# Studies on the Danish Psychodidae (Diptera Nematocera)

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In several European countries the Psychodid fauna is rather well-known. The British Psychodids were treated by Eaton in several works, later by Tonnoir (1940), Satchell (1947 a & b, 1949), and Freeman (1950, 1953). In Belgium they were studied by Tonnoir (1919 a & b, 1920, 1922 a & b), in Holland by Barendrecht (1934), in Germany in several works by Feuerborn and by Jung (1953, 1956). In Sweden investigations on the Psychodids were started by Berdén (1952, 1954) but owing to his premature death no further publications appeared.

In Denmark, however, this highly interesting family has been much neglected and since the work of Spärck (1920) no

special investigations on the Psychodids have been carried out. Thomsen and Hammer (1936), Berg (1938, 1948), Anthon (1943) and Wesenberg-Lund (1943) give some information on the Psychodids but this is, for the most part, without reference to species. Berg (1938) mentions a larva which closely agrees with *Pericoma canescens* (Meigen), but this identification was based on descriptions and figures by Miall and Walker (1895) who, as pointed out by Satchell (1949), erroneously described the larva of *Pericoma neglecta* Eaton as *Pericoma canescens* (Meigen).

Tonnoir (1922a) in his synopsis on the European species of *Psychoda* briefly refers to *Psychoda (Philosepedon) humeralis* Meigen and *Psychoda (Threticus) lucifuga* (Walker) from Denmark.

Apart from these sporadic notes, the Psychodid fauna of Denmark is unknown; thus the purpose of the present paper is to increase the amount of knowledge in this field, without, of course, claiming to be exhaustive. In this connection the subject will need to be studied at greater length.

#### Material and methods.

The material on which the present study is based was obtained from various sources.

The author's collection: The bulk of the material was collected by the author and amounts to about 8000 imagines and 200-300 larvae. Most of the adults were collected by means of a sweep net and an aspirator. Sweeping is a very simple and efficient method of collecting Psychodidae in huge numbers from vegetation, but great care must be taken, as it is a well-known fact that these insects are very fragile and are easily damaged by rough treatment. The tip of the antennae are particularly weak, especially within the genus Psychoda, where the antennae offer important taxonomical characters. A special sweep net was used, consisting of a bag of fine muslin enclosed in and protected by an open-bottomed canvas sleeve fastened to a solid ring. After a few sweeps through the vegetation, the contents of the net were examined and the Psychodids quickly removed by means of the aspirator. In this way large numbers of undamaged specimens were obtained.

Large numbers of adults were collected by means of the aspirator or by tubing them off the vegetation. The same methods were applied to indoor species.

The possibility of collecting Psychodids by means of a light trap has not yet been employed, although a few specimens were collected quite accidentally at various sources of light. The remaining adults of the author's collection were reared.

The adults were killed off by vapours of ethyl acetate and preserved in alcohol  $(70 \text{ }^{0}/_{0})$ .

As regards the larvae, samples of mud, dung, decaying vegetable matter (e. g. leaves, apples, seaweed, and various plant material washed ashore along lakes), moss cushions from springs and brooks were collected and sorted by hand or by a flotation method (7 % aqueous magnesium sulphate). For the extraction of larvae the Baermann funnel modified by C. Overgaard (1948) proved to be very efficient and time saving; funnels of 12 cm diameter were used.

The larvae were killed off in hot water and preserved in alcohol (70  $^{0}/_{0}$ ).

Rearing caused no difficulties; the larvae were kept in Petri dishes or flatbottomed tubes containing a little of the natural breeding medium of the different species.

In addition to the author's own collection, he is indebted to the following who have been of great help in providing valuable material: Bent Christensen, Zoological Laboratory, University of Copenhagen (for larvae extracted by the modified Baermann funnel), stud. mag. Birger Jensen (for a particularly large number of *Psychoda* species taken at light, mostly from the protected area at Strødam, Hillerød), cand. mag. Leif Lyneborg, Zoological Museum, Copenhagen (for adults collected in Southern Jutland), stud. mag. Axel Michelsen (for material of indoor species) and Professor, Dr. Mathias Thomsen, Director of the Zoological Laboratory, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural College (for Psychodids collected at light at Arrenakke, Northern Zealand).

In addition cand. mag. Jens Thorup, Freshwater Biological Laboratory, University of Copenhagen, Hillerød, permitted the author to use material from his collection of larvae from various springs. This material which comprised about 250 slides was identified by Mr. Thorup and checked by the author.

The collections of the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen: A collection of Psychodids (about 200 pinned specimens) kept in the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, was placed at the author's disposal. A few specimens in this collection were identi-

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fied by Tonnoir and the rest by Berdén and the author. Owing to the death of Berdén no publications on the Danish Psychodids

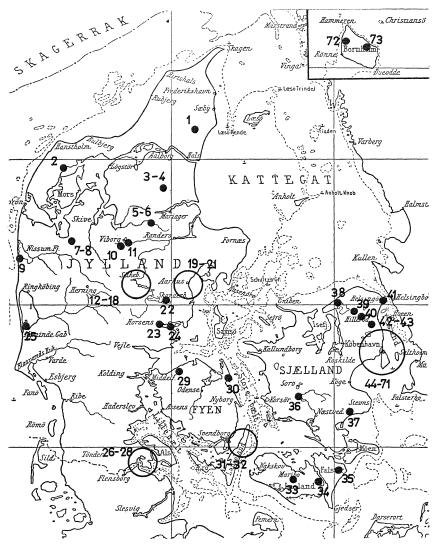


Fig. 1. See text p. 131.

based on this material appeared, and the author is pleased to publish it here along with his own collections. All specimens were examined by the author and the identifications checked. The collection of the Zoological Museum comprises the material of Staeger and Westermann; the remainder was collected by F. Søgaard Andersen, A. F. Bruun, W. Buch, J. Edelmann, P. Esben-Petersen, N. Haarløv, H. J. Hansen, H. Hjortaa, P. Johnsen, W. Lundbeck, F. Madsen, A. Michelsen, S. L. Tuxen, W. Wüstnei and Bente Zimsen.

All the specimens collected by Staeger are without date and locality. In all probability they were collected in the vicinity of Copenhagen (Staeger 1838/39).

A very small collection of Psychodids (mostly larvae) stored in alcohol is kept in the Zoological Museum. This material was collected by H. Anthon, J. P. Kryger, H. Lemche, R. Spärck, H. P. S. Sønderup and S. L. Tuxen and was identified by R. Spärck and the author.

## Preparation

The larvae and adults were treated according to Jung (1956). The adults were dissected and mounted in Canada balsam under two  $15 \times 15$  mm coverslips on the same slide. Head, thorax and wings under one, abdomen with the genitalia under the other. The dissection was performed by means of two fine needles made of tungsten wire and pointed by dipping in molten NaNO<sub>2</sub>.

It was impossible to make slides of all specimens collected but approximately 700 were sorted out and mounted.

The identification was chiefly based on the papers by Freeman (1950) and Jung (1956).

The author's collection will later be presented to the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen.

#### List of localities

Map, fig. 1 p. 130.

Jutland:

1. Allerup Bakker

2. Thisted (S. L. Tuxen)

3. Ravnkilde\*)

4. Kousbæk\*)

5. "Idasminde", Sdr. Onsild

(Birger Jensen)

6. Tjele (Birger Jensen)\*)

7. Flyndersø\*)

8. Hellesø\*)

9. Nissum fjord\*

10. Hald (W.Lundbeck, H.J. Hansen)

11. Rindsholm

12. Funder

13. Silkeborg

14. Laven

<sup>\*)</sup> localities in which the author has collected.

15. Tvilum	42. Eskemose skov*)
16. Sminge	43. Nebbegaard plantage*)
17. Kathrinedal	44. Søndersø*)
18. Vorvadsbro	45. Zoologisk have, København*)
19. Aarhus (H. J. Hansen)	46. Kagsmosen*)
20. Stjære	47. Christianshavns vold*)
21. Marselisborg	48. Herlev*)
22. Skanderborg	49. Botanisk Laboratorium*)
23. Horsens (H. J. Hansen)	50. Egmont H. Petersens Kollegium
24. Vorsø (S. L. Tuxen)	(Michelsen)
25. Tipperne (F. Søgaard Andersen)	51. Jonstrup vang*)
26. Hønsnap skov (Lyneborg)	52. Ll. Sejdam *)
27. Søgaard skov (Lyneborg)	53. Lyngby sø*)
28. Rinkenæs skov (Lyneborg)	54. Værebro Å*)
	55. Kobberdammene *)
The Islands:	56. Hvidovre (F. Madsen)
Funen:	57. Rødovre (W. Buch)
29. Gyldensten mose (Michelsen)	58. Lyngby (Hjortaa)
30. Maale, Hindsholm (Lemche)	59. Bagsværd (Edelmann)
Langeland:	60. Hellerup (W. Lundbeck)
31. Tranekær (W. Lundbeck)	61. København (H. J. Hansen)
32. Strandby (W. Lundbeck)	62. Folehaven v. Rungsted (Haarløv)
Lolland:	63. Ørholm (W. Lundbeck)
33. Maribo (H. P. S. Sønderup)	64. Nørre Fælled*)
34. Sundby storskov (Berdén)	65. Avedøre (Bent Christensen)
Falster:	66. Klokkekilde, Slagslunde*)
35. Vejringe	67. Hørsholm (Bent Christensen)
v C	68. Ermelunden (Kryger)
Zealand:	69. Gartnerimosen*)
36. Suserup (Bruun, Zimsen)	70. Mølleåen (Badstrup sø—Furesø)*)
37. Lilleå, Faxe (Anthon)	71. Mølleåen (Furesø—Øresund)*)

In the preceding list the numbers 70—71 comprise 23 localities distributed along the river Mølleå as shown in fig. 2 p. 133.

Bornholm:

72. Blykobbe (Esben-Petersen)

73. Randkløve (P. Johnsen)

# Records of the Danish Psychodidae.

In the following the *Psychodidae* hitherto recorded from Denmark are listed in systematical order.

# Subfamily Sycoracinae

# Genus Sycorax Haliday

38. Arrenakke (M. Thomsen) 39. Strødam (Birger Jensen)

40. Hillerød (S. L. Tuxen)

41. Helsingør\*)

This genus is represented by a few larvae in the author's collection. All of them came from moss cushions from a spring

in Eskemose skov 19th March 1960. The larvae must be referred to Sycorax tonnoiri Jung or Sycorax feuerborni Jung, which according to Jung (1956) cannot be distinguished.

### Subfamily Trichomyinae

#### Genus Trichomyia Haliday

Only one European species:

## Trichomyia urbica Curtis

In the collections of the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen:  $2 \ \mathcal{J} \ \mathcal{J}$  without date and locality,  $1 \ \mathcal{J}$  date and locality unknown (from Staeger's collection). Central part of Zealand  $1 \ \mathcal{J}$ , date unknown. Hellerup  $1 \ \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \ \mathcal{Q}$  21st July 1902.

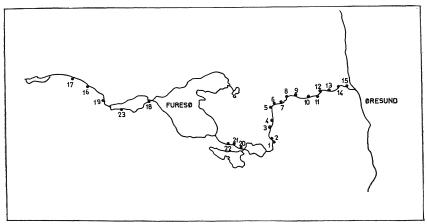


Fig. 2. See text p. 132.

The author has not found *T. urbica* himself, nor was it especially sought after, thus at present almost nothing is known about the occurrence and distribution of this species in Denmark, except that it is probably rare. In Belgium it seems to be very rare (Tonnoir 1919a) and in Holland it is definitely a rare species (Barendrecht 1934). The distribution of *T. urbica* in Britain was recorded by Freeman (1950).

## Subfamily Psychodinae

#### Genus Clytocerus Eaton

4 European species known, 2 species recorded from Denmark.

## Clytocerus ocellaris (Meigen)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum:  $5 \ \text{CC}$ ,  $8 \ \text{CP}$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). Zealand  $1 \ \text{CP}$  Sept. 1819 (from Wester-

mann's collection). Falster: Vejringe  $2 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ , 2nd Aug. 1910. In the author's collection: Jutland, Hellesø  $4 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $2 \, \varsigma \varsigma$ , 14th July 1960. Zealand: Strødam  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 15th Aug. 1960. Søndersø  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 5th July 1960. Ll. Sejdam  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ , 5th July 1960. Jonstrup vang  $1 \, \varsigma$ , July 1960. Kobberdammene  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 8th Aug. 1960. Eskemose skov  $2 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$  11th Aug. 1960. Mølleåen at Fuglevad  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ , 22nd July 1960, Mølleåen at Ørholm  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $3 \, \varsigma \varsigma \varsigma$  26th July 1960, Mølleåen at Hestetang Huse  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 31st July 1960. Fiskebæk  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ , 2nd Aug. 1960. Farum sø  $4 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 15th Aug. 1960. Lyngby sø  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \varsigma$ , 4th Aug. 1960.

Clytocerus ocellaris is a very common species in Zealand and, most probably, all over the country.

## Clytocerus rivosus (Tonnoir)

In the author's collection: Zealand: Mølleåen at Brede Skolesti 1 3, 22nd July 1960. Mølleåen at Ørholm 1 3, 25th July 1960. Mølleåen at Stampen 2 33, 29th July 1960. Mølleåen at Mathildebro 1 3, 29th July 1960.

This species is hitherto recorded from Zealand only.

#### Genus Pericoma Walker

Subgenus Pericoma s. str.

## Pericoma palustris (Meigen)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Folehaven at Rungsted 4  $\sigma \sigma$ , 3  $\varsigma \varsigma$ , 9th May 1943. In the author's collection: Eskemose skov 1  $\sigma$ , reared May 1960.

# Pericoma cubitospinosa Jung

This species is represented by a few larvae collected in a spring at Virklund, Silkeborg (Jutland), July 1960.

#### Pericoma mutua Eaton

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Zealand:  $1 \ J$  labelled Zealand, Sep. 1819 (from Westermann's collection). Jutland: Aarhus  $6 \ J \ J$ ,  $3 \ QQ$  without date. Hald  $1 \ J$ ,  $6 \ QQ$ , 28th June 1910. Tvilum  $1 \ J$ ,  $2 \ QQ$ , 26th June 1910. Funder  $2 \ J \ J$ , 1 $\ Q$ , 17th June 1912. Laven  $1 \ J \ J$ , 7th July 1912. In the author's collection: Jutland: Ravnkilde  $2 \ J \ J \ J$ , 10th July 1960. Kousbæk about 150 specimens ( $J \ J \ J$  and  $J \ QQ$ ), 11th July 1960. Hønsnap skov  $2 \ J \ J \ J \ QQ$ , 28th June 1960. Zealand: Eskemose skov  $2 \ J \ J \ J \ J$  and  $J \ QQ$ ), 28th June 1960. The larvae were abundant in moss cushions from springs at Tjele, Jutland and Nebbegaard plantage, Zealand.

## Pericoma compta Eaton

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 2  $\sigma \sigma$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). Zealand 1  $\sigma$ , Aug. 1831 (from Westermann's collection).

# Pericoma nubila (Meigen) (= trivialis Eaton)

A very common species, distributed all over the country. In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 4 33 without date and locality (from Stae-

ger's collection). Zealand: 1 ♂, 1 ♀, without date labelled Zealand (from Westermann's collection). The following localities can also be given: København, Lyngby mose, Suserup. Falster: Vejringe. Langeland: Tranekær. Bornholm: Blykobbe. Funen: Gyldensten mose. Jutland: Horsens, Marselisborg, Stjære bakker, Allerup bakker, Vorvadsbro, Sminge, Kathrinedal, Hald, Funder. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam, Værebro Å, Eskemose skov, Ll. Sejdam, Kobberdammene, Fiskebæk, Lyngby Åmose and Louisekilde. Mølleåen at the following localities: Sorgenfri, Fuglevad, Ørholm, Stampen, Rådvad, Mathildebro, Rødebro, Hestetang Huse and Farum sø. Jutland: Rinkenæs skov, Søgård skov, Hellesø.

The larvae were abundant in moss cushions from a spring at Eskemose skov and a few specimens were collected from a spring at Lilleå, Faxe.

#### Pericoma pulchra Eaton

In the author's collection: Jutland: Ravnkilde 2 33, 10th July 1960. Zealand: Mølleåen at Ørholm 2 33, 26th July 1960 (at a spring).

Further discussion in connection with P. nigricauda Tonnoir.

## Pericoma nigricauda Tonnoir

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Zealand: Lyngby mose 2 3.7, 28th July 1911 (A. Tonnoir det.).

In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam  $2 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$  7th Aug. 1960, Strødam  $2 \, \mathbb{Q} \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 12th Aug. 1960, Kobberdammene  $2 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ , 8th Aug. 1960, Eskemose skov  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 11th Aug. 1960, Mølleåen at various localities: Sorgenfri  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 22nd July 1960, Fuglevad  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 22nd July 1960, Brede skolesti  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 22nd July 1960, Ørholm  $2 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 25th July 1960, Ørholm  $3 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $2 \, \mathbb{Q} \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 26th July 1960, Stampen several specimens 29th July 1960, Rådvad  $3 \, \mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $3 \, \mathbb{Q} \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 29th July 1960, Mathildebro  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 29th July 1960, Rødebro  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 29th July 1960, Hestetang Huse  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 31st July 1960, Farum sø several specimens ( $\mathcal{J} \, \mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \, \mathbb{Q}$ ), 2nd Aug. 1960, Lyngby Åmose  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ ,  $1 \, \mathbb{Q}$ , 4th Aug. 1960, Farum sø  $1 \, \mathcal{J}$ , 15th Aug. 1960.

This species is very closely related to *P. pulchra* Eaton and no doubt the two species are often confused.

Tonnoir (1919 a) describes the vestiture of the wings, especially the placing of the white markings. Further, he attaches importance to the position of the wing forks as a character distinguishing P. nigricauda from P. pulchra. In P. pulchra the anterior  $(\mathbf{r_2}+\mathbf{r_3})$  and the posterior  $(\mathbf{m_1}+\mathbf{m_2})$  forks are stated to be at the same level while in P. nigricauda the posterior fork is located closer to the wing root than is the anterior one. However, this serves no useful purpose as a distinguishing character since the two species are alike in this respect. Also in P. pulchra the posterior fork is basal to the anterior as described and figured by Jung (1956).

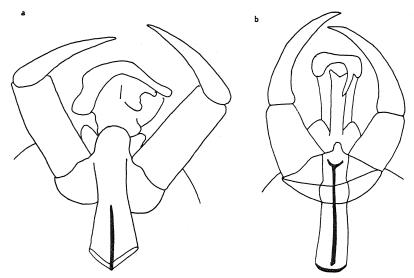


Fig. 3. Coxites and styles of a *Pericoma pulchra* Eaton and b. *P. nigricauda* Tonnoir.

Reliable identification of these two species can be based on the structure of the male hypopygium and the female subgenital plate. In *P. nigricauda* as well as in *P. pulchra* the aedeagus is asymmetrical and very complicated, but they are nevertheless, strikingly different. The structure of the style and coxite of the two species as in fig. 3.

Number of retinacula: P. pulchra 8—12 and P. nigricauda 7—8.

#### Pericoma blandula Eaton

In the author's collection: Jutland: Ravnkilde 7 3.7, 7  $\varsigma\varsigma$ , 10th July 1960.

### Pericoma canescens (Meigen)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Central part of Zealand 2 33, 1  $\circlearrowleft$  without date.

#### Pericoma stammeri Jung

This species is represented by a few larvae collected in Rold kilde (Jan. 1957 and Oct. 1959).

## Pericoma trifasciata (Meigen)

This species is represented by a single larva collected from a spring at Suserup, Zealand, Sept. 1960.

## Subgenus Ulomyia Walker

Hitherto only one species recorded from Denmark.

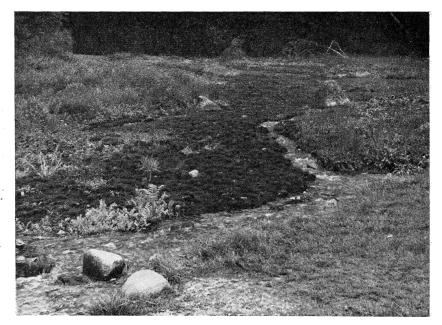


Fig. 4. From the spring Ravnkilde, Jutland.

# Pericoma (Ulomyia) fuliginosa (Meigen)

A common species.

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 1 3, 3 99, without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). The following localities can also be given. Jutland: Rindsholm, Laven, Funder, Hald. Zealand: Suserup. Bornholm: Randkløve. In the author's collection: Jutland: Ravnkilde. Zealand: Eskemose skov, Mølleåen at: Fuglevad, Ørholm, Stampen, Mathildebro, Hestetang Huse. The larvae were abundant in mud from a spring in Nebbegaard plantage (Apr. 1960) and from Klokkekilde, Slagslunde (Apr. 1960).

#### Genus Telmatoscopus Eaton

The genus *Telmatoscopus* Eaton includes 4 subgenera (*Telmatoscopus* s. str., *Mormia* Enderlein, *Panimerus* Eaton and *Peripsychoda* Enderlein). According to Jung (1956) 30 European species belonging to these 4 subgenera are sufficiently characterized.

### Subgenus Telmatoscopus s. str.

## Telmatoscopus fraterculus (Eaton)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 1  $\nearrow$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). In the author's collection: Rinkenæs skov, Southern Jutland 1  $\nearrow$ , 25th June 1960.

### Telmatoscopus labeculosus (Eaton)

Only a single specimen recorded: In the author's collection: Flyndersø, Jutland, 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 13th Juli 1960, swept in vegetation by the lake.

#### Telmatoscopus ustulatus (Walker)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Tipperne, Western Jutland 1 3, 17th Aug. 1946. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam 2 33, 1 \, 1, 15th Aug. 1960 swept by a pond. Mølleåen at Rødebro 1 3, 29th July 1960.

### Telmatoscopus consors (Eaton)

In the author's collection: Kobberdammene 2 37, 8th Aug. 1960, swept in the vegetation by a pond. Mølleåen at Brede skolesti 13, 22nd July 1960.

#### Telmatoscopus decipiens (Eaton)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Zealand: Suserup 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 20th July 1917. In the author's collection: Zealand: Mølleåen at Mathildebro 2  $\mathcal{G}$ , 29th July 1960, Mølleåen at Ørholm (at a spring) 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 26th July 1960. Eskemose skov 1  $\mathcal{G}$ , May 1960 (reared). Sjælsø 2  $\mathcal{J}\mathcal{J}$ , 1  $\mathcal{G}$ , May 1960 (reared). Eskemose skov 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 2  $\mathcal{G}$  3rd July 1960. Eskemose skov 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 1  $\mathcal{G}$ , 11th Aug. 1960.

The larvae were abundant in moss cushions from a spring with calcium rich water (Eskemose skov).

## Telmatoscopus soleatus (Walker)

In the author's collection: Zealand: Mølleåen at Ørholm 1♀, 26th July 1960, from a spring. Eskemose skov 1♀, 3rd July 1960.

### Telmatoscopus longicornis (Tonnoir)

In the author's collection: Zealand: Jonstrup vang  $3 \, \mathcal{J}, 1 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , May 1960 (reared). Lyngby Åmose  $2 \, \mathcal{J}, 2 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 16th June 1960. Værebro å  $1 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 27th June 1960. Jonstrup vang  $1 \, \mathcal{J}, 1 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 18th June 1960. Søndersø  $2 \, \mathcal{J}, 2 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 5th July 1960 (in a reed swamp). Jonstrup vang  $4 \, \mathcal{Q}, 2 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 5th July 1960 from various small ponds. Kobberdammene  $1 \, \mathcal{Q}, 2 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 8th July 1960. Farum sø  $1 \, \mathcal{Q}, 1 \, \mathcal{Q}$ , 15th July 1960. Larvae: Jonstrup vang in very moist, decaying vegetable matter, Apr. 1960.

Larvae belonging to *T. soleatus* or *T. longicornis* (according to Jung (1956) the larvae of these two species are indistinguishable): Eskemose skov March 1960, Gartnerimosen May 1960 and Lille Sejdam Nov. 1960.

# Telmatoscopus albomaculatus (Wahlgren)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 1  $\nearrow$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). In the author's collection: Nissum fjord, Western Jutland 18th July 1960; about 150 specimens were swept from inside the extensive reed swamp, fig. 5. In this locality T. albomaculatus was the only species present. Barendrecht (1934) supposes T. albomaculatus to be rare and only locally abundant in Holland. The situation may be similar in Denmark.



Fig. 5. The reed swamp at Nissum fjord.

## Telmatoscopus similis Tonnoir

In the author's collection: Zealand: Christianshavns vold  $3 \, \text{JJ}$ ,  $3 \, \text{QQ}$ , 5th July 1960.

## Subgenus Mormia Enderlein

Hitherto only a single species recorded from Denmark:

#### Telmatoscopus (Mormia) eatoni Tonnoir

In the author's collection: Søndersø 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀, 5th July 1960. These specimens were swept among dense vegetation dominated by Urtica dioeca L.

The larva and breeding site of this species are unknown.

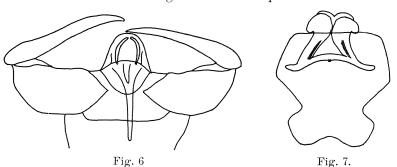


Fig. 6—7. Telmatoscopus (Mormia) eatoni Tonnoir. Coxites and styles (fig. 6) and female subgenital plate (fig. 7).

Telmatoscopus (Mormia) eatoni was described by Tonnoir (1940) from some greatly damaged specimens collected by Eaton. Tonnoir's (1940) figure 7 b shows coxites and styles with aedeagus, but since the drawing is not quite adequate, the structures are shown here, fig. 6.

Female subgenital plate, not figured by Tonnoir, is shown in fig. 7.

## Subgenus Panimerus Eaton.

2 species recorded from Denmark:

## Telmatoscopus (Panimerus) albifacies Tonnoir

In the author's collection: Jutland: Rinkenæs skov 1  $\checkmark$ , 25th June 1960. Zealand: Sjælsø 1  $\checkmark$ , 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , 25th May 1960, reared from decaying plant material. Eskemose skov 2  $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$ , 3  $\circlearrowleft$  3rd July 1960. Søndersø 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , 5th July 1960, from a reed swamp. Mølleåen at Fuglevad 1  $\checkmark$ , 1  $\circlearrowleft$  22nd July 1960. Mølleåen at Ørholm 1  $\checkmark$ , 2  $\circlearrowleft$ , 25th July 1960. Mølleåen at Stampen 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , 26th July 1960. Farum sø, 1  $\checkmark$ , 3  $\circlearrowleft$ , 2nd Aug. 1960. Eskemose skov 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , 11th Aug. 1960.

Larvae were collected at Lille Sejdam, Nov. 1960.

### Telmatoscopus (Panimerus) maynei Tonnoir

Hitherto only a single specimen recorded from Denmark. In the author's collection: Zealand: Eskemose skov 1 3, 11th Aug. 1960.

Tonnoir (1920) describes the species but gives no figures. In addition to other distinctive characters the male differs from all other European species of the subgenus *Panimerus* in the structure of the hypopygium. Tonnoir (1920) describes it as follows: "premier article des forceps cylindro-conique et court; article terminal comme tordu sur lui-même dès sa base, coudé vers l'intérieur et se terminant en pointe mousse. Appendices inférieurs courts à peine plus longs que le 9<sup>e</sup> sternite, droits, cylindriques, leur extrémité atténnuée mais obtuse, garnis sur leur face dorsale, sauf à la base, d'environ 24 spinules droites.

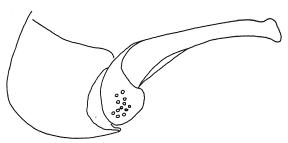


Fig. 8. Telmatoscopus (Panimerus) maynei (Tonnoir), right coxite and style of the male.

Pénis court et obtus flanqué de gonapophyses longues, minces et aiguës."

According to this description the cerci are covered by about 24 retinacula; in the Danish specimen, however, about 40 retinacula are present.

Coxite and style of the Danish specimen as in fig. 8.

Apart from the number of retinacula Tonnoir's (1920) description applies to the author's specimen in every respect.

## Subgenus Peripsychoda Enderlein

The two species Telmatoscopus (Peripsychoda) auriculatus (Curtis) and Telm. (Peripsychoda) fuscus (Macquart) are often confused. According to Tonnoir (1940) and Freeman (1950) females of the two species are indistinguishable, hence they have been supposed to be a single species with dimorphic males. Jung (1956), however, regards Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus and Telm. (Perips.) fuscus as genuine but closely related species. Jung (1956) describes male and female of Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus but only the male of Telm. (Perips.) fuscus.

Telmatoscopus (Peripsychoda) auriculatus (Curtis)

Occurrence in Denmark: A very common species occurring all over the country.

According to Jung (1956) the larvae of *Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus* and *Telm. (Perips.) fuscus* are indistinguishable. Larvae of *Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus* or *Telm. (Perips.) fuscus* were collected at Lyngby sø and from springs in Nebbegaard plantage and at Slagslunde.

# Telmatoscopus (Peripsychoda) fuscus (Macquart)

In the collections of the Zoological Museum (confused with *Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus*): Zealand: Suserup 2 33 20th July 1917. In the author's collection: Jutland: Ravnkilde 2 33, 10th July 1960. Zealand: Eskemose skov 3 33, 3rd July 1960.

This species is seemingly rare in Denmark.

At Ravnkilde and Eskemose skov some females were collected, showing very close resemblance to the females of *Telm*. (*Perips.*) auriculatus but with a different structure of the subgenital plate, fig. 9. In these localities males of *Telm*. (*Perips.*) fuscus were collected and the aforementioned females could possibly belong to this species.

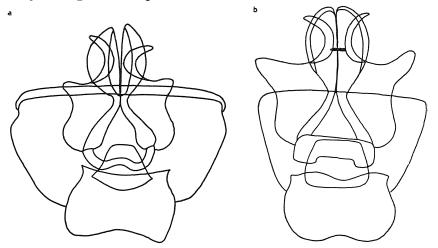


Fig. 9. Female subgenital plates of a. *Telm. (Perips.) auriculatus* (Curtis) and b. *Telm. (Perips.) fuscus* (Macquart)?

# Genus Psychoda Latreille

The genus Psychoda consists of the three subgenera Psychoda s. str., Philosepedon Eaton and Threticus Eaton. According to Jung (1956) 19 European species of the genus Psychoda are known, but among this number Psychoda lativentris Berdén (Berdén 1952) is not included. In the present work 18 species of Psychoda are recorded from Denmark; among the 20 European species known so far only Ps. surcoufi Tonn. and Ps. pusilla Tonn. have not been found in Denmark.

# Psychoda alternata Say

Occurrence in Denmark: It is a very common indoor species occurring in bath-rooms, toilets and urinals. It has been recorded from sewage bacteria beds and from various other outdoor localities. *Ps. alternata* is common all over the country.

At the river Mølleå the species occurred in huge numbers where the water was polluted by sewage effluents.

### Psychoda lativentris Berdén

This species has been confused with *Ps. alternata* Say; the two species can, however, be distinguished by examination of the female subgenital plate and the apex of labium (Berdén 1952). Male unknown, the species is possibly parthenogenetic (Berdén 1952).

Occurrence in Denmark: Lolland: Sundby Storskov 1 \, 5th Aug. 1950 (Berdén 1952).

In the collections of the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen:  $1 \circlearrowleft$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection), det. Berdén. Jutland: Vorsø in Horsens fjord,  $1 \circlearrowleft 1931$ . Funen: Maale, Hindsholm  $1 \circlearrowleft$ , 10th Aug. 1936, on the beach. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam,  $1 \circlearrowleft$ , 12th Aug. 1960 at light. Mølleåen at Stampen  $2 \circlearrowleft$ , 26th July 1960 and Søndersø  $1 \circlearrowleft$ , 5th July 1960. The last mentioned specimen was swept in a reed swamp. Ps. lativentris Berdén is likely to occur all over the country.

Biological notes: Ps. lativentris Berdén was taken together with Ps. alternata Say, Ps. severini Tonn. and Ps. erminea Eaton at Stampen, where the river Mølleå is heavily polluted by sewage effluents (fig. 10); in Scania, Sweden, it was collected together with Ps. alternata Say under similar conditions (Berdén 1952)

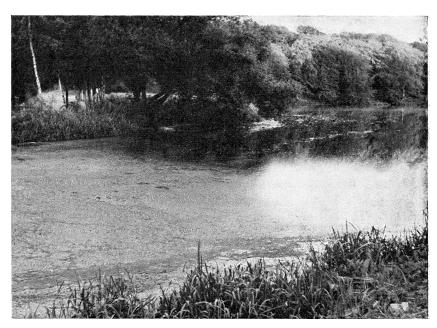


Fig. 10. Mølleåen at Stampen.

but in general no special preference for sewage is noticed. The larva is unknown.

# Psychoda phalaenoides Linnaeus

Occurrence in Denmark: In the collections of the Zoological Museum:  $4 \, \ensuremath{\mathcal{C}} \ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $4 \, \ensuremath{\mathbb{Q}} \ensuremath{\mathbb{Q}}$  without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). In the author's collection: Jutland: Idasminde, Sdr. Onsild, several specimens at light, Sept. 1960. Zealand: Strødam several specimens at light, July, Aug. and Sept. 1960. Arrenakke several specimens at light, 24th Sept. 1960. Mølleåen at Fuglevad 22nd July 1960, several specimens swept in the vegetation. Botanical Laboratory, University of Copenhagen 4 \( \phi \), 24th Sept. 1960. In the last-mentioned case the species was bred from horse-dung or mushrooms. According to Satchell (1947) dung is the only breeding material recorded.

### Psychoda crassipenis Tonnoir

Only a single specimen recorded. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam, 1  $\bigcirc$  24th Sept. 1960 at light.

### Psychoda albipennis Zetterstedt

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Tipperne, Western Jutland 1  $\sigma$ , 12th Aug. 1946. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam 2  $\sigma\sigma$ , 31st July 1960, 2  $\sigma\sigma$ , 12th Aug. 1960 and 1  $\sigma$ , 1  $\varsigma$ , 24th Sept. 1960 all specimens taken at light. Arrenakke 2  $\sigma\sigma$ , 24th Sept. 1960 at light. Herlev 1  $\sigma$ , 26th Nov. 1960 at light.

### Psychoda severini Tonnoir

The two subspecies *severini* Tonn. and *parthenogenetica* Tonn. are morphologically indistinguishable (Jung 1956).

Although this species is very common and is distributed all over the country, it is not represented in the collections of the Zoological Museum. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam Aug.-Sept., several specimens at light. Several specimens swept in the vegetation in various localities along the river Mølleå (Brede, Stampen, Rødebro and Farum lake), at Christianshavns vold and at Søndersø (Urtica-vegetation). Jutland: Idasminde, Sdr. Onsild Sept. 1960, in a bath-room. Hellesø 14th July 1960, in a reed swamp.

This species is common in the sewage bacteria beds (e. g. Hillerød and Kagsmoseværket, Herlev). The larva was found in cow-dung, decaying leaves, rotting apples and in a blackbird's nest. In Jan. 1961 huge numbers of larvae were found at Aved-øre in decaying seaweed and in a mixture of seaweed, leaves and poultry dung.

# Psychoda brevicornis Tonnoir

Only a single specimen recorded. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam 1  $\mathcal{Q}$ , 31st July 1960.

# Psychoda setigera Tonnoir

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: Tipperne, Western Jutland 1 3, 22nd May 1946. In the author's collection: Zealand: Arrenakke 1 3,

1  $\mathfrak{D}$ , 24th Sep. 1960. Strødam 2  $\mathfrak{D}$ , 31st July 1960 and 1  $\mathfrak{D}$ , 18th Aug. 1960 at light.

#### Psychoda trinodulosa Tonnoir

In the author's collection: Zealand: Arrenakke  $2 \, \Im \Im$ ,  $2 \, \subsetneq \Im$ , 24th Sept. 1960 at light. Strødam  $1 \, \subsetneq$ , 31st July 1960,  $2 \, \Im \Im$ ,  $2 \, \subsetneq \Im$ , 18th Aug. 1960 and  $2 \, \Im \Im$ , 24th Sept. 1960 all these specimens were taken at light. Botanical Laboratory, University of Copenhagen  $1 \, \subsetneq$ , Sept. 1960. This specimen was possibly reared from horse-dung or mushrooms. Mølleåen at Lyngby lake  $1 \, \subsetneq$ , 4th Aug. 1960. Mølleåen at Farum lake  $1 \, \Im$ , 2nd Aug. 1960 in a bog. Jutland: "Idasminde", Sdr. Onsild  $1 \, \subsetneq$ , 18th Sept. 1960 at light.

## Psychoda grisescens Tonnoir

Only one specimen recorded hitherto. In the author's collection: Zealand: Strødam 1  $\bigcirc$ , 24th Sept. 1960 at light.

#### Psychoda minuta Banks (= spreta Tonnoir)

Only one specimen recorded hitherto. In the author's collection: Zealand: Mølleåen at Farum lake  $1 \subsetneq$ , 2nd Aug. 1960.

#### $Psychoda\ cinerea\ Banks\ (=compar\ Eaton)$

It is a very common indoor species all over the country, and is represented by several specimens in the collections of the Zoological Museum as well as in the author's collection. The larvae were found throughout the year in drains and waste pipes. The species has also been taken out of doors.

## Psychoda gemina Eaton

Only a single specimen recorded. In the author's collection: Zealand: Mølleåen at Farum lake 1  $\mathcal{E}$ , 2nd Aug. 1960 in a bog.

#### Psychoda lobata Tonnoir

Only known from a single locality. In the author's collection: Lyngby lake 3  $\circlearrowleft$ , 4th Aug. 1960. According to Satchell (1947a) the larval habitat of  $Ps.\ lobata$  is unknown.

#### Psychoda obscura Tonnoir

The imago of this species has not been recorded hitherto, but the larva was rather common in moss cushions from springs in Northern Zealand (Eskemose skov and Nebbegaard plantage).

#### Psychoda erminea Eaton

Only a few localities on Zealand: Strødam 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 25th Aug. 1960, swept from the vegetation by a pond. Mølleåen at Brede skolesti 4  $\mathcal{J}\mathcal{J}$ , 22nd July 1960 swept in a reed swamp. Mølleåen at Stampen 2  $\mathcal{J}\mathcal{J}$ , 1  $\mathcal{L}$ , 26th July 1960, in this latter locality heavy pollution by sewage. Mølleåen at Farum sø 1  $\mathcal{L}$ , 15th Aug. 1960.

The larva is unknown.

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## Subgenus Philosepedon Eaton

Psychoda (Philosepedon) humeralis Meigen

In the collections of the Zoological Museum: 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 2  $\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{Q}$ , without date and locality (from Staeger's collection). Zealand: Suserup 1  $\mathcal{J}$ , 21st July 1917. Ermelunden 10th Jan. 1919, larvae from *Helix pomatia* L. (the material underlying the description of the larva by Spärck (1920)). Lolland: Maribo 1  $\mathcal{J}$  reared from a snail, 7th May 1941. Langeland: Strandby 6  $\mathcal{J}\mathcal{J}$ , 9  $\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{Q}$ , reared March 1918.

In the author's collection: Strødam 1  $\subsetneq$ , 12th Aug. 1960 at light. Mølleåen at Ørholm 1  $\sigma$ , 26th July 1960. The author has reared this species several times from *Helix pomatia* L., *Helicella caperata* Mont., *Helicigona arbustorum* (L.), *Cepaea hortensis* (Müller) and *Cepaea nemoralis* (L.). The snails were collected in various localities in the vicinity of Copenhagen (Søndersø, Jonstrup vang, Dyrehaven and Herlev) and at Tjele, Jutland.

No doubt the species is common and widely distributed in Denmark.

### Subgenus Threticus Eaton

Psychoda (Threticus) lucifuga (Walker)

In the author's collection: Zealand: Eskemose skov  $1_{3}$ , 11th Aug. 1960. Mølleåen at Ørholm  $1_{3}$ , 26th July 1960, at a spring.

The larvae were abundant in moss cushions and mud from the vicinity of springs (Eskemoseskov 19th March 1960 and Nebbegaard plantage 24th April 1960) and in a spring at Tjele, Jutland 30th March 1960.

#### Discussion.

In the following it is intended to make a few remarks on the material and on some of the species recorded.

The collections at the river Mølleå:

At Mølleåen, material was collected in 23 localities and 23 different species were recorded, Table I. During the collecting period *Pericoma nigricauda* Tonn. seemed to be one of the most abundant species, since it occurred in 16 localities along the river, while the closely related species, *P. pulchra* Eaton was only recorded from a single locality, i. e. a small spring at Ørholm, loc. No. 8, Tab. I.

According to Satchell (1949) the larva and pupa of *P. pul-chra* occurs in springs and clear streams, where the larvae are found underneath stones and leaves. Satchell (1949) regards the dorsoventral flattening, the development of lateral processes and other structural peculiarities as being an adaptation which

Species:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Loc 11	ality 12	No. 13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Telmatoscopus ustulatus Telm. decipiens			×		×			×	×	×	×			×	×				×				
Clytocerus ocellaris Clytocerus rivosus			×	X	×	×	×	×		×			×	×		×		×	×	×	×		X
Psychoda phalaenoides. Ps. alternata. Ps. lativentris. Ps. severini Ps. erminea. Ps. minuta Ps. gemina Ps. trinodulosa Ps. lobata Ps. (Phil.) humeralis Ps. (Thr.) lucifuga.			×	××	×	×		×		×	× × × ×			×				×	×	×	×		×

facilitates closer contact between the larva and its substratum. According to Crisp & LLoyd (1954) the larvae of *P. pulchra* were collected in a patch of woodland mud.

In Denmark *P. pulchra* was only collected from springs (Ravnkilde and Ørholm), while *P. nigricauda* occurs in a variety of habitats. This might indicate that the breeding site of *P. pulchra* is in springs or rather fast flowing brooks, while *P. nigricauda* is able to breed in a variety of habitats e. g. mud flats.

# The halobiontic species:

Feuerborn (1926) regards *Telmatoscopus similis* and *T. ustulatus* as true halobiontic species; the larvae of which are associated with significantly saline habitats and the occasional occurrence of these species far from the coast is presumed to be quite accidental.

In Holland *T. ustulatus* and *T. similis* occur in brackish habitats as well as in less saline ones "which although not quite fresh are the purest freshwater localities in the province of Noord Holland" (Barendrecht 1934). According to this Barendrecht proposed to call *T. ustulatus* and *T. similis* euryhaline species instead of halobiontics.

In Denmark T. similis was found in a single locality, i. e. the most of Christianshavn which is a locality with brackish water connected to the Harbour of Copenhagen. In August 1941 the salinity was  $15.5\,^{\circ}/_{00}$  (Smidt 1944). According to Smidt (1944) Psychodid larvae were collected here, but they were not identified.

T. ustulatus was recorded from 3 localities: Tipperne, Western Jutland, a brackish-water locality, Strødam, and Mølleåen at Rødebro, the last two are typical freshwater localities. The locality last mentioned is only about 1 km away from the Sound, and the sole specimen collected here could presumably be a straggler from the neighbouring seashore, while the occurrence at Strødam (2 33, 1 Q swept at a pond) is likely to be genuine.

The dung-breeding Psychoda species:

In the material from Strødam and Arrenakke a number of dung-breeding Psychoda species were recorded. According to Satchell (1947b) the Psychodid fauna of pasture land was dominated by *Ps. phalaenoides*, which together with three other ex-

clusively dung-breeding species, Ps. setigera, Ps. trinodulosa and Ps. brevicornis amounted to 80 % of the pasture land fauna. In the material from Arrenakke three of the exclusively dungbreeding species were recorded (Ps. phalaenoides, Ps. setigera and Ps. trinodulosa) and from Strødam all four species in question.

In this material of dung-breeders several specimens were carrying larval stages of *Rhabditis*. Bovien (1937) observed two kinds of larvae: a short- and a long-tailed type, the former was described as *Rhabditis dubia* n. sp., the latter was not identified. The occurrence of *Rhabditis* on Psychoda species was also observed by Satchell (1947b) and a culture was identified as *Rh. curvicaudata* Schneider.

Several of the dung-breeding Psychoda in the author's material were carrying the early stages of Gamasid mites, a feature which is also known in many other insects.

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# List of species hitherto recorded from Denmark.

Subfamily Sycoracinae
Genus Sycorax Haliday
Sycorax sp. (S. feuerborni Jung or
S. tonnoiri Jung)
Subfamily Trichomyinae
Genus Trichomyia Haliday
Trichomyia urbica Curtis
Subfamily Psychodinae
Genus Clytocerus Eaton
Clytocerus ocellaris (Meigen)
Clytocerus rivosus (Tonnoir)

Genus Pericoma Walker Subgenus Pericoma s. str. Pericoma palustris (Meigen) Pericoma cubitospinosa Jung Pericoma mutua Eaton Pericoma compta Eaton Pericoma nubila (Meigen) Pericoma pulchra (Eaton) Pericoma nigricauda Tonnoir Pericoma blandula Eaton Pericoma trifasciata (Meigen) Pericoma canescens (Meigen) Pericoma stammeri Jung Subgenus Ulomyia Walker Pericoma (Ulomyia) fuliginosa (Meigen) Genus Telmatoscopus Eaton Subgenus Telmatoscopus s. str. Telmatoscopus fraterculus (Eaton) Telmatoscopus labeculosus (Eaton) Telmatoscopus ustulatus (Walker) Telmatoscopus consors (Eaton) Telmatoscopus decipiens (Eaton) Telmatoscopus soleatus (Walker) Telmatoscopus longicornis (Tonnoir) Telmatoscopus albomaculatus (Wahlgren) Telmatoscopus similis Tonnoir Subgenus Mormia Enderlein Telmatoscopus (Mormia) eatoni Ton- Psychoda lobata Tonnoir Subgenus Panimerus Eaton Telmatoscopus (Panimerus) albifacies (Tonnoir) Telmatoscopus (Panimerus) maynei (Tonnoir) Subgenus Peripsychoda Enderlein

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Bogen er skrevet af den for få år siden udnævnte forstentomolog ved Det Norske Skogsforsøksvesen. Den beskæftiger sig næsten udelukkende med det, undertitlen angiver, nemlig "skadeinsekter på skogen i Norge." Den er i hovedsagen beregnet som en mindre hånd- og opslagsbog for skovejere og praktikere, men indeholder også adskilligt for den entomologisk interesserede.

Der er lagt særlig vægt på at hjælpe til en bestemmelse af insekterne ved hjælp af værttræer og skadebillede m. m., og bogen er derfor inddelt "på tværs", nemlig hverken efter insekt- eller værttræsystematik, men efter de steder eller dele af træerne, insekterne opholder sig på (i): blomster og kogler, unge planter i skoven, nåle og blade o. s. v. Hvert af disse kapitler begyndes med en ret omfangsrig nøgle efter ovennævnte princip. Bogen indledes med en række korte kapitler om insekternes bygning og levevis, deres betydning i skoven og bekæmpelse. Da der omtales et betydeligt antal arter, skønsvis godt 200, bliver der kun plads til en ret kort omtale af de enkelte efter skemaet: udseende, levevis, betydning i Norge, evt. bekæmpelse samt udbredelse i Norge.

Der er mange illustrationer, ganske overvejende fotografier, hvoraf nogle er fortrinlige, andre på det jævne.

For en dansk læser er det særligt afsnittet om insekter på kogler og frø, der er udbytterigt og afspejler forfatterens store specialkendskab til disse arter. Endvidere byder bogen for et betydeligt antal arter på ikke tidligere publiceret angivelse af udbredelsen. Hertil kommer, at den for mange træarter, særlig gran og fyr er en meget brugbar "nøgle", anvendelig også i Danmark.

Det må fremhæves, at den er skrevet på et letlæseligt norsk, og det bør måske bemærkes, at hver omtalt art foruden det nyeste systematiske navn er forsynet med norsk navn. Dette har givetvis krævet "dåb" af talrige arter, en procedure forfatteren stort set synes at være sluppet heldigt fra, og som læserne sikkert vil have glæde af ved fremtidige udgaver, som stabiliserende element.

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