

Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) types in the Hope Entomological Collections, Oxford

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Abstract

The Chrysomelidae type specimens in the Hope Entomological Collection, Oxford are documented. The collection contains 102 primary and 86 secondary types.

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Introduction

The Hope Entomological Collections (Oxford) contain over 3 million specimens and 20,000 types (Smith 1986). The foundation of the collection is the F. W. Hope collection which was given to Oxford University in 1849. Special collections of interest to chrysomelid workers include: the H. E. Andrewes collection with M. Jacoby syntypes; the Baden and Sommer collection with C. J. Schönherr and C. H. Boheman types; the J. Lee collection which contains Fabrician types; the J. O. Westwood collection; and material donated by C. Stål.

During a visit to the Hope Entomological Collections (OXUM), funded by the Ernst Mayr Fund, I examined the collection for chrysomelid types. In order to verify the status of specimens I consulted the original description. In many instances the original description stated that the species was described from material in a specific collection in OXUM.

In the following catalog types are arranged alphabetically by species names, followed by author name, date and page number of original description, and the original generic placement. If the species is currently in another genus or the name has been replaced or synonymized the current name follows in brackets. The comments in parenthesis mention label color or other descriptive information. The labels are handwritten, if the label was illegible, the word or phrase is followed by (?). A slash (/) divides data on different labels.