of the hover-flies which is of use to man and the environment, pollination, is less well known and needs study.

In order that we may learn more about these beneficial aspects of the Syrphidae, to be able to utilise them for our benefit as well as conserve hover-flies for the good of our environment, we need a large amount of data. The basic requirement is a sound understanding of the systematics, phylogeny, zoogeography, natural history and ecology of the family, more particularly of the predacious Syrphinae. In recent years, a lot of work has been carried out on the taxonomy of Syrphidae, but relatively little on the Oriental fauna.

Historical Overview

The last comprehensive revision of Indian Syrphidae was completed by Brunetti (1923). Since then, there is very little taxonomic work on Indian Syrphini, or, for that matter, on any other tribe of the family, which had 312 species in 71 genera described from the subcontinent (Knutson <u>et al</u>., 1975). The important works, including descriptions of new taxa or reporting sufficiently large collections from regions within the area, are of Hervé-Bazin (1924: additions and corrections to Brunetti's monograph), Bhatia & Shaffi (1933: life histories and new species) Deoras (1943: new species), van Doesburg, Sr (1955: Karakoram), Keiser (1958: Sri Lanka), Coe (1964: Nepal), Nayar (1968: northwest Himalaya), Joseph (1967, 1968, 1970: <u>Sphaerophoria</u> systematics), Lambeck & Kiauta (1973: Nepal), and Lambeck & van Brink (1973: Kashmir).

Vockeroth (1969) revised the world genera of the tribe Syrphini, after similar, more restricted treatments of central European Syrphinae (Dusek & Laska, 1967) and Palaearctic Syrphini (Hippa, 1968). These studies made it apparent that the Indian fauna (and those of other regions of the world) needed to be examined in the light of revised generic concepts, using more stable morphological characters, <u>e.g.</u>, male terminalia, wing microtrichia and pleural hairing. The recent catalogue of Oriental Syrphidae by Knutson <u>et al</u>. (1975) did a great deal to stablize nomenclature and update information. However, since there has been no revisionary work on any genus of Indian Syrphini, I have reviewed the tribe in the Subregion.

A brief summary of the major written works on the taxonomy of the Syrphini, zoogeographic region by region, is given and the major papers of general interest worldwide are mentioned. This is expected to complement the excellent review of systematics and zoogeography of the Syrphini prepared by Vockeroth (1969), which is an essential tool for any work on this tribe.

The works of Matsumura & Adachi (1916, 1917, 1917a) and of Matsumura (1918) were the first serious attempts to break up the very large and unwieldy genus <u>Syrphus</u> Fabricius. Matsumura's proposed new genera were called 'vague' by Vockeroth (1969: 15) and were either ignored, not accepted or treated in part for a long time by most syrphid specialists [Curran (1923-1947), Fluke (1933, 1935, 1950, 1952, 1954), Goffe (1943, 1944, 1944a, 1946, 1952), Hull (1949)], until Dusek & Laska (1967), Hippa (1968) and Vockeroth (1969) evaluated most names and revived some of them. Shiraki (1930) treated most of Matsumura's genera as synonyms and synonymized many of Matsumura's species with well known Palaearctic ones. I pointed out (Ghorpadé, 1981b: 90) how all of Matsumura's new generic <u>concepts</u> were either valid now or were only junior synonyms of older names of genera now thought valid. The comprehensive paper on the male terminalia (<u>not genitalia only</u>, as some terminal abdominal

segments are also included and carry important characters) of Syrphidae by Metcalf (1921), made new and badly needed interspecific characters available, but were actually used very much later, especially by Fluke (1950, etc.), for taxa of Syrphini. Shannon (1921, 1922, 1922a, 1924), Shiraki (1949), Goffe (1952), Glumac (1961b), Thompson (1969, 1972) and Shatalkin (1975, 1975a) attempted revised classifications of the subfamilies and suprageneric taxa of the Syrphidae on phylogenetic (or otherwise) lines. Frey (1946) presented a key to the 'Syrphinae+Bacchinae' genera and described some new ones. Hull (1945) revised the fossil Syrphidae, and, in his world review (Hull, 1949) of the genera of Syrphidae, lumped many distinct genera of Syrphini so that his classification bears little resemblance to that prevailing today.

However, in the latter half of the sixties, three papers on the Syrphini were published (Dusek & Laska, 1967; Hippa, 1968; Vockeroth, 1969) which bore an uncanny resemblance to each other (see Dusek & Laska, 1972), aside from a few minor differences, and which have laid a firm foundation for systematic research on this tribe. Vockeroth (1971, 1973, 1973a) and Dusek & Laska (1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1980) continued work on the tribe, dealing with individual genera in a comprehensive manner and showing the kind of detailed work that is necessary today.

The basis of catalogues for each of the zoogeographic regions has been achieved with these contributions -- Nearctic (Osten Sacken, 1875, 1878; Aldrich, 1905; Wirth <u>et al</u>., 1965; Sabrosky, 1967, 1971, 1978), Neotropical (Fluke, 1956, 1957, 1960; van der Goot, 1964; Thompson <u>et al</u>., 1976), Palaearctic (Becker <u>et al</u>., 1907; Sack, 1932), Afrotropical (Smith & Vockeroth, 1980), Oriental (Bigot, 1891, 1892; van der Wulp, 1896; Hull, 1936, 1937; Knutson <u>et al</u>., 1975), and Australian (Hull, 1936). A world catalogue was published by Kertész (1910), while Hull (1949) presented a review, with keys, to genera of Syrphidae.

As regards the major taxonomic papers (mostly in the present century, after Kertész, 1910) on the tribe Syrphini in each of these zoogeographic regions, following is a short list:

<u>Nearctic</u> -- Williston, 1886; Osten Sacken, 1877; Metcalf, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1921; Curran, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925a, 1929a, 1930b, 1932; Hull, 1925, 1943; Shannon, 1926; Fluke, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1950, 1952, 1954; Knutson, 1973; Vockeroth, 1980, 1983.

<u>Neotropical</u> -- Austen, 1893; Williston, 1891, 1892; Curran, 1927, 1930, 1930a, 1932, 1934, 1939b, 1941; Shannon, 1927; Hull, 1937a, 1942, 1943, 1943a, 1947, 1949b, 1951; Fluke, 1942; Frey, 1946; van der Goot, 1964; van Doesburg, Sr, 1970; Vockeroth, 1973a; Thompson, 1981.

Palaearctic -- Verrall, 1901; Bezzi, 1903, 1908; Matsumura, 1911, 1916;
Matsumura & Adachi, 1916, 1917, 1917a; Matsumura, 1918; Shiraki, 1930;
Stackelberg, 1930; Sack, 1932; Goffe, 1933, 1943, 1944, 1944a, 1946, 1947,
1952; Reinig, 1935; Enderlein, 1938; Szilady, 1940; Collin, 1944; Coe, 1953,
1960; Gaunitz, 1954, 1960, 1963; Séguy, 1961; Glumac, 1961; Vockeroth, 1963,
1971, 1973; Bankowska, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1969; Dusek & Laska, 1964, 1967,
1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1980; Peck, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974; Hippa, 1968;
Andersson, 1970a; Speight, 1973; Goeldlin, 1974; Speight <u>et al</u>., 1975;
Violovitsh, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1975a,
1975b, 1976, 1981, 1982.

<u>Afrotropical</u> -- Bezzi, 1915; Efflatoun Bey, 1922, 1925, 1926; Curran, 1938, 1938a, 1939, 1939a; Hull, 1941, 1964; van Doesburg, Sr, 1957; Keiser, 1971; Vockeroth, 1973b; Shaumar & Kamal, 1977; Nayar, 1978, 1978a, 1979; Ghorpadé, 1981b.

<u>Oriental</u> -- Austen, 1893; Kertesz, 1899, 1901, 1913, 1914; Brunetti, 1907, 1907a, 1908, 1913, 1913a, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1923, 1925; Bezzi, 1908, 1928; de Meijere, 1908, 1910, 1914; Matsumura, 1910, 1911; Matsumura & Adachi, 1916,

1917, 1917a; Sack, 1913, 1922, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1932a, 1935; Hervé-Bazin,
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1958; van Doesburg, Sr, 1955, 1966; Sasakawa, 1960; Bankowska, 1962, 1964;
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Joseph & Ramachandra Rao, 1972, 1972c; Joseph & Parui, 1973, 1977, 1977a;
Joseph & Sharma, 1973; Lambeck & Kiauta, 1973; Lambeck & van Brink, 1973;

<u>Australian</u> -- Miller, 1921; Hardy, 1921, 1933; Klöcker, 1924; Ferguson, 1926, 1926a; van Doesburg, Sr., 1966; Vockeroth, 1971.

Finally, a chronicle of the papers published on Indian Syrphini is included, to present a detailed picture of the research work that has been done on the tribe in the subcontinent. The works of Nietner (1861) and Cotes (1893, 1895) were perhaps the only ones to deal with applied studies on Indian species of Syrphini before the first decade of this century. Early descriptive work, of scattered species and genera, based on collections made by voyages and expeditions to the Orient, were by Linné (1758), Fabricius (1775, 1781, 1787, 1794, 1805), De Geer (1776), Meigen (1822), Wiedemann (1824, 1830), Le Peletier & Serville (<u>in</u> Latreille <u>et al.</u>, 1828), Macquart (1834, 1842, 1846, 1855), Loew (1840, 1858), Rondani (1845, 1875), Walker (1849, 1852, 1857, 1860, 1871), Doleschall (1856, 1857), Schiner (1860), Thomson (1869), Osten Sacken (1875, 1877), van der Wulp (1881, 1896), Bigot (1882, 1884, 1885, 1891, 1892), Austen (1893), Coquillett (1898), Kertész (1899, 1901), Verrall (1901), and de Meijere (1908, 1910, 1914).

In the beginning of the present century, an Italian musician, interested in the study of Diptera in his spare time, Enrico Brunetti (see Prashad, 1927 and Senior-White. 1927 for details of his life and work), started work on Indian Syrphidae and other families of Diptera. In preliminary papers (Brunetti, 1907, 1913, 1913a), he listed some syrphids from the Himalaya and Assam [The Himalayan Mountains, spanning the northern boundaries of the Indian subcontinent, are correctly termed the Himalaya (= "abode of snow", in Sanskrit), as Mani (1974) emphasised, and not the "Himalayas". What was known as "Assam" previously, is now made up of seven Indian States and Union Territories -- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam (s. str. !), Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura]. His first major paper (Brunetti, 1907a: figures, 1908: descriptions) dealt with several genera of Syrphidae from India and the rest of the Orient. In a second, more comprehensive paper (Brunetti, 1915) on Oriental Syrphidae, he described more species from the subcontinent. Another paper on syrphids from Simla (Brunetti, 1917) was followed by one on a new (?) Didea from Iran (Brunetti, 1919). The Fauna of British India series enabled him to complete a comprehensive revision of Indian Syrphidae (Brunetti, 1923), which is the only reference on this fauna even to this day. He later followed it up (Brunetti, 1925) with additions and corrections to the Fauna volume, as did Hervé-Bazin (1924).

Bezzi (1908) dealt with Oriental and other species of <u>Asarkina</u> and Howlett (1909), an early Indian Dipterist, wrote the section on Diptera (including Syrphidae) for Maxwell-Lefroy's <u>Indian Insect Life</u>. Fletcher (1914) gave notes and illustrations of common south Indian syrphids. Senior-White (1922), also interested in Indian Diptera at that time, reported several Syrphini and other hover flies from the Khasi Hills and compared the fauna with that in Sri Lanka, where he had collected earlier. Shannon (1926) reviewed the genus <u>Chrysotoxum</u> and described a new species from Ladakh. Bhatia & Shaffi (1933)

wrote an important paper on the immatures of Indian Syrphini with coloured and pen and ink illustrations and also described a new "Syrphus". Cherian (1934) listed syrphids from south India mainly from the collection in the Agricultural College at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, India. Sack (1932) dealt with the first list of Syrphidae from the Karakoram Mountains and it was followed later by that of van Doesburg, Sr (1955). Ahmad (1940), Bankowska (1967, 1968, 1969) and Dusek & Laska (1980) reported on collections of Syrphidae from Afghanistan which have a fauna related to that in the Indian subcontinent, with several Oriental species reaching their western limits in that country. Deoras (1943) described a new "Xanthogramma" which I found here to be Scaeva latimaculata (Brunetti). Some Indian Syrphidae were described by Hull (1941, 1944) from the British Museum (Natural History) collections. Singh et al. (1955) and Mani (1962, 1968) listed syrphids from the northwest Himalaya, Usman & Puttarudriah (1955) and Puttarudriah & ChannaBasavanna (1957) from Karnataka, DeSilva (1961) from Sri Lanka, Alam & Hafiz (1963) from Pakistan, and Nayar & Nayar (1965) and Anand et al. (1967) from the north Indian plains.

Keiser (1958) dealt comprehensively with the Syrphidae of Sri Lanka, based on his own extensive collections, and this was the most important taxonomic paper on Indian Syrphidae after Brunetti's (1923) monograph. Joseph (1967, 1968, 1970) treated the Indian species of <u>Sphaerophoria</u> in a series of papers, which was the closest anyone got to a revision of an Indian genus of the tribe Syrphini. Later, with some co-authors, he reported on collections of syrphids from northeast India (Joseph & Ramachandra Rao, 1972, 1972a; Joseph & Parui, 1973, 1977, 1977a; Joseph & Ray, 1976; Joseph & Sharma, 1976). In another extensive paper on the Syrphinae of India, Nayar (1968) described and listed

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For each species, the regional synonymy (sources of extralimital synonyms are indicated where necessary) is followed by a list of the more important references (with annotations) and those with "recorded" distributional data. Only the first reference giving a particular locality is cited, and later ones ignored if no new localities mentioned. Unless I have seen specimens on which these records were based, I have retained such references under species for whom they were recorded, even if now doubtful or apparently incorrect. One species of each genus is fully described and diagnostic descriptions are provided for the other species in comparison to it. In the list of specimens examined, complete label data are given only for primary type material of known species. For secondary type material (unless unique or of a limited number) and other specimens examined, only locality data (names correctly spelled, if wrong) are included, for reasons of brevity. Altitudes given in feet are converted into metres. Full label data of all specimens examined by me will be furnished in forthcoming revisions of each of the Oriental genera of Syrphidae. The flight period of each species includes months cited on specimen labels; exact dates of specimens collected are omitted for reasons of brevity. Confirmed distribution of each species (by Indian States and

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Finally, the sections on "Generic Interrelationships" and "Zoogeographic Considerations" attempt to deal succinctly with my interim analyses of these aspects of Indian Syrphini, with notes on other extra-regional taxa where necessary. The list of references includes all authors' works cited in this review and should prove useful to syrphid enthusiasts, especially those interested in the tribe Syrphini in the Oriental Region.

With regard to the types of Brunetti, even though he did not use the term "holotype", but labelled them as "type" and "cotype", I have considered his "type" as the <u>holotype</u> and his type + and cotypes as paratypes. The following passage from Brunetti's (1912) Preface to his first Fauna of British India volume (pp. v-viii) is my reason for doing so.

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AMNH*	American Museum of Natural History, New York, U.S.A.
	(P.W. Wygodzinsky).
ANIC	Australian National Insect Collection, Commonwealth Scientific
	and Industrial Research Organization, Canberra City, Australia
	(D.H. Colless).
BMNH*	British Museum (Natural History), London, U.K. (B.H. Cogan,
	A.C. Pont and K.G.V. Smith).
BPBM*	Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.
	(W.A. Steffan).
BPIM	Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Manila,
	Philippines (S.J. Bayubay).
CAS*	California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, U.S.A.
	(P.H. Arnaud jr).
CIBCI*	Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Indian Station,
	Bangalore, India (T. Sankaran).
CIBCP	Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Pakistan Station,
	Rawalpindi, Pakistan (M.A. Ghani).
CNC*	Canadian National Collection, Biosystematics Research Institute,
	Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Canada (J.R. Vockeroth).
CNM*	Colombo National Museum, Department of National Museums, Sri
	Lanka (P.H.D.H. de Silva).
CUIC	Cornell University Insect Collection, Ithaca, U.S.A.
	(L.L. Pechuman).
DNHM	Darjeeling Natural History Museum, Darjeeling, India (E.D.
	Avari).
EIHU	Entomological Institute, Faculty of Agriculture, Hokkaido
	University, Sapporo, Japan.

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FRI*	Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, India (Pratap Singh).
HNHM	Termeszettudomanyi Muzeum, Budapest, Hungary.
IAA	Institute of Agriculture, Gujarat Agricultural University,
	Anand, India (H.K. Patel).
IARI*	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India
	(S. Ghai).
ILRI	Indian Lac Research Institute, Namkum, Ranchi, India
	(R.S. Gokulpure).
IRSNB*	Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels,
	Belgium (P. Vanschuytbroeck).
KDG*	Personal collection of Kumar D. Ghorpadé.
MCSNG*	Museo Civico de Storia "Giacomo Doria", Genoa, Italy (R.
	Poggi).
MCZ*	Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge,
	U.S.A. (J.C. Scott).
MNHN*	Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
	(L. Matile).
MZBI	Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense, Bogor, Indonesia (S. Adisoemarto
	and S. Kadarsan).
MZUF	Museo Zoologico dell'Universita Firenze, Florence, Italy.
NMB	Naturhistorisches Museum, Basel, Switzerland (C. Baroni Urbani).
NMV*	Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria (R. Contreras-
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NRS*	Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden (P.I. Persson).
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SMF Senckenbergisches Museum, Frankfurt, Germany.

TDAB Department of Agriculture, Bangkok, Thailand (A. Lewvanich).

TNAU* Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India (T.R. Subramanian and T. Kumaraswami).

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- ZFMAK* Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Germany (H. Ulrich).
- ZIAS* Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leningrad, U.S.S.R. (V. Richter).
- ZIUL Zoological Institute, University of Lund, Sweden (H. Andersson and P. Brinck).

ZMA* Instituut voor Taxonomische Zoölogie, Zoologisch Museum, Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands (B. Brugge).

ZMHU* Zoologisches Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt-Universitat, Berlin, Germany (H. Schumann).

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angara Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

gressitti Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

ALLOBACCHA Curran

amphithoe (Walker) apicalis (Loew) binghami Ghorpadé, sp. nov. [dispar (Walker)] elegans (Brunetti) fallax (Austen) sanjanae Ghorpadé, sp. nov. sapphirina (Wiedemann) triangulifera (Austen)

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ASARKINA Macquart

assimilis (Macquart) ayyari Ghorpadé, sp. nov. belli Ghorpadé, sp. nov. bhima Ghorpadé, sp. nov. biroi Bezzi [ericetorum (Fabricius)]

hema Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

incisuralis (Macquart)

pitambara Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

porcina (Coquillett)

[salviae (Fabricius)]

ASIOBACCHA Violovitsh

nubilipennis (Austen)

BETASYRPHUS Matsumura

aeneifrons (Brunetti) [adligatus (Wiedemann)] bazini (Brunetti) fletcheri Ghorpadé, sp. nov. isaaci (Bhatia) linga Ghorpadé, sp. nov. [serarius (Wiedemann)]

dravida Ghorpadé, ap. nev. iavana (Wiedemann)

JARGINA Maoquart

ayyari Ghorpadé, se. nov. belli Ghorpadé, se. nov. belli Ghorpadé, sp. nov. bhima Ghorpadé, sp. nov. biroi Bezzi

(enicetorum (Papricius))

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CHRYSOTOXUM Meigen

antiquum Walker <u>baphyrum</u> Walker <u>convexum</u> Brunetti <u>corbetti</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. [<u>festivum</u> (Linné)] <u>draco</u> Shannon <u>fasciolatum</u> (De Geer) <u>intermedium</u> Meigen <u>quadrifasciatum</u> Brunetti

CITROGRAMMA Vockeroth

<u>chola</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>clarum</u> (Hervé-Bazin) <u>citrinum</u> (Brunetti) <u>henryi</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

DASYSYRPHUS Enderlein

darada Ghorpadé. sp. nov.
gurkha Ghorpadé, sp. nov.
orsua (Walker)
pandu Ghorpadé, sp. nov.
rossi Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

CHRYSOTOXIM Meigen

antiquum Walker baphyrum Walker convexum Brunetti convexum Brunetti corbetti-Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>cractivum</u> (Linné)] <u>draco</u> Shannon <u>fascioletum</u> (De Geer) <u>intermedium</u> Maizen

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oboli Ghorpadé, sp. cov. olarum (Hervé-Bazin) oitrinum (Brunetti) benryi Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

DASYSYRPHUS Enderlein

darada Ghorpadé. sp. nov. <u>gurkha</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>orsua</u> (Walker) pandu Ghorpadé, sp. nov. rossi Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

DIDEA Macquart

[<u>fasciata</u> Macquart] <u>poorva</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. vockerothi Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

DIDEOIDES Brunetti

kempi Brunetti

ovatus Brunetti

tigerinus (Bigot)

trilineatus Brunetti

DIDEOPSIS Matsumura

aegrota (Fabricius)

EOSPHAEROPHORIA Frey

dentiscutellata (Keiser)

EPISTROPHE Walker

aequalis (Walker)

griseocincta (Brunetti)

kingdonwardi Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

quinquevittata (Brunetti)

EPISYRPHUS Matsumura

arcifer (Sack) balteatus (De Geer) viridaureus (Wiedemann) [fasciata Macquart] poorva Ghorpadé, sp. nov. vockersthi Ghorpadé. r., no

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<u>kempi</u> brunetti <u>ovatus</u> Brunetti tigerinus (Bigot

rilineatus prunetti

SIDEOFSIS Matsumura

asgrota (Fabricius)

COSPHARNOPHORIA Frey

dentiacutellata (Keiser)

SPISTROPHE Walker

acqualts (Walker)

griseocineta (Brunetti)

kingdonwardi Ghorpadé, sp. nov

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analis Kertész

ISCHIODON Sack

scutellaris (Fabricius)

[ISCHYROSYRPHUS Bigot]

sivae Bigot

LEUCOZONA Schiner

brunettii Ghorpadé, sp. nov. vichitra Ghorpadé, sp. nov. virendra Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

MACROSYRPHUS Matsumura

confrater (Wiedemann)

MEGASYRPHUS Dusek & Laska

deodarae Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

MELANGYNA Verrall

remota (Brunetti)

ERIOZOMA Schiner

analis Kertész

ISCHLODON Saok

soutellaris (Fabricius)

[ISCHYROSYN HUS Bigot]

sivae Bigot

LEUGOZONA Schiner

Drunettii Ghorpadé, sp. nov. vichitra Ghorpadé, sp. nov. virendra Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

MACROSYR+ US Matsumura

confrater (Wiedemann)

MEGASYRPHUS Duser & Laska

deodarae Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

MELANGYNA Vercall

remota (Brunetti)

MELISCAEVA Frey

<u>ceylonica</u> (Keiser) [<u>cinctella</u> (Zetterstedt)] <u>cinctelloides</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>kusuma</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>magnifica</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>malaisei</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>maxwelli</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. [<u>monticola</u> (de Meijere)] <u>shevaroya</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. tribeni (Nayar)

METASYRPHUS Matsumura

<u>corollae</u> (Fabricius) <u>girija</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. <u>laskai</u> Ghorpadé, sp. nov. [<u>latifasciatus</u> (Macquart)] [<u>luniger</u> (Meigen)] [<u>nitens</u> (Zetterstedt)] nuba (Wiedemann)

PARASYRPHUS Matsumura

kashmiricus Ghorpadé, sp. nov. sherpa Ghorpadé, sp. nov. thompsoni Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

RHINOBACCHA de Meijere

gracilis de Meijere

ceylonica (Keiser) [cinctella (Zetterstent)] cinctelloides Chorpadé, sp. nov. kusuma Guorpadé, sp. nov. magnifica Ghorpadí, sp. nov. maiaisei Ghorpadé, sp. nov. faotticola (de Meijere)] Shevaroya Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

METASYRPHUS Matsumura

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STURDED SYRPHIS-Mahanna

kashmirieus Ghorpadé, sp. nov. sherpa Ghorpadé, sp. nov. thompsoni Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

RHIMORACCHA de Meijer:

gradilis de Meijere

krishna Ghorpadé, sp. nov. montana Ghorpadé, sp. nov. peterseni Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

SCAEVA Fabricius

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<u>albomaculata</u> (Macquart) <u>latimaculata</u> (Brunetti) <u>opimia</u> (Walker) <u>pyrastri</u> (Linné) selenitica (Meigen)

SPHAEROPHORIA Le Peletier & Serville

assamensis Joseph

bengalensis Macquart

indiana Bigot

knutsoni Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

ladakhensis Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

macrogaster (Thomson)

rueppellii (Wiedemann)

scripta (Linné)

viridaenea Brunetti

vockerothi Joseph

SYRPHUS Fabricius

dalhousiae Ghorpadé, sp. nov. fulvifacies Brunetti krishna Chorpadé, sp. nov. montana Ghorpadé, sp. nov. peterseni Ghorpadé, sp. nov

CAEVA Fabricius

albomaoulata (Magquart) latimaoulata (Brunetti) opinia (Walker) pyrastri (Linoé)

SPHAEROPHORIA Le Peletier & Serville

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viridaenea Brunetti

vockerothi Joseph

STRPHUS Fabricius

dalhousiae Ghorpadé, sp. nov.

[<u>nietneri</u> Nietner] <u>ribesii</u> (Linné) <u>torvus</u> Osten Sacken <u>vitripennis</u> Meigen

VOCKEROTHIA Thompson & Ghorpadé, gen. nov.

laticornis (Curran)

[<u>nietnert</u> Nietner] <u>ribesti</u> (Linné) <u>torvus</u> Osten Sacken vitripennis Meigen

VOCKEROTHIA Thompson & Chorpadé, gen. nov. latisonais (Curran)