The Danish Species of Drosophila (Dipt.) By

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Introduction.

Since the appearance of Sturtevant's monograph in 1921 the North American *Drosophila* fauna has been the subject of intensive taxonomic and faunistic investigation by a great number of workers (for a general survey, see Patterson and Stone 1952), and later on similar investigations have been made in other parts of the world. Outstanding among these investigations of faunas outside North America are the studies of the Brazilian fauna (Dobzhansky & Pavan 1943, Pavan & da Cunha 1947, Pavan 1950). The immediate aim of these taxonomic and faunistic researches has most often been to make it possible to use the natural populations of *Drosophila* to investigate certain aspects of Population Genetics.

In the late forties similar taxonomic, faunistic, and ecological investigations based on extensive collectings were initiated in Europe. Burla's excellent pioneer work (1948, 1951) on the Swiss *Drosophila* fauna has since been followed by valuable investigations in Spain, Portugal, and France (Hadorn et al. 1952), the Netherlands (Lever et al. 1951, Sobels & Lever 1954), England (Collin 1952), Scotland (Basden 1954), Finland (Hackman 1954), and Western Germany (Herting 1955).

The aim of the work on the Danish *Drosophila* species presented in this paper has partly been to bring forth further evidences on the distribution of the genus *Drosophila* in Europe and partly to obtain sufficient information on the taxonomy and ecology of the Danish *Drosophila* populations to make these possible tools for future genetical research.

So far the Danish *Drosophila* species have been treated only by three authors. In 1844 Stæger, in a short paper in Danish, described a Danish Drosophila species, Drosophila confusa as new to science and he recorded Drosophila fenestrarum Fallén from Denmark. Three years later, in 1847, Zetterstedt mentioned all the Danish Drosophila species so far known which amounted to nine (phalerata being regarded as a variety of transversa), a knowledge due mainly to Stæger's diligent collectings now kept in the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen. Since Zetterstedt's publication, which is now more than a century old, no paper dealing with the Danish Drosophila fauna as a whole has been published. However, Lemche in 1949 found Drosophila busckii as a contaminant of milk bottles thus making a total of eleven species recorded from Denmark (table 1). The species identified as D. graminum Fallén by Fallén (1823) and by Zetterstedt (1847) has since been shown to comprise two distinct species which are now regarded as belonging to two different but closely related genera, Scaptomyza Hardy and Parascaptomyza Duda (Duda 1935). The present author has found that the same situation applies also to the specimens labelled D. graminum Fall. in Stæger's collection on which Zetterstedt based his statements on the Danish Drosophila species. It may be added here that both Scaptomyza graminum and Parascaptomyza disticha have been caught by the present author also. As regards Drosophila flava Fallén which is listed at the bottom of table 1 some doubt exists about the meaning of this name. According to Collin (1953) D. flava Fall. is a Drosophila species belonging to the Fenestrarum group, a statement Collin founds on an examination of coll. Fallén in Stockholm. The present author's examination of the specimens labelled D. flava in coll. Stæger showed, however, that these specimens do certainly not belong to the genus Drosophila as this genus is defined today. They represent without any doubt a species of Scaptomyza; actually they are very much like S. flaveola Meigen as this species is described by Collin. Whatever Fallén's and Zetterstedt's original use of the name D. flava may have been, we can be pretty sure that the D. flava mentioned as Danish by Zetterstedt, who had his information from Stæger, was not a Drosophila. Only nine Drosophila species were therefore recorded from Denmark at the initiation of the present investigation. It ought to be mentioned, however, that the author's examination of W. Lundbeck's collection of Drosophilidae (see below) revealed that this collection contained Danish specimens of D. melanogaster Meig. and D. deflexa Duda, both collected and correctly determined by Lundbeck.

Materials and Methods.

The present records are based on material originating from two sources. A certain amount of faunistic information has been obtained by a study of W. Lundbeck's collection of Drosophilidae in the Zoological Museum of Copenhagen. From about the beginning of this century until his death in 1941 Lundbeck was mainly occupied in working on his great monograph: "Diptera Danica". During this work he built up what was then the most extensive Danish collection of Drosophilidae. But unfortunately Lundbeck died without having published anything on the Drosophilidae. The author has examined Lundbeck's collection and has found that it contains the following seven correctly determined Drosophila species: 1. D. funebris Fabr., 2. D. transversa Fall., 3. D. fenestrarum Fall., 4. D. melanogaster Meig., 5. D. phalerata Meig., 6. D. deflexa Duda, and 7. D. confusa Stæger. This last species was actually labelled D. vibrissina Duda but this is but an invalid synonym of D. confusa. Furthermore Lundbeck has labelled several specimens "D. obscura Fall.". The majority of these specimens were actually D. subobscura Collin, though a few were D. obscura Fall. s. str. A single specimen of D. testacea v. Roser was labelled D. histrio Meig.?. Finally three undetermined specimens turned out to be the very rare D. picta Zett.

The other and much greater part of the material on which this report is based has been obtained through the present author's own collecting. The collecting was mainly done in the summer of 1953 and 1954 though some *Drosophila* were collected during the colder months.

In the outdoor localities the flies were attracted by exposed fermenting banana bait as described by Patterson (1943). Ripe and overripe bananas were mashed by a meat-grinder and activated dry-yeast was added to the mass. After a lapse of about twenty-four hours the baits were exposed in open cans of about 10 liter capacity. One half to one kilo of bait was put into each can. In the first collecting year six cans were used, in the second year the number of cans was increased to twentyfive. The cans were emptied of flies by covering them with an entomological net fitted to the size of the cans.

It was impractical to expose banana bait indoors and so the flies were collected indoors by sweeping.

The flies trapped on bait were as a rule etherized immediately after the capture and determined with a binocular microscope in the field. In doubtful cases the specimens were transferred to culture vials with standard *Drosophila* medium and they were then identified later on in the laboratory. In a number of cases it was necessary to make preparations of the male genitalia to be sure of correct identification. A number of *D. obscura* strains, suspected to be *D. bifasciata*, were established and test-crossed (see below).

A total of 15,922 *Drosophila* specimens were collected and determined during the two years. Table 2 shows the number of each species collected. In order to find out the distribution of the species in different habitats every locality visited was referred to as one of the following five types of habitat. The classification of localities was always done before the collecting was begun.

1. Woods: This comprises all localities more than 100 meters inside the edge of either broadleaf or coniferous woods.

2. Edge of Woods: This comprises all localities in the outer 100 meter zone of woods. Actually most habitats in category 1 were situated much more than 100 meters inside the edge of the woods and most of the habitats in category 2 were situated in the outer 10 meter zone of the woods. The species of trees in woods visited were recorded but in most cases there were no significant difference in the composition of the *Drosophila* faunas in the different kinds of woods.

3. *Small Tree-Groups:* This comprises small groups of trees surrounded by land without any trees. As a theoretical upper limit for the magnitude of these groups a maximum diameter of 100 meter was chosen. Actually all the tree groups investigated were considerably smaller.

4. Domestic Habitats Out-of-Doors: This comprises orchards, gardens, yards, etc., in other words all habitats with a purely cultivated flora or those very near human habitation.

5. *Indoor Habitats:* This comprises rooms such as kitchens, dining-rooms, and cellars in houses and greenhouses. Fruit stores for newly imported fruits and other localities where foreign species were apt to be found were avoided.

For each species and for each type of habitat "the relative population density" and "the percentage-occurrence" were calculated. "The relative population density" for a species in a given type of habitat (such as "Woods") is the total number of specimens of the species caught as percentage of the total of all Drosophila specimens caught in that type of habitat. "The percentageoccurrence" of a given species in a given type of habitat is the number of localities in that type of habitat in which the species was present as a percentage of the total number of localities of this type visited. The relative population densities and the percentages-occurrence are shown in table 3 and 4. The author is aware of the fact that the two above mentioned statistics tend to be correlated. As this correlation, however, is never complete some information is gained by considering both statistics. When, for example, a species shows both a high percentage-occurrence and a high population density this testifies that the species has large populations almost everywhere in that type of habitat (see for example D. subobscura in "Woods"), whereas a high percentage-occurrence together with a low population density indicates that the species occurs often in the type of habitat but that its populations there are most often very small (as for example *D. funebris* in "Woods"). The characterization of the ecological distributions of the species given in section 4 is based partly on the statistics discussed here and partly on additional notes made during the collecting.

Taxonomical Remarks and Keys.

The terminology used in this section is that generally accepted in the modern taxonomic literature on *Drosophila*. For a full account of this terminology which in most details agrees with that used by other dipterists, the reader is referred to the papers of Sturtevant (1921, 1942), Burla (1951), or Freire-Maia & Pavan (1950).

Among the Danish *Drosophilidae* the three genera *Parascaptomyza* Duda 1924, *Scaptomyza* Hardy 1843, and *Drosophila* Fallén 1823 are easily recognized by possessing the following complex of characters:

- 1) Eyes at least centrally with a short pile.
- 2) Postvertical bristles well developed, convergent, and crossed.
- 3) Three orbital bristles: foremost a proclinate (lower) orbital, backwards a posterior reclinate (upper) orbital, and between these and nearest to the lower an anterior reclinate (middle) orbital. The latter is always conspicuously shorter than the other two. The lower orbital may be as long as the upper one but usually it is shorter.
- 4) Two pairs of dorsocentral bristles. In *D. funebris, D. hydei*, and in the *Fenestrarum* group of *Drosophila* one or two pairs of acrostichal hairs placed in front of, and in the same rows as, the dorsocentral bristles may be somewhat lengthened.

The above three genera can be separated by means of the following key:

the anterior one..... Scaptomyza Hardy 1843.

The genus *Parascaptomyza* Duda comprises only one species, *P. disticha* Duda 1924 which is common in Denmark though it has never been recorded from this country before. It is known from the following localities: Jylland: Sjørring (Aug. 1906, Lundbeck); Brøns (July, 1953, O. F.); Linnerup (Aug. 1953, O. F.); Hattenæs (Aug. 1953, O. F.). The Islands: Fanø (Aug. 1953, O. F.); Lohals, Langeland (July, 1913, Lundbeck); Tangeskov, Fyn (July, 1953, O. F.); Engestofte, Lolland (July, 1953, O. F.); Egebæksvang, Sjælland (July, 1915, Lundbeck); Tystrup, Sj. (July, 1953, O. F.); Allindelille, Sj. (Sept. 1953, O. F.); several localities in the environs of Copenhagen, Sj. (May—Oct., Lundbeck); Rø, Bornholm (July 1889, H. J. Hansen, coll. Lundbeck).

The genus *Scaptomyza* Hardy 1843 is made up of several European species and it has representatives in North America too. The relation between the European and the North American species is not clear and the definitions of the genus seem also to differ in the two parts of the world. A recent revision of the European species has been carried out by Collin (1953). The author's material of this genus has not yet been worked out in detail but it definitely includes *S. graminum* which was mentioned already by Zetterstedt and which is most probably very common all over the country.

The genus *Drosophila* Fallén includes more than 600 species from all parts of the world. The species hitherto found in Denmark may be determined by means of the following key. The determination of the members of the *Obscura* group is specially difficult and requires some practice. A biometrical study of the morphological characters used in the taxonomy of this group has recently been published by Dyson-Hudson (1954). This paper may be a valuable help in the determination.

Key to the Danish Species of the Genus Drosophila.

- 2. Primary forceps in the males very big, broadest ventrally. The ovipositor plate with a row of small teeth, all of the same size..... D. fenestrarum Fall.



Fig. 1. Head, mesonotum, and scutellum of D. *testacea*, to illustrate the position and form of the presutural bristle which is shown in white.

- 4. Mesonotum gray, in living specimens with a greenish tinge. Almost all the bristles and hairs on mesonotum are inserted on a dark brown or black spot D. hydei Sturtevant. Mesonotum yellow, red brown, brown, or black. No special colour around the bases of the mesonotal bristles and hairs. 5.
- 6. The first femur on the inner side with a row of about 10 small, pointed, black spines. The wings clouded apically and on the posterior transversal vein. Abdomen yellow with two big, dull, black triangles on each tergite

..... D. immigrans Sturtevant.

No row of spines on the inner side of the first femur.... 7. 7. Mesonotum yellow with five black longitudinal stripes, of which the middle unpaired stripe is branched into two posteriorly. The yellow pleura also with two to three dark stripes. Wings unclouded, third and fourth longitudinal veins slightly divergent. Preapical bristles missing on first and second tibiae D. busckii Coq.

Mesonotum without five distinct stripes, often without any pattern at all. Preapicals on all three pairs of tibiae..... 8.

8. Third and fourth longitudinal veins in the wings strongly divergent. Pleura with two brown longitudinal stripes, the upper stripe running just below the wing, the lower one crossing the upper third of the sternopleural sclerite.... D. picta Zett.



D. simulans Sturtevant

D. melanogaster Meigen

Fig. 2. Lower part of genital arch of *D. simulans* and *D. melanogaster*. The shape of the primary processes is the best distinguishing mark between these two species.

- 10. Males: the genital arch with a hook shaped process (see fig. 2). Both sexes: width of cheeks (measured vertically from the lowest point of the eye to the margin of the cheek) about one sixth of the greatest diameter of the eye.



Fig. 3. Abdominal pattern of *D. transversa*, male and female. Left side from a specimen with strongly developed spots, right side from a specimen with normally developed spots.

Fig. 4. The abdominal pattern of *D. limbata*. This species does not show any conspicuous sexual dimorphism.

gins are more or less concave (see fig. 5). Second oral

bristle shorter than one half the length of the first D. phalerata Meig.
14. Lower part of carina bulbously swollen. A pair of small, inconspicuous prescutellar bristles present. A small, distinct bristle on propleuron. The tip of the abdomen in living specimens withdrawn so that the genitalia most often are invisible. Yellow wings which are relatively very short.
..... D. deflexa Duda. Carina nose-shaped, never bulbous. No prescutellars nor a propleural bristle. The external genitalia usually well exposed and easily visible in living specimens...... 15.



Fig. 5. The abdominal pattern of *D. phalerata*, male and female. Left side from a specimen with strongly developed spots, right side from a specimen with a weak development of the pattern.

- 16. Mesonotum light red brown. Two to three acrostichal hairs in the dorsocentral rows in front of the anterior pair of dorsocentrals, longer than the other acrostichal hairs. Three sternopleural bristles. Arista with 10—12 branches. Abdomen black, but with a yellow band along the anterior margin of each of at least the four first tergites. Yellow band broadest in the median line. Males without sex combs on the forelegs. Body length: 3—4 mm D. funebris Fabr.

Mesonotum brown, black, or black with brown stripes. No prolonged acrostichal hairs. Only two sternopleural bristles. Arista with 7-9 branches. Abdominal tergites black without anterior bands. Males with two sex combs on each foreleg. Body length: 2-3 mm. Obscura group. 17. 18. Wings strongly clouded anterior to a line running from the middle of the second costal section to the apical end of the third longitudinal vein. Palps with two equally long bristles. Proximal sex comb with 9-12 teeth, distal with 8-11. Distal sex comb inserted almost parallel to the second tarsal segment, proximal comb slightly skewly inserted on the first tarsal segment. The length of first tarsal segment divided by the length of second tarsal segment gives about 1.1 D. tristis Fall. Wings unclouded or only faintly clouded around the distal end of second longitudinal vein. Palps most often with only one strong bristle; if two bristles then of equal length. 19. 19. Proximal sex comb with 4-6 teeth, distal sex comb with 3-5 teeth, arranged in an irregular row running at an angle to the length of the tarsus. Mesonotum dark brown without any pattern. First tarsal segment divided by second tarsal segment gives 1.4-1.9..... D. silvestris Basden. Both sex combs with at least 6 teeth. With or without 20. Mesonotum with longitudinal stripes. Sex combs short, their length about one fourth of the length of the tarsal segments on which they are inserted. Proximal sex comb with 6-10 teeth, distal with 6-8 teeth. Palps observed from the side triangular in shape. One strong terminal bristle on the palps, often also a considerably smaller subterminal bristle present. First tarsal segment divided by second tarsal segment gives more than 1.4..... D. obscura Fall. Mesonotum without any pattern. Sex combs very long. Proximal comb with at least 7, distal with at least 8 teeth. Palps observed from the side club-shaped. First tarsal segment divided by second tarsal segment less than 1.3 21. 21. Third costal section with heavy bristles on its basal 1/2— $\frac{4}{5}$. Sex combs inserted parallel to the tarsal segments, considerably longer than 1/2 of these segments. Proximal comb with 10-15, distal with 9-13 teeth. Second tarsal segment clearly shorter than the first. Forceps with 6-8 primary teeth D. subobscura Collin.

262Third costal section with heavy bristles on its basal $\frac{2}{5}-\frac{1}{2}$. Sex combs not completely parallel to the tarsal segments, about half as long as these. Proximal sex comb with 7-10, distal with 8-10 teeth. First tarsal segment hardly longer than second. Forceps with 7-10 primary teeth..... D. ambigua Pomini. 22. Palps with two equally strong bristles. Mesonotum with two unclear longitudinal stripes. Ovipositor plate narrow and very pointed. Abdominal tergites black, without any light spots D. tristis Fall. Most often only one bristle on the palps. If two bristles occur, then the subterminal bristle is shorter than half the length of the terminal, or the subterminal bristle is 3/4-1/2the length of the terminal but in this case the lateral areas 23. Mesonotum with distinct, longitudinal stripes. Fourth, fifth, and sixth tergites laterally with a more or less distinct vellow spot. Occasionally these spots are very faint, and rarely they are missing entirely. Ovipositor plate with one long bristle, approximately as long as the maximal breadth of the plate. Eyes dark red D. obscura Fall. Mesonotum without pattern. If a trace of a mesonotal colour pattern occurs, then the tergites are without any light spots and the bristle on the ovipositor plate is very short. 24. Fourth, fifth, and sixth tergites laterally with a distinct white spot which may often occur also on the third tergite. Ovipositor plate with two long divergent bristles D. silvestris Basden. No spots on the tergites. Only one ovipositor bristle and 25. Third costal section with heavy bristles on basal 1/2-4/5. Palps only with one long bristle but often with some small hairs in the subterminal position. The teeth of the ovipositor plate short and stout, all of the same size. Ovipositor bristle only about twice as long as the teeth D. subobscura Collin. Third costal section with heavy bristles on basal $\frac{3}{5}-\frac{1}{2}$, Palps very often with a subterminal bristle also, about half the length of the terminal bristle. The 4 to 5 most terminal teeth on the ovipositor plate longer and stouter than the rest. Ovipositor bristle about three times as long as the longest teeth D. ambigua Pomini.

Records of the Danish Drosophila species.

In the following are recorded the Danish Drosophila species listed in systematical order (see table 5). Under each species the Synonyms occurring in the more recent literature are mentioned first. For synonyms older than Duda's monograph (1935) the reader is referred to this work. Secondly references are given to recent Complete



Fig. 6. Map of Denmark Proper, showing the localities mentioned in the text. List of localities see p. 264.

| Jylland: | Fyn: Skovbo* |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brøndum (Mr. B. Christensen) 6 | — : Tangeskov* |
| Brøns* | Langeland: Aasø* |
| Estrup* 21 | - : Faarevejle* |
| Fredericia (Lemche 1949) 20 | — : Lohals (Coll. |
| Frederikshavn (Mr. B. Chri- | Lundbeck) |
| stensen) 1 | Lolland: Engestofte* |
| Hattenæs* 15 | — : Nysted (Coll. Lund- |
| Hulknøse (Mr. B. Christensen) 4 | beck) |
| Jerslev skov (Mr. B. Christen- | - : Saxkøbing(Lemche |
| sen) 3 | 1949) |
| Kalø hestehave* 11 | Sjælland: Allindelille* |
| Klosterhede plantage* 10 | — : Boserup (Coll. |
| Kollund * 24 | Lundbeck) |
| Linnerup* 17 | - : Charlottenlund |
| Mols Laboratory* 12 | skov* |
| Munkebjerg* 19 | - : Egesbæksvang |
| Naaege* 14 | (Coll. Lundbeck). |
| Østerild plantage* 5 | — : Ermelunden (Coll. |
| Overlade (Mr. B. Christensen) 7 | Lundbeck) |
| Ribe* | — : Frederiksberg* |
| Rold skov* | — : Geels skov* |
| Silkeborg* 13 | - : Hillerød (Lemche |
| Sjørring (Coll. Lundbeck) 9 | 1949) |
| Stilling* 16 | — : Holbæk (Lemche |
| Tolne skov* 2 | 1949) |
| Vingsted* 18 | - : Hørsholm (S. L. |
| 0 | Tuxen) |
| | — : Lellinge* |
| The Islands: | — : Liseleje* |
| Als: Sønderskov * | - : Lyngby (Coll. |
| Amager: Kongelunden* 61 | Lundbeck) |
| Bjørnø (Coll. Lundbeck) 27 | - : Nykøbing (Lem- |
| Bornholm: Almindingen* 63 | che 1949) |
| - : Rø (H. J. Hansen) 62 | — : Østerbro* |

angeskov* 29 and: Aasø*..... 31 : Faarevejle*.... 32 : Lohals (Coll. Lundbeck)..... 30 : Engestofte*..... 50 : Nysted (Coll. Lundbeck)..... 51 : Saxkøbing(Lemche 1949) 49 d: Allindelille*..... 40 : Boserup (Coll. Lundbeck)..... 39 : Charlottenlund skov*..... 52 : Egesbæksvang (Coll. Lundbeck). 53 : Ermelunden (Coll. Lundbeck)..... 54 : Frederiksberg* .. 55 : Geels skov*..... 56 : Hillerød (Lemche : Holbæk (Lemche : Hørsholm (S. L. Tuxen)..... 57 : Lellinge*..... 42 : Liseleje*..... 33 : Lyngby (Coll. Lundbeck)..... 58 : Nykøbing (Lemche 1949)..... 35 : Østerbro* 59 : Ringsted (Lemche $1949)\ldots\ldots \ 41$: Rørvig*..... 34 : Skuldelev (Mr. P. Eriksen)..... 38 : Tystrup*..... 43 : Utterslev*..... 60

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*) Localities in which the author has collected.

Bogø (Coll. Lundbeck) 44

Falster: Nørre Alslev skov* 45

Fanø: Fuglekøjen and Stats-

: Orehoved*..... 46

: Orenæs skov*..... 47

: Resle skov*..... 48

Descriptions of the species. An account of the Occurrence in Denmark then follows. The localities mentioned under this heading are shown on the map in figure 6. After a brief account of the Distribution based on recent literature, aspects of ecology are discussed under the heading Biological Notes.

1. Drosophila deflexa Duda 1924. New to Denmark.

Synonym: According to Herting (1953) *D. guyénoti* Burla 1948 is an invalid synonym of this species.

A complete description has been given by Burla (1948, 1951, under the heading: *D. guyénoti*).

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) The Zoological Museum collection: *The Islands*: Bogø (5 specimens, July 1917, Lundbeck). 2) The author's collection: *Jylland*: Kollund (July 1953); Estrup, Vingsted, and Stilling (Aug. 1953); Mols Laboratory and Kalø (July 1954). *The Islands*: Sønderskov, Als; Skovbo and Tangeskov, Fyn; Faarevejle, Langeland; and Engestofte, Lolland (July 1953); Almindingen, Bornholm (July 1954).

D. deflexa is not known from Jylland north of Kalø nor from Sjælland. The lack of the species among the flies collected from Jylland may be due to the fact that the weather was very unfavourable when the collecting was done. It is more difficult to understand why this species was not collected from Allindelille on Sjælland where 1204 specimens of *Drosophila* were collected in September 1953 and 3117 specimens were collected in June 1954. Taking into account the records from Fyn, Langeland, Lolland, and Bogø it is very unlikely that *D. deflexa* should not occur on Sjælland.

Distribution: Europe from Northern Spain (Hadorn *et al.* 1952) to Scotland and Eire (Basden 1952), Poland and Hungaria (Duda 1935).

Biological Notes: This species has been caught

in Denmark most often in woods but it has also been found in small groups of very few trees whereas it seems to avoid human habitations. The relative population density is low in all types of habitats, reaching its minimum in "Woods" but the absolute population density in this type of habitats is probably not less than in the other two wild habitats where other species have less dense populations.

In the territory of the Mols Laboratory thirty Drosophila specimens were taken on a bleeding oak (Quercus robur) in July 1954. Twenty-eight of these were D. deflexa ($14 \ Q \ Q + 14 \ C \ C$), the two remaining were a male D. subobscura and a female D. tristis respectively. The sap was highly fermented and there was a conspicuous white mass of yeast in the wound. D. deflexa then seems to be a sap feeder. Though very little is known about the biology of the species of the subgenus Pholadoris to which D. deflexa belongs, it is stated by Patterson & Stone (1952) that the type species D. victoria is a sap feeder too.

Near the above mentioned oak eighty-eight Drosophila specimens were trapped in the same time interval on ordinary banana bait. The composition of this sample was strikingly different from that of the sample caught at the sap. The trapped flies comprised only three specimens of D. deflexa. The dominating species was D. phalerata (52 specimens), followed by D. subobscura (19). It is evident that at least one of the two population samples is highly biased. It seems most probable to the author to assume that both samples are somewhat biased; it is at least difficult to exclude the possibility that the ordinary bait sample gives an underestimate of the population density of D. deflexa. Hadorn et al. (1952) have demonstrated that D. deflexa is attracted more efficiently by banana bait than by any other bait tried (apple, blackberry, and a mixture of various fruits naturally occurring in the area). My observation indicates that *D. deflexa* may be more numerous than proved by samples trapped even on banana bait.

2. Drosophila busckii Coquillet 1901.

Complete descriptions have been published by Patterson (1943) in English and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Lemche (1949) recorded this species from Copenhagen and the following provincial towns: Nykøbing, Holbæk, Hillerød, and Ringsted (all on Sjælland), Fredericia (Jylland), and Saxkøbing (Lolland). 2) The author's collection: *Jylland:* Kollund (July 1953). *The Islands:* Sønderskov, Als; and Engestofte, Lolland (July 1953).

Distribution: *D. busckii* is a very widely distributed, cosmopolitan species, recorded from all parts of the world. It has been found in all European countries recently investigated. The most northern records are from Scotland (Basden 1954), Norway, probably the southern part (Sturtevant 1921), and Finland (Hackman 1954).

Biological Notes: *D. busckii* is a synanthropous species found most abundantly in the neighbourhood of houses. At least in Northern Europe it seems to be mainly an indoor species (Basden 1954, Sobels *et al.* 1954). The few specimens collected by the author were all caught outdoors. The population on Als (July 1953) could be traced back to a pigsty. The two other catches were also taken in the neighbourhood of farms but it was not possible to locate the center of population density.

3. Drosophila melanogaster Meigen 1830.

New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been given by Patterson(1943) in English and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Z. M. collection: Several specimens collected in Copenhagen and in the environs of this city in the first decade of this century (Lundbeck). 2) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Ribe, Vingsted, Munkebjerg, Silkeborg, Hattenæs, Naaege, and Stilling (Aug. 1953); the Mols Laboratory, and Rold skov (July 1954). *The Islands*: Sønderskov, Als; Faarevejle and Aasø, Langeland; Engestofte, Lolland; Orenæs skov and Resle skov, Falster; Tystrup and Hørsholm, Sjælland (July 1953); Orehoved, Falster (July 1953, Febr. 1954); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953, June 1954); several localities in the city of Copenhagen (June 1953 to June 1954).

Distribution: A cosmopolitan species known from all European countries recently investigated.

Biological Notes: This species is synanthropous. In Denmark it reaches its highest population densities indoors where favourable breeding conditions are available, and in gardens, orchards, etc. *D. melanogaster* was, nevertheless, caught in many woods at rather long distances from human habitations but then always in extremely low densities. It can be trapped indoors all the year round.

4. Drosophila simulans Sturtevant 1921.

New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been published by Patterson (1943) in English and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: Jylland: A single female has been caught together with several specimens of *D. melanogaster* in August 1953 at Hattenæs in the neighbourhood of a house. The Islands: Three males have been been trapped together with 21 male *D. melanogaster* and 16 females which were a mixture of the two species in a small garden in the city of Copenhagen (June 1954). Some specimens were reared from decomposing bananas collected in the spring 1951 on a ship unloading its cargo of bananas from the Canary Islands in the harbour of Copenhagen. This may be regarded as a direct evidence for the suggestion often made that *D. simulans* is continually introduced into Northern Europe from the warmer parts of the world.

Distribution: Worldwide. The number of specimens caught in Europe is small though the species is recorded from Portugal and France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Switzerland (Burla 1951), the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954), and Great Britain (Basden 1952).

Biological Notes: As demonstrated by Patterson (1943) this species is more thermophilous than *D. melano-gaster*. In agreement with this statement *D. simulans* occurs very sparsely outdoors in Northern Europe. Though it may be rather numerous in natural habitats in the southern parts of its distribution, *D. simulans* is exclusively synanthropous in the more northern ranges of its distribution. Basden (1954) caught 315 specimens in fruit stores in Edinburgh but only three specimens outdoors in a garden. The Dutch and the Danish specimens were also caught in gardens.

5. Drosophila obscura Fallén 1823.

Complete descriptions have been published by Pomini (1940) in Italian and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous records: Zetterstedt (1847), no details of locality mentioned. The specimen kept in Z. M. 2) Z. M. collection: Copenhagen ($1 \bigcirc$ Aug. 1904, $1 \bigcirc$ Aug. 1923, Lundbeck). 3) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Kollund, Brøns, and Hulknøse (July 1953); Stilling, Hattenæs, Silkeborg, Linnerup, Munkebjerg, Vingsted, Estrup, and Fanø (Aug. 1953); Tolne skov, Østerild plantage, Rold skov, and Kalø hestehave (July 1954); Mols Laboratory (May and July 1954). *The Islands*: Sønderskov, Als; Skovbo and Tangeskov, Fyn; Aasø and Faarevejle, Langeland; Engestofte, Lolland; and Resle skov, Falster (July 1953); Orenæs skov, Falster (July and Oct. 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Geels skov and Utterslev, Sj. (Apr. 1953); Charlottenlund skov, Sj. (April and May 1953); Frederiksberg, Copenhagen (Apr., May, June, and Sept. 1953, May and June 1954); Østerbro, Copenhagen (June 1953); Kongelunden, Amager (Apr. 1953); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: Europe. Known from Sweden (Zetterstedt 1847); Finland (Hackman 1954); England, Scotland, Eire (Basden 1952, 1954; Collin 1952); Holland (Lever *et al.* 1951); Germany (Duda 1935; Herting 1955); Switzerland (Burla 1951); Austria (Mainx *et al.* 1953); France, Spain, Portugal (Hadorn *et al.* 1952); and Italy (Buzzati-Traverso 1941). Duda states that this species occurs also in North America; it has, however, been demonstrated by Frolowa *et al.* (1929) that the American "D. obscura Fall.", mentioned by Sturtevant (1921), is another species, namely D. pseudoobscura Frolowa.

Biological Notes: *D. obscura* is very common all over Denmark. It occurs most constantly in woods where it quite often is the dominant *Drosophila* species. However, it is not strictly limited to wild habitats but is frequently found in rather dense populations near human habitation. For example it was found in several localities in the city of Copenhagen.

Remarks on the non-occurrence of *D. bifasciata* Pomini in Denmark.

Drosophila bifasciata Pomini is morphologically very similar to D. obscura Fallén but according to the literature available at the initiation of the present work (Pomini 1940; Burla 1951) females of D. bifasciata should differ from those of D. obscura by lacking yellow spots on the tergites. The males differ from the males of D. obscura only in a few quantitative traits, for example by having on the average a somewhat greater number of teeth in the sex combs, but the ranges of variation given in the literature overlap considerably. Attention was therefore concentrated on the females but it soon became obvious that the yellow spots on the tergites of the D. obscura females were not so clearcut as appeared from the existing descriptions of this species. On the contrary, a continuous variation from very big spots to no spots at all was observed, a fact which has also been recognized by Herting (1954, personal communication) and Basden (1954). Twenty-four strains originating each from one *D. obscura*-like female without any trace of spots were then established. Already in the first generation females which unquestionably showed yellow spots appeared in all the cultures. Test crosses to a *D. obscura* strain established earlier yielded progenies which were normal both as regards number, viability, and morphology. *D. bifasciata* has then not been found in Denmark yet, but it was demonstrated that the lack of yellow spots on the tergites is unsufficient to distinguish it from *D. obscura*.

6. Drosophila silvestris Basden 1954. New to Denmark.

Synonym: This species was recognized already by Burla (1951) who mentioned it under the preliminary name obscura-X.

A complete description has been given by Basden (1954).

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: Jylland: Kollund (July 1953); Estrup, Vingsted, and Munkebjerg (Aug. 1953); Mols Laboratory, Rold skov, Tolne skov, and Østerild plantage (July 1954). The Islands: Fuglekøjen, Fanø (Aug. 1953); Orenæs, Falster; Engestofte, Lolland; Faarevejle, Langeland; Skovbo and Tangeskov, Fyn (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland; Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: Northern Europe. Demonstrated in Switzerland (Burla 1951), Great Britain (Basden 1952, 1954), the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954), and Northwestern Germany (Herting 1953, personal communication). The recorded population densities indicate an Atlantic distribution.

Biological Notes: *D. silvestris* has been caught by the author in woodlands only. The highest relative population density, which was only a little less than $3 \, {}^{0}/_{0}$, was found inside woods. The density was much less on the edge of the woods and the species was never taken outside woods.

7. Drosophila tristis Fallén 1823.

Synonym: Duda (1935) has suggested that *D. spurca* Zett. 1847 is a synonym of *D. tristis* Fall. This has been confirmed by Frydenberg (1955).

Complete descriptions have been given by Pomini (1940) in Italian and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous records: Zetterstedt (1847), no exact date nor locality was given. The specimen is kept in Z. M. as type of *spurca* Zett. 2) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Kollund (July 1953); Mols Laboratory (May and July 1954); Tolne skov (July 1954). *The Islands:* Sønderskov, Als; and Skovbo, Fyn (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (June 1954).

Distribution: Europe. The most southern localities are Pavia, Italy (Pomini 1940) and Northern Spain (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), the most northern localities are Scotland (Basden 1954) and Upland, Sweden (Zetterstedt 1847).

Biological Notes: The few Danish specimens collected indicate a low population density which is in agreement with the statements of most authors. Sobels *et al.* (1954) have recently recorded a dense population in the Netherlands. All Danish specimens were caught in woods and groves.

8. Drosophila ambigua Pomini 1940. New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been given by Pomini (1940) in Italian and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: *The Islands*: Utterslev, Sjælland (Apr. 1953); Frederiksberg, Sjælland (June and Sept. 1953, Apr., May, and June 1954); Østerbro, Copenhagen (June 1953).

Distribution: Europe. Known from Italy (Pomini 1940); Switzerland (Burla 1951); Spain, Portugal, and France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952); Austria (Mainx *et al.* 1953); the Netherlands (Lever *et al.* 1951), and Great Britain (Basden 1952).

Biological Notes: In the author's collectings this species appeared only in Copenhagen and the near environs of this city and always in the close neighbourhood of houses. Thus *D. ambigua* may be regarded as a mainly domestic species in Denmark. According to Hadorn *et al. D. ambigua* is a typical wild species on the Iberian peninsula.

9. Drosophila subobscura Collin 1936. New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been given by Pomini (1940) in Italian and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) The Z. M. collection: Several specimens collected by Lundbeck have been reared from gooseberries at Lyngby, Sjælland (Oct. 1923). 2) Author's collection: Jylland: Frederikshavn, Hulknøse, Brøns, and Kollund (July 1953); Stilling, Naaege, Hattenæs, Silkeborg, Linnerup, Munkebjerg, Vingsted, Estrup, and Ribe (Aug. 1953); Tolne skov, Østerild plantage, Rold skov, and Kalø hestehave (July 1954); Klosterhede plantage (Aug. 1954); Mols Laboratory (March, Apr., May, and July 1954). The Islands: Fanø; Skovbo and Tangeskov, Fyn; Faarevejle and Aasø, Langeland; Engestofte, Lolland; Orehoved, Resle skov, and Nørre Alslev skov, Falster; Lellinge and Tystrup, Sjælland (July 1953); Orenæs skov, Falster (July and Oct. 1953); Kongelunden, Amager; and Geels skov, Sjælland (Apr. 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953, June 1954); Liseleje, Sj. (Apr. 1954); Charlottenlund skov, Sj. (May and June 1953); Østerbro, Copenhagen (June 1953); Frederiksberg, Copenhagen (June and Sept. 1953, June 1954); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: *D. subobscura* is known from all European countries recently investigated, and it has been demonstrated also in Libanon (Pipkin 1952), Syria, and on the coasts of the Black and Caspian Seas (Buzzati-Traverso 1955).

Biological Notes: *D. subobscura* is the most common *Drosophila* species in Denmark, just as it seems to be in most European countries. It was taken in all outof-door habitats, the population density being high almost everywhere. Accordingly it is the species which most often dominates the populations. It was caught only once indoors, namely in a greenhouse.

10. Drosophila transversa Fallén 1823.

A complete description has been given by Burla (1951).

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous records: Zetterstedt (1847), no date nor exact locality is mentioned. The specimens kept in Z. M. labelled Frederiksberg, Stæger. 2) Z. M. collection: Boserup, Sjælland (Jan. 1916 in *Morchella esculenta*, Lundbeck). 3) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Tolne skov, Østerild plantage, Rold skov, Klosterhede plantage, and Kalø hestehave (July 1954); Mols Laboratory (Apr., May, and July 1954); Hattenæs, Linnerup, and Vingsted (Aug. 1953); Kollund (July 1953). *The Islands*: Tangeskov, Fyn; and Engestofte, Lolland (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Rørvig, Sj. (Sept. 1953, reared from an undetermined toadstool); Skuldelev, Sj. (June 1954, reared from a *Polyporus* species); Frederiksberg, Sj. (June 1953, June 1954); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: This species is widely distributed over the Holarctic region. In Europe it has recently been recorded from Northern Spain, France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), the Netherlands (Lever *et al.* 1951), Switzerland (Burla 1951), Great Britain (Basden 1952), and Finland (Hackman 1954). The species has been recorded from Japan (Kikkawa *et al.* 1938) and from China (Tan *et al.* 1949) and it occurs also in Eastern and Middle U. S. A. For all the author knows the conspecificity between the Nearctic and the Palearctic *D. transversa* has never been proved experimentally. Biological Notes: *D. transversa* is a typical fungusfeeder. The population density has been found to be rather low all over Denmark. The species seems less strictly confined to woods and forests than the following species and than the species of the *Obscura* group. *D. transversa* seems to prefer more open localities such as moors with a few scattered trees and bushes.

11. Drosophila phalerata Meigen 1830.

A complete description has been published by Burla (1951).

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous records: Zetterstedt (1847) lists the species without exact locality as variety of D. transversa. The specimens are kept in Z. M., coll. Stæger. 2) Author's collection: Jylland: Kollund skov, Brøns, and Overlade (July 1953); Ribe, Estrup, Vingsted, Munkebjerg, Silkeborg, Hattenæs, and Stilling (Aug. 1953); Mols Laboratory (May and July 1954); Kalø hestehave, Rold skov, Tolne skov, and Østerild plantage (July 1954); Klosterhede plantage (Aug. 1954). The Islands: Fuglekøjen, Fanø (Aug. 1953); Orenæs skov, Falster (July and Oct. 1953); Resle skov, Falster; Engestofte, Lolland; Faarevejle, and Aasø, Langeland; Tangeskov, and Skovbo, Fyn; Sønderskov, Als; and Lellinge, Sjælland (July 1953); Allindelille, Sj. (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Hareskov, Sj. (Sept. 1953, reared from an undetermined toadstool); Skuldelev mose, Sj. (June 1954, reared from a Polyporus species); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: *D. phalerata* is widely distributed throughout Europe where it has been found in Spain, Portugal, France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Switzerland (Burla 1951), Germany (Duda 1935, Herting 1954, pers. comm.), Russia (Balkaschina *et al.* 1935), the Netherlands (Lever *et al.* 1951), Great Britain (Basden 1952), and Finland (Hackman 1954).

Biological Notes: *D. phalerata* which is regarded as a fungus-feeder is very common all over Denmark.

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It occurs most constantly and with highest density inside woods where it quite often is the dominant Droso-phila species. It seems to avoid open areas and the neighbourhood of human habitations more strongly than D. transversa does.

12. Drosophila limbata v. Roser 1840. New to Denmark.

A complete description has been given by Burla (1951). Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: *The Islands*: Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1954, $1 \bigcirc + 3 \land \land$); Orenæs skov, Falster (Oct. 1953, $1 \land$).

Distribution: *D. limbata* is widely distributed over the European Continent. Duda (1935) records it from Germany, France, Hungary, Austria, and Russia. More recently this species has been caught in Switzerland (Burla 1951), the Netherlands (Lever *et al.* 1951), Northern Spain, France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Finland (Hackman 1954), and Western Germany (Herting 1954, pers. comm.).

Biological Notes: *D. limbata* seems everywhere to have very low population densities. Duda designates it "much more seldom than *D. transversa*" and the more recent authors agree to this statement. The five specimens caught by the author were trapped in mixed woods on a bait consisting partly of bananas and partly of fungi naturally occurring in the localities.

13. Drosophila littoralis Meigen 1830.

New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been given by Burla (1951) in German and by Patterson (1952) in English.

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: *The Islands*: Sønderskov, Als; Tangeskov, Fyn; Engestofte, Lolland; Orenæs skov, Falster; and Tystrup, Sjælland (July 1953); Allindelille, Sj. (Sept. 1953 and June 1954).

Distribution: Widespread in Europe. Recorded

from Portugal, Spain (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), France (Duda 1935, Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Northern Italy (Patterson 1952), Austria (Patterson 1952), Switzerland (Burla 1951), Eastern and Western Germany (Duda 1935, Herting 1954, pers. comm.), the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954), Scotland (Basden 1954), and Finland (Hackman 1954). A closely related form, *D. imeretensis* Sokolov has been recorded from Georgian SSR by Sokolov (1948). *D. imeretensis* may well be only a geographical strain of *D. littoralis* (Patterson 1952).

Biological Notes: The connection between *D. lit*toralis and fresh waters mentioned by Burla (1951) has been confirmed by the author's collectings. The specimens recorded above from Tangeskov and Tystrup were trapped on open lands quite near small ponds surrounded by a few bushes and low trees. The specimens from Engestofte were caught in a forest on the shore of a lake and the Allindelille specimens were trapped mainly around the bogs of the wood. An attempt to find the larvae in decaying wood, especially in *Salix*, in Allindelille proved unsuccessful.

14. Drosophila testacea v. Roser 1840. New to Denmark.

Complete description has been given by Burla (1951).

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Z. M. collection: Ermelunden, Sjælland (1 Å, Sept. 1914, Lundbeck). 2) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Munkebjerg (Aug. 1953); Tolne skov, Østerild plantage, and Rold skov (July 1954). *The Islands*: Skovbo, Fyn (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Charlottenlund skov, Sj.; and Frederiksberg, Sj. (June 1953); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: Europe and Eastern North America. European records from Northern Spain (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), France (Duda 1935, Hadorn *et al.* 1952), the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954), Germany (Duda 1935, Herting 1954, pers. comm.), Finland (Hackman 1954), and England (Basden 1952, Collin 1952).

Biological Notes: As found most commonly in other European countries, this species seems to be rather infrequent also in Denmark.

15. Drosophila funebris Fabricius 1787.

Complete descriptions have been given by Burla (1951) in German and by Patterson (1943) in English.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous records: Zetterstedt (1847), the specimens kept in Z. M. labelled Frederiksberg, Stæger, and Lemche (1949). 2) Z. M. collection: A great number of specimens from Copenhagen and the environs of this city. 3) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Hulknøse, Jerslev, Brøndum, Brøns, and Kollund (July 1953); Stilling, Hattenæs, Silkeborg, Linnerup, Munkebjerg, and Ribe (Aug. 1953); Tolne skov, and Rold skov (July 1954). *The Islands*: Sønderskov, Als; Skovbo, Fyn; Aasø, Langeland; and Engestofte storskov, Lolland (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954). Besides more than 400 specimens collected mainly indoors in several localities in the city of Copenhagen.

Distribution: Worldwide. Recorded by all recent investigators in Europe. The only *Drosophila* species so far known from Greenland (Vibe 1950) and Iceland (Nielsen, Ringdahl & Tuxen 1954).

Biological Notes: This species is typically a domestic species in Denmark. Though only about $10 \ ^{0}/_{0}$ of the total number of *Drosophila* specimens collected by the author were caught in Copenhagen, more than $75 \ ^{0}/_{0}$ of the *D. funebris* specimens collected were taken in this city. However, as demonstrated by the above records the species can very often be met in wild habitats also but there it occurs always with an extremely low density.

16. Drosophila hydei Sturtevant 1921. New to Denmark.

Synonyms: According to Wharton (1944) Drosophila setosa Dobzhansky & Pavan 1943 is identical with D. hydei. D. repleta as described by Duda (1924, 1935) comprises both D. repleta and D. hydei.

Complete descriptions have been given by Patterson (1943) in English and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: Jylland: Østerild plantage, and Rold skov (July 1954); Linnerup, Silkeborg, and Munkebjerg (Aug. 1953); Kollund (July 1953). The Islands: Sønderskov, Als; Tangeskov, Fyn; Faarevejle, Langeland; and Orehoved, Falster (July 1953); Frederiksberg, Sjælland (June 1953).

Distribution: Cosmopolitan. This species has often been mixed up with *D. repleta* by European authors and the records are, therefore, frequently unreliable. So far as is known to the author *D. hydei* has been demonstrated with certainty in the following European countries: Italy (Stone 1942), France (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Switzerland (Burla 1951), Western Germany (Herting 1954, pers. comm.), the Netherlands (Lever *et al.* 1951), England (Basden 1952), and Scotland (Basden 1954).

Biological Notes: *D. hydei* is a domestic species all over the world. In the author's collectings the species was accordingly met frequently in the neighbourhood of houses. The few records farer away from houses, as for example in Rold skov and Østerild plantage, were all due to a single individual.

17. Drosophila immigrans Sturtevant 1921.

New to Denmark.

Complete descriptions have been given by Patterson (1943) in English and by Burla (1951) in German.

Occurrence in Denmark: Author's collection: Jylland: Brøns (July 1953); Ribe, Estrup, Vingsted, Munkebjerg, and Stilling (Aug. 1953); Mols Laboratory, Kalø hestehave, and Rold skov (July 1954). *The Islands*: Skovbo, Fyn; and Sønderskov, Als (July 1953); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953 and June 1954); Hareskov, Sj. (Sept. 1953); Frederiksberg, Sj. (June 1954); Almindingen, Bornholm (June 1954).

Distribution: Cosmopolitan. In his investigation of the Swiss fauna Burla (1951) found only very few specimens of *D. immigrans* north of the Alps. He considered these few individuals as recently introduced from the south and unlikely to establish themselves. So he regarded D. immigrans as restricted to the Mediterranean region in Europe. It was, therefore, somewhat surprising to find so many as 584 specimens of this species in Denmark, where it was trapped mainly in wild habitats. In Kalø hestehave D. immigrans was actually the dominating species in July 1954 and it reached a considerable population density also in Allindelille in June the same year. Herting (1955) has found D. immigrans dominant in some woods in Westfalen in spring time. There is then no reason anymore to regard D. immigrans as restricted to Southern Europe.

Biological Notes: *D. immigrans* is commonly regarded as a domestic species. It seems, however, as though it is able to establish rather stable and sometimes very dense populations in wild habitats in Denmark.

18. Drosophila confusa Stæger 1844.

Synonyms: An examination by the author has shown that *D. vibrissina* Duda 1924 and *D. grischuna* Burla 1950 are invalid synonyms of *D. confusa*. Details on this problem are to be published shortly.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) The type series in coll. Stæger is from Denmark but no further locality is given on the labels. 2) Author's collection: The species has not been caught in *Jylland*. *The Islands*: Charlottenlund skov, Sjælland (April and May 1953); Allindelille, Sj. (June 1954); Sønderskov, Als (July 1953).

Distribution: D. confusa is known from Sweden (Zetterstedt 1847), Austria (Schiner 1864), Russia (Balkaschina et al. 1935, recorded as D. vibrissina), Spain, France (Hadorn et al. 1952, recorded as D. grischuna), Switzerland (Burla 1950, the description of D. grischuna). Duda (1935) using the synonym D. vibrissina recorded the species from Hungary and Eastern Germany. By the courtesy of Prof. W. Hennig, Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, Berlin, the author has been able to examine some of Duda's Hungarian specimens from the type series of D. vibrissina. Mr. E. B. Basden, Edinburgh, has kindly informed the author that the species occurs in England and by the courtesy of Mr. R. L. Coe, British Museum, the author has had the opportunity of examining several specimens from England. The species then appears to be widely distributed throughout Europe.

Biological Notes: The Danish specimens were caught exclusively in woods. Probably the species is confined to this type of habitat. *D. confusa* is most probably a fungus-feeder as several specimens in the collection of British Museum had been reared from toadstools.

19. Drosophila picta Zetterstedt 1847.

Synonyms: According to Frydenberg (1955) *D. macularis* Villeneuve 1921 is an invalid synonym of this species.

Complete descriptions have been given by Duda (1935, under the name D. macularis) in German and by Frydenberg (1955) in English.

Occurrence in Denmark: The Z. M. collection: The type specimen which Zetterstedt loaned from Stæger for the purpose of describing still remains in coll. Stæger. The type is without any doubt from Denmark, probably from Sjælland, but no exact locality is given either by Zetterstedt in the description or by Stæger on the label. Three undetermined specimens reared by Lundbeck from burreeds (*Sparganium*) collected on the island Bjørnø in August 1923 turned out to be *D. picta* Zett. Not a single specimen of this species was caught by the present author.

Distribution: Villeneuve (1921) recorded the species from two localities in France: Blain (Loire inférieure) and Rambouillet. According to Duda (1935) three specimens have been taken by Oldenberg in the environs of Berlin, Germany, and Duda himself has caught the species in Silesia (now Slask, Poland). Recently *D. picta* has been recorded from four localities in the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954). The species is then widely distributed in Northern Europe though it apparently always occurs with small population densities.

Biological Notes: Both Duda and Sobels *et al.* point out that the *D. picta* caught by them were all taken in localities where reed (*Phragmites communis*) was the dominant plant species. It is an equally striking fact that the species has been reared twice from bur-reed (*Sparganium*). These two plant species undoubtedly indicate the sort of localities where to look for this rare *Drosophila* species.

20. Drosophila fenestrarum Fallén 1823.

Complete descriptions have been published by Duda (1935) and Burla (1951) both in German but attention is called also to Collin's (1952) and Basden's (1954) papers which mention the characters in which *D. fenestrarum* differs from the two closely related species *D. forcipata* Collin and *D. acuminata* Collin.

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) Previous Danish records: Stæger (1844) and Zetterstedt (1847); the specimens kept in Z. M. 2) The Z. M. collection: *The Islands*: Geels skov, Sjælland (May 1909, Lundbeck); Ermelunden, Sj. (June 1906, May 1918, Oct. 1923, and May 1924, Lundbeck); Nysted, Lolland (July 1923, Lundbeck). 3) Author's collection: *Jylland*: Mols Laboratory (March 1954). *The Islands*: Fanø (Aug. 1953, 1 \bigcirc); Orenæs, Falster (July 1953, 1 \bigcirc); Allindelille, Sjælland (Sept. 1953, 1 \bigcirc).

Distribution: Portugal (Hadorn *et al.* 1952), Switzerland (Burla 1951), Germany (Duda 1935, Herting, pers. comm. 1954), the Netherlands (Sobels *et al.* 1954), England (Collin 1952), Scotland (Basden 1954), Sweden (Fallén 1823, Zetterstedt 1847), and Finland (Hackman 1954).

Biological Notes: The small number collected by the author indicates rather the inefficiency of the banana bait method for this species than a low population density. It is the author's impression that this species has a preference for habitats with less dense vegetation than that of woods.

21. Drosophila forcipata Collin 1952. New to Denmark.

Complete description has been given by Collin (1952).

Occurrence in Denmark: 1) The Z. M. collection: Without locality among the specimens of *D. fenestrarum* in coll. Stæger. 2) Author's collection: Only a single individual (\bigcirc) of this species has been recognized among the *Fenestrarum* group specimens collected. It was caught at "Gyveldal" in the territory of the Mols Laboratory April 1, 1954. The separation from *D. fenestrarum* was based on the structure of the genitalia.

Distribution: This species which has only recently been separated from *D. fenestrarum* is recorded from Great Britain by Collin (1952). It is quite common in Westfalen, Germany (Herting 1955).

Comparison of the Danish Fauna with the Faunas of Other European Countries.

The Danish *Drosophila* species have been systematically arranged in table 5 in accordance with the modern taxonomy of the genus initiated by Sturtevant (1942). It appears from the table that four of the existing nine subgenera of the genus occur in Denmark. To this may be added the *Fenestrarum* group which undoubtedly constitutes a new subgenus. In Denmark as elsewhere more species belong to the subgenus *Drosophila* than to any other subgenus. There are ten species of the subgenus *Drosophila* in Denmark, eight of these belong to known species groups but *D. confusa* and *D. picta* for the time being remain unassigned to a species group. The subgenus *Sophophora* has in Denmark two species groups, the richest of which is the *Obscura* group that is represented by five species. The *Melanogaster* group is represented by two cosmopolitan species only. The subgenera *Pholadoris* and *Dorsilopha* have one Danish species each.

Disregarding the domestic species *D. busckii*, *D. melanogaster*, *D. simulans*, *D. funebris*, *D. hydei*, and *D. immigrans*, which are all cosmopolitan, the Danish fauna is characterized by the dominance, both in number of species and in number of specimens, by the *Obscura* and the *Quinaria* groups. Another zoogeographically important trait of the fauna is the presence of two species of the *Fenestrarum* group which is unknown outside Europe. Of minor interest in the fauna are the subgenus *Pholadoris* and the *Virilis* and *Testacea* groups and the unassigned species *D. confusa* and *D. picta*.

Patterson and Stone (1952) estimated a total of 89 known species of *Drosophila* for the Palearctic region. This is a revision of the estimate of 92 species by Patterson and Wheeler (1949) who published a complete list of the known species. The *Drosophila* fauna of the Palearctic region is known mainly from investigations in Europe and in Eastern Asia (Japan and China). The fauna in between these two parts of the region is almost unknown. Europe and Eastern Asia have very few indigenous species in common. Europe is dominated by the species of the *Obscura* and the *Quinaria* groups which are very rare in Eastern Asia. But Eastern Asia is dominated by many indigenous species of the *Melanogaster* and the *Immigrans* groups which in Europe are represented only by domestic and cosmopolitan species. Furthermore the European fauna differs from that of Eastern Asia by the occurrence of the subgenus *Pholadoris*, of the *Fenestrarum* group, and of the species *D. confusa* and *D picta*. Eastern Asia on the other hand has species of the *Robusta* and the *Bizonata* groups which do not occur in Europe at all.

Due to this clear difference in the composition of species in the two known parts of the Palearctic region, it seems practical to treat the two faunas separately, at least until more knowledge of the fauna of the central parts of the region is available.

In the following we shall therefore concentrate on the European fauna only in order to place the Danish fauna on a proper background. Patterson and Wheeler's list of the European species contains many names which are regarded as synonyms by European dipterists. And since their list was published new species have been added to the fauna and other synonyms have been revealed. A better estimate of the total number of European species of *Drosophila* can be obtained by starting with Duda's valuable monograph (1935) and correcting its records in accordance with later literature. Table 6 shows this revision from which it appears that a total of 43 species of *Drosophila* is known from Europe. Seven of these species have been recorded by Duda only (some of Duda's identifications of Finnish species have been confirmed by Hackman 1954).

Table 7 lists the remaining 36 species and shows their occurrence in the eight European countries recently investigated. The table also shows the total numbers of species known from these countries. These numbers vary from sixteen in Portugal to twenty-nine in Switzerland. The differences are due partly to real differences in the number of species in these countries and partly to differences in collecting activities. The latter plays a greater rôle with the domestic species and with accidentally introduced species. This is because certain investigators (for example in France, Spain, and Portugal) have concentrated their collecting activity only on natural habitats. But others (for example in Scotland and in the Netherlands) have also collected in localities (such as fruit-stores near wharves) where rare domestic species and accidentally introduced foreign species are apt to be found. If we therefore from the numbers given in table 7 subtract a) the six common domestic species, D. melanogaster, D. funebris, D. busckii, D. immigrans, D. simulans, and D. hydei (which all occur in Denmark), b) the domestic D. repleta which in Europe is restricted to the southern parts, and c) the three accidentally introduced species, D. buzzatii, D. ananassae, and D. polychaeta, we are left with the numbers of indigenous species given in table 8.

It can be seen from this table that a total of twentysix indigenous species of *Drosophila* is known from the whole of Europe. These species are marked by an asterisk in table 7.

As regards the number of species in each country there can be little doubt that the numbers given for Portugal, Spain, and France are less complete than those given for the other five countries in the table. This is a consequence of the fact that the collectings in these three countries were made in one month only and that fewer flies were collected than in the other countries.

The numbers of species in the five other countries agree well with the common experience from other parts of the world that the number of species decreases with increasing latitude. The Danish fauna occupies an intermediary position between the richer German and Dutch faunas (18 and 19 species respectively) and the poorer Scotch fauna (12 species), suggesting that the number of species found in Denmark is a reliable estimate. Future investigations will probably only reveal a few more indigenous species in Denmark.

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Table 1. The Drosophila Species Hitherto Recorded From Denmark.

| | Recorded as: | | Recorded by: | Present name: |
|-----|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | D. confusa Stæge | er 1844 | Stæger 1844 Zetterstedt 1847 | D. confusa Stæger |
| 2. | D. fenestrarum Fa | allén 1823 | Stæger 1844 Zetterstedt 1847 | D. fenestrarum Fallén |
| 3. | D. obscura Fallén | 1823 | Zetterstedt 1847 | D. obcura Fallén s. str. |
| 4. | D. spurca Zetters | tedt 1847 | Zetterstedt 1847 | D. tristis Fallén |
| 5. | D. transversa Fal | lén 1823 | Zetterstedt 1847 | D. transversa Fallén |
| 6. | D. transversa Fall | lén (== | | |
| | phalerata Meig | gen 1830) | Zetterstedt 1847 | D. phalerata Meigen |
| 7. | D. funebris Fabri | cius 1787 | Zetterstedt 1847 Lemche 1949 | D. funebris Fabricius |
| 8. | D. picta Zetterste | dt 1847 | Zetterstedt 1847 Frydenberg 1955 | D. picta Zettersted |
| 9. | D. busckii Coquill | let 1901 | Lemche 1949 | D. busckii Coquillet |
| 10. | D. graminum Fal | lén 1823 | Zetterstedt 1847 | Scaptomyza graminum Fallén Parascaptomyza disticha Duda |
| 11. | D. flava Fallén 18 | 323 | Zetterstedt 1847 | ? |

| | | | | - | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | <u>9</u> 9 | 88 | Total | | <u>9</u> 2 | 33 | Total |
| 1. D. deflexa* | 50 | 54 | 104 | 11. D. phalerata | 1142 | 2086 | 3228 |
| 2. D. busckii | 6 | 7 | 13 | 12. D. limbata* | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. D. melanogaster | 548 | 520 | 1068 | 13. D. littoralis* | 36 | 35 | 71 |
| 4. D. simulans* | 1 | 3 | 4 | 14. D. testacea* | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| <i>mel.</i> and <i>sim.</i> | 16 | | 16 | 15. D. funebris | 271 | 279 | 550 |
| 5. D. obscura | 840 | 1204 | 2044 | 16. D. hydei* | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| 6. D. $silvestris*$ | 132 | 162 | 294 | 17. D. immigrans* | 318 | 266 | 584 |
| 7. D. tristis | 7 | 9 | 16 | 18. D. confusa | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| 8. D. ambigua* | 130 | 204 | 334 | 19. D. picta | 0 | - 0 | 0 |
| 9. D. subobscura* | 1923 | 5447 | 7370 | 20. D. fenestrarum | 17 | 27 | 44 |
| 10. D. transversa | 61 | 58 | 119 | 21. D. forcipata* | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *: New to Denmark | • | | | Total : | 5523 | 10399 | 15922 |

Table 2. The Numbers of Drosophila Collected from DenmarkApril 1953 to August 1954.

Table 3. The Relative Population Densities in the Five Types of Habitats.

| Species | Woods | Edge of Woods | Tree-Groups | Domestic Habitats Out-of-Doors | Indoor Habitats |
|---|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| D. deflexa | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | | |
| D. busckii | 0.0 | 0.2 | | 0.2 | |
| D. melanogaster | 0,2 | 1,2 | 6,4 | 34,2 | 25,5 |
| D. simulans | | 0,0 | | 0,2 | |
| D. obscura | 14,5 | 11,4 | 2,0 | 18,7 | |
| D. silvestris | 2,8 | 1,3 | 0,1 | | |
| D. tristis | 0,1 | 0,1 | 0,1 | | - |
| D. ambigua | | | | $17,\!8$ | |
| $D. subobscura \dots$ | $50,\!5$ | 56,0 | 57,3 | $22,\!3$ | 3,8 |
| D. transversa | 0,4 | 0,6 | 5,8 | $_{0,2}$ | |
| $D. phalerata \dots \dots \dots$ | 28,0 | 16,0 | $19,\!4$ | $_{0,2}$ | |
| <i>D. limbata</i> | 0,1 | | | | |
| D. littoralis | 0,3 | 1,0 | $_{0,1}$ | 0,5 | |
| <i>D. testacea</i> | 0,2 | 0,0 | | 0,1 | |
| $D. funebris \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 0,4 | $0,\!5$ | 0,8 | 5,2 | 70,6 |
| D. hydei | $_{0,1}$ | 0,1 | $0,\!8$ | $_{0,2}$ | |
| D. immigrans | 2,0 | $10,\!4$ | 1,2 | 0,5 | 0,2 |
| $D. \ confusa$ \ldots | $_{0,2}$ | 0,2 | | | |
| $D. picta \ldots \ldots$ | | | | | |
| D. fenestrarum | 0,0 | $_{0,0}$ | 4,8 | | |
| D. forcipata | | | 0,1 | - | |
| Total number of specimens col- | | | | | |
| lected in the habitat | 8583 | 3751 | 846 | 1877 | 635 |

0,0 means that the species has been caught in the habitat but that it occurred with a density less than $0.05\,{}^0\!/_0.$

- means that the species has not been caught in the habitat at all.

| of Habitats | s. | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Species | Woods | Edge of Woods | Tree-Groups | Domestic Habitats Out-of-Doors | Indoor Habitats |
| D. deflexa | 29 | 23 | 15 | | |
| D. busckii | 7 | 10 | | 5 | |
| D. melanogaster | 25 | 43 | 23 | 80 | 55 |
| D. simulans | _ | 3 |) <u>-</u> j | 5 | |
| D. obscura | 89 | 83 | 38 | 65 | |
| D. silvestris | 57 | 27 | 8 | - <u>-</u> 22 | |
| D. tristis | 18 | 10 | 8 | - <u>- (</u>)) | |
| D. ambigua | | | | 60 | |
| D. subobscura | 93 | 97 | 100 | 75 | 9 |
| D. transversa | 39 | 37 | 77 | 10 | |
| D. phalerata | 86 | 63 | 38 | 5 | |
| D. limbata | 7 | <u> </u> | | - <u></u> | |
| D. littoralis | 25 | 10 | 8 | 5 | |
| D. testacea | 36 | 3 | | 5 | |
| D. funebris | 43 | 33 | 8 | 70 | 55 |
| D. hydei | 14 | 10 | 15 | 15 | |
| D. immigrans | 39 | 27 | 23 | 15 | 9 |
| D. confusa | 11 | 13 | s | | |
| D. picta | | | | | |
| D. fenestrarum | 7 | 3 | 23 | | |
| D. forcipata | | | 8 | | |
| Total number of localities of each | | | | | |
| ecological type | 28 | 30 | 13 | 20 | 11 |

Table 4. The Percentages-Occurrence in the Five Types

Table 5. The Twenty-One Danish Drosophila Species Systematically Arranged.

| Subgenus | Species Group | Species | |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Pholadoris | | | |
| Sturtevant | 1942 | D. deflexa Duda 1924 | 4 |
| Dorsilopha | | | |
| Sturtevant | 1942 | D. busckii Coquillet | 1901 |
| Sophophora | | | |
| Sturtevant | 1939. <i>Melanogaster</i> grou | p. D. melanogaster Mei D. simulans Sturtev | gen 1830 ant 1919 |
| | Obscura group | D. obscura Fallén 18 | 823 |
| | | D. silvestris Basden | 1954 |
| | | 🖉 D. tristis Fallén 182 | 3 |
| | | D. ambigua Pomini | 1940 |
| | | D. subobscura Collin | 1 1936 |
| | | | |

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| Drosophila | (Tuble 9 continued) |
|------------------|---|
| Sturtevant 1939 | Quinaria group D. transversa Fallén 1823 D. phalerata Meigen 1830 D. limbata v. Roser 1840 |
| | Virilis group D. littoralis Meigen 1860 Testacea group D. testacea v. Roser 1840 Funebris group D. funebris Fabricius 1787 Repleta group D. hydei Sturtevant 1921 Immigrans group D. immigrans Sturtevant 1921 Unassigned species. D. confusa Stæger 1844 D. picta Zetterstedt 1847 |
| Unassigned group | Fenestrarum groupD. fenestrarum Fallén 1823 D. forcipata Collin 1952 |

| Table | 6. | The | Number | of | Drosophila | Species | Known |
|-------|----|-----|--------|--------------|------------|---------|-------|
| | | | fro | \mathbf{m} | Europe. | | |

| Duda (1935) recorded 2 | 28 |
|---|----------|
| to this has been added | |
| by Collin (1936) D. subobscura n. sp | 1 |
| by Pomini (1940) D. tristis Fall. D. ambigua n. sp. D. bifasciata n. sp. | 3 |
| by Buzzati-Traverso (1948). D. buzzatii Wheeler | 1 |
| by Burla (1948) D. hydei Sturtevant D. alpina n. sp. D. simulans Sturtevant D. helvetica n. sp | 4 |
| by Burla & Gloor (1952) <i>D. tsigana</i> n. sp | 1 |
| by Collin (1952) <i>D. forcipata</i> n. sp. <i>D. acuminata</i> n. sp | 2 |
| by Sobels et al. (1954) D. polychaeta Patterson & Wheeler. | 1 |
| by Basden (1954) <i>D. ananassae</i> Doleschall <i>D. silvestris</i> n. sp | 2 |
| Total number of European Drosophila species 4 | 43 |

| tries | $18 \ln$ | dicate | ed. | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Portugal | Spain | France | Switzerland | Western German | The Netherlands | Scotland | Denmark |
| + o + + + o + o + o + o o o + o o o o + + o + + o o o o + o + o | +++++0+++0++++0++00000++0+000++0 | +++++o+++o++++o++o+o+o+o+o+o+o+o+o+o+o+o | +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ | ıy++ + + o o + + o + o + + + + + + + + + | +++++o++++++o++o++o++o++o++o++o++o++o++ | 0 + + + + + + 0 + + + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 | o++++o+++o+++o+o+++o+o+++o+o+o+++++o+o+o |
| 16 | 22 | 24 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 19 | 21 |
| | $\begin{array}{c} es \\ Portugal \\ +o + ++o + o + o + + + o o o + o o o o$ | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Indicate France ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ | Indicated.Switzerland+++++++ $France$ +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ | Western Germany ++ +Western Germany ++ +Switzerland++ ++ +++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ | The Netherlands ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ | ScotlandO + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + |

Table 7. List of the Thirty-Six Species of Drosophila Recently Found in Europe. Their Occurrence in Eight Countries is Indicated.

+: known from the country. O: not recorded from the country. * Species marked by an asterisk are regarded indigenous in Europe.

Table 8. The Total Number of Indigenous Drosophila Species Known from Eight European Countries Recently Investigated.

| urope | 26 |
|----------------|----|
| cotland | 12 |
| enmark | 15 |
| he Netherlands | 19 |
| ermany | 18 |
| witzerland | 22 |
| rance | 18 |
| pain | 17 |
| ortugal | 10 |

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