

SCIRTIDAE: Checklist of the taxa recorded from Melanesia (Moluccas to Fiji) (Coleoptera)

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Abstract

The species of Scirtidae (Coleoptera) recorded from Melanesia (Moluccas to Fiji) are listed. All original descriptions are listed in the references. Two species are known from the Moluccas, 20 from New Guinea, one from the Bismarck Archipelago, 18 from New Caledonia, and two from Fiji.

Key words: Coleoptera, Scirtidae, checklist, Melanesia, Moluccas, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, New Caledonia, Fiji.

Introduction

The scirtid fauna of Melanesia (Moluccas to Fiji) has been very poorly studied. A total of 43 species belonging to five genera (*Biroguineus* PIC, 1956; *Cyphon* PAYKULL, 1799; *Elodes* LATREILLE, 1796; *Scirtes* ILLIGER, 1807; *Ypsilocyphon* KLAUSNITZER, 2009) have been recorded.

Here we present checklists of the Scirtidae of Melanesia. It should, however, be kept in mind that numerous new species will be discovered in the future.

Checklists of Melanesian Scirtidae

Moluccas

Cyphon mangolensis KLAUSNITZER, 1981: 331 (Mangole Island)

Scirtes retusus CHAMPION, 1918: 265 (Ceram Island)

New Guinea

Biroguineus fortipes PIC, 1956: 79

Cyphon baloghi KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 2

Cyphon crinitus KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 6

Cyphon erythrinus KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 4

Cyphon felix KLAUSNITZER, 1980b: 173

Cyphon henrysi PIC, 1918: 22

Cyphon maternus KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 8

Cyphon minax KLAUSNITZER, 1980b: 173

Cyphon mirabilis KLAUSNITZER, 1973: 106

Cyphon pavens KLAUSNITZER, 1980b: 173

Cyphon placidus KLAUSNITZER, 1973: 106

Cyphon scabridus KLAUSNITZER, 1980b: 174

Cyphon simulans KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 4

Cyphon tardus KLAUSNITZER, 1980b: 171

Scirtes astrolabensis PIC, 1956: 80

Scirtes biroi PIC, 1956: 80

Scirtes neoguineensis PIC, 1956: 81

Scirtes ruforotundus WATTS, 2004: 151

Ypsilocyphon micans (KLAUSNITZER, 1973: 108)

Ypsilocyphon paramicans (KLAUSNITZER, 1979: 1)

Bismarck Archipelago

Cyphon peterseni KLAUSNITZER, 1973: 109

New Caledonia

Cyphon longipilis BOURGEOIS, 1884: 282

Cyphon lucidus KLAUSNITZER, 1980a: 95

Scirtes ebenus RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 416

Scirtes kanak RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 417

- Cyphon luteus* BOURGEOIS, 1884: 281
Cyphon oceanicus BOURGEOIS, 1884: 280
Elodes insulana BOURGEOIS, 1884: 283
Scirtes amoensis RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 408
Scirtes bleuei RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 4009
Scirtes caledonicus BOURGEOIS, 1884: 284
Scirtes chagrinenis RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 415
Scirtes monteithi RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 419
Scirtes nehouensis RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 421
Scirtes raritas RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 423
Scirtes rolandi RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 426
Scirtes serra RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 428
Scirtes vittatus RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 430
Scirtes wanati RUTA & YOSHITOMI, 2010: 432

According to KLAUSNITZER (1976), *Cyphon longipilis*, *C. luteus*, and *C. oceanicus* may be conspecific. In an article about the type specimens of *Elodes* LATREILLE described by BOURGEOIS (1884), KLAUSNITZER (1981) suggested that *Elodes insulana* belongs to the genus *Cyphon*.

Fiji

Scirtes evansi PIC, 1932: 210

Scirtes humeralis PIC, 1932: 210

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