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BOOK REVIEWS

The following 2 articles are extremely important to taxonomists wishing to locate type specimens. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature has recommended that all type repositories have the obligation of publishing their type holdings (recommendation 72D4). We would appreciate knowing of other published type holdings which we will then list in future issues of the Coleopterists Bulletin.


This list includes all type specimens catalogued through 31 Dec. 1968. There are 679 holotypes, 355 allotypes, 47 lectotypes, 2 neotypes; 211 species are represented by syntypes and 1392 species by paratypes or paralectotypes. The families are arranged alphabetically and there is an index to all species names.

All species are cited alphabetically under the original combination, and reference is made to the original description. All label data are listed for holotypes, neotypes, lectotypes, and syntypes. For paratypes and paralectotypes the number of specimens is listed with the state or provincial records listed for Canada, U.S., and Mexico, but only by country for others. All name changes known to the author are listed after each entry.

The Canadian National Collection is recognized world wide as one of the major collections and type repositories. The Coleoptera portion has grown from a 1960 estimate of 550,000 specimens in 1150 USNM drawers to the present estimate of 1,200,000 specimens in 3500 USNM drawers.


This list contains information on the types of 544 species and subspecies as of 1967. Citations of original descriptions are given only for holotypes, allotypes, syntypes, lectotypes, or neotypes, although paratypes are listed under each species. No synonymy or reassignments are listed; only the original combination is mentioned. Type localities are not listed. (R. E. Woodruff)