

New species and records of *Copris* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae; Scarabaeinae) from Central America

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Abstract

Two new species of *Copris* Geoffroy from Guatemala and Honduras are described and illustrated: *Copris caliginosus* **sp. nov.** and *Copris nubilosus* **sp. nov.** Both species are related to *C. sallei* Harold, which is redescribed and illustrated for the first time. A key for the *remotus* complex is also included. New distributional records of *Copris* are provided for five species and subspecies from Guatemala and El Salvador.

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Introduction

At present the New World representatives of the genus *Copris* Geoffroy comprise 29 species. The US and Canada report nine species, twenty more are distributed in Mexico, whereas nine species are known from Central America and one in South America (Matthews, 1961; Matthews and Halffter, 1968; Warner, 1990; Ratcliffe, 1998; Delgado and Kohlmann, 2001; Solís and Kohlmann, 2003).

In this paper we describe two new species of *Copris* inhabiting the cloud forests of Guatemala and Honduras, between 1,300 and 1,800 m elevation; bringing the number of New World *Copris* to 31. In addition, we also redescribe and illustrate the male of *C. sallei* Harold to aid in its comparison to the new species. Drawings of the male dorsal and lateral habitus and a distribution map for the new species and other taxa are also provided. A key for the *remotus* complex is also included.