
Insects of the Pacific World

This volume is another in the Pacific World Series. As indicated by the title it covers the insects inhabiting the large and small islands of the Pacific Ocean areas. However, one chapter is devoted to the class Arachnida, with major emphasis on spiders, mites, ticks and scorpions.

The subject matter covered is as follows: Insects and their Relatives; True Flies—Order Diptera; Bees, Wasps and Ants—Order Hymenoptera; Butterflies, Moths and Skippers—Order Lepidoptera; Beetles—Order Coleoptera; True Bugs—Order Hemiptera; Clear-wing Bugs—Order Homoptera; Dragonflies and Damselflies—Order Odonata; Nerve Winged Insects—Neuropteroids; Order Orthoptera; Miscellaneous Orders; Arachnids and allies; Insects and Disease; Collecting, Preserving and Shipping Insects.

The arrangement of topics is in reverse to that commonly followed in presenting information concerning insects from the classification viewpoint. Each chapter consists of a brief discussion of the characteristics, habits and distribution of major species of each family of the Orders covered.

The book is illustrated by 97 figures and 8 plates. The figures are zinc etchings of adult insects and the plates are half-tones of adult Lepidoptera and Odonata.

The information is authentic and with the style of writing the book should be of considerable interest to the laymen as well as the professional entomologists.—*Ralph H. Davidson.*

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