



Checklist of Orthoptera Caelifera from Colombia

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Introduction

The purpose of this list is to make known the species currently recorded from Colombia, with the aim of showing the present state of knowledge of the suborder ORTHOPTERA, CAELIFERA in this extraordinarily diverse country. The list has been derived from the unpublished *Lista de Referencia de los Acridomorfos Neotropicales* compiled by one of the present authors (C.S.C.), from which we have extracted the Colombian data. Other two authors have added data arising from their own work in Colombia and the fourth checked geographical names and the Von Humboldt collection.

With the publication of this list we wish to emphasize something completely obvious, that emerges from even the most superficial examination of this work: the urgent necessity of making collections and carrying out systematic investigations in Colombia. The known species probably do not comprise even 30% of those which can be expected to exist there, given a) the diversity of the terrestrial ecosystems (Camacho & Sánchez 1992), b) the numerous areas of endemism (Camacho et al. 1992), c) the large size of the country and d) its biogeographical location at the point of transition between the faunas of South and Central America.

Conventions

The following conventions are observed:

1. Where the type species of the corresponding genus is a species that lives in Colombia, its name is preceded by an asterisk (even if the type-specimen was from a different country).

Example:

Caenomastax Hebard 1923

atopa Hebard 1923 COLOMBIA Boyacá

* *insignis* Hebard 1923 COLOMBIA Boyacá, Cundinamarca

2. When this asterisk is between parentheses (*) it means that the original type-species is not the current one, but was instead one of its junior synonyms.. In such a case, the name of this synonym is also marked with an asterisk.

Example:

Paulinia Blanchard 1843 (= *Coelopterna* Stål, = *Epacromia* Walker)