

BOOK REVIEWS

Revision del genero *Anasa* Amyot-Serville (Hemiptera-Heteroptera-Coreidae-Coreinae-Coreini).—Harry Brailovsky A. Monographias del Instituto de Biologia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, No. 2, pp. 1–266.

For nearly a century, the *Biologia Centrali Americana* has been the primary reference for the heteropteran fauna of Tropical Mexico and Central America. For the most part, only the studies of Harry Brailovsky, of the Instituto de Biologia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, have served as the major supplemental sources of information on terrestrial bugs. (See also review of “Shore Bugs” below.) Brailovsky’s latest effort, a revision of the squash bug genus *Anasa*, is his most comprehensive work to date.

Brailovsky’s *Anasa* revision is a valuable contribution to the identification of a group well known for its pest species of cucurbits. A key and photographs of all 63 recognized species are given, 18 of which are described as new. Also included for each species is a detailed synonymy, dorsal view illustrations of the head and pronotum, and illustrations of spermathecae, parameres, and the posterior margin of the pygophore. All species are described or redescribed, diagnosed, and distributions given, with museum depositories indicated for the new species. Dorsal view drawings are provided for five species. Brailovsky summarizes the habits of *Anasa* spp., so far as they are known, and provides a brief discussion of the distribution of the group.

In my view, this is one of Brailovsky’s finest pieces of work. It is well illustrated, carefully researched, and as easily seen at first glance printed with much higher standards than many of the publications containing Brailovsky’s work. Most importantly, however, it represents a revisionary treatment in the best sense, and offers an example for future workers in the Neotropics. I am particularly pleased to see such a treatment in the Coreidae, a group with a taxonomic tradition dating back to Linnaeus and his revisors, but which has been the object of little synthetic or revisionary work in the 20th century.

For anyone interested in the Neotropical bug fauna, this is an invaluable reference. I only hope that it represents one of many more such efforts on the part of Dr. Brailovsky.—*Randall T. Schuh.*

Shore Bugs (Heteroptera, Hemiptera: Saldidae): A World Overview and Taxonomy of Middle American Forms.—J. T. Polhemus. The Different Drummer, 3115 South York, Englewood, Colorado 80110, USA. i–v + 252 pp. \$20.00.

It has been said that a Ph.D. dissertation often represents the most original contribution of a given scientist. If this is true, it is also often true that dissertation research is frequently not published, and therefore in the case of systematic work some of the most important contributions are never made available to the scientific



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