

FOLIAGE INSECT DIVERSITY IN DRY EUCALYPT FORESTS IN EASTERN TASMANIA

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Species numbers and composition of the insect fauna occurring on trees and shrubs were studied in dry eucalypt forests in eastern Tasmania over nine years. In all, 1164 named and putative species representing 17 orders and 157 families were collected. The bulk of the species belonged to the orders Coleoptera (28%), Hymenoptera (25%), Hemiptera (18%), Lepidoptera (14%) and Diptera (10%). Of the species collected, 388 — about one-third — were identified at least to genus or species level. These included 21 named species not previously listed in the Tasmanian insect fauna and 90 undescribed species.

A list of 22 host plants for 171 insect species was compiled from records of 132 insect species observed feeding during the study and from previous records of insect/host plant associations for 39 insect species found on the study plots. Most insects were feeding on eucalypts (127 insect species) and acacias (38 species). The most widely distributed and commonly collected species were several well-known pests of eucalypts: *Gonipterus scutellatus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), *Uraba lugens* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae), *Amorbus obscuricornis* (Hemiptera: Coreidae), *Chaetophyes compacta* (Hemiptera: Machaerotidae) and *Eriococcus coriaceus* (Hemiptera: Eriococcidae). Host plants supporting the richest insect fauna were *Eucalyptus amygdalina* (74 species), *E. obliqua* (64), *E. viminalis* (46), *Acacia dealbata* (35), *E. dalrympleana* (33), *E. sieberi* (31), *E. delegatensis* (30), *E. pulchella* (24) and *E. globulus* (19).

The broad-striped ghost moth, *Fraus latistria* Walker (Lepidoptera: Hepialidae), was collected during the study. This species is classified as 'rare' on the list of Tasmania's threatened fauna and the collection established a new locality record.

Key Words: Insect diversity, host plants, eucalypt forests, Tasmania.

INTRODUCTION

Prior to the late 1960s, dry eucalypt forests in eastern Tasmania were selectively logged for sawlogs and small volumes of fence posts and firewood. Following the development of an export woodchip industry, large areas of these forests were harvested and regenerated by clearfelling all merchantable timber, burning the logging slash to prepare a seedbed and aerially sowing with eucalypt seed (Felton & Cunningham 1971).

The effects of forest operations associated with the woodchip industry on flora, fauna and other natural values became the subject of considerable public concern in the 1970s (Senate Standing Committee on Science and the Environment 1977) and research projects were initiated by various agencies to provide quantitative data to assist rational debate on the issue.

The invertebrates are an obvious target group for such studies because of their extraordinary species richness across a wide range of habitats and their key role in essential ecological functions including soil conditioning, nutrient cycling, pollination and biological control. There have been many investigations of individual forest insect species, particularly commercially important pests, in dry eucalypt forests, but surprisingly few studies of the species composition of the general insect fauna.

Knowledge of the insect fauna of Tasmanian eucalypt forests has been limited by the paucity of collections in some forest types and taxonomic deficiencies for many insect groups. There is a scarcity of ecological data for most

of the insect fauna in these forests apart from commercially important pests (Elliott & de Little 1984, Elliott *et al.* 1998) and some individual species or groups. Long-term studies of the size and composition of the forest insect fauna at specific Tasmanian sites are rare although some intensive short-term studies (1–2 years) in rainforest and wet eucalypt forests have provided valuable data on species composition. Coy *et al.* (1993) collected 618 species of insects from 20 orders in cool temperate rainforest, and Hickman & Hill (1978) collected 105 named insect species and many more unidentified species from 17 orders, mainly from moss and leaf litter, in the Lower Gordon Scientific Study in southwestern Tasmania. Several studies of particular insect groups have been conducted in dry eucalypt forests in Tasmania. For example, in northeastern Tasmania, McQuillan *et al.* (1998) reported on the seasonality of 126 species of geometrid moths in eucalypt forests, including a dry forest site, and Bashford (1993) recorded 81 species of macrolepidoptera from dry eucalypt forests over a five-year period.

In 1978 we established a series of plots in several dry eucalypt forests scheduled for harvesting in eastern Tasmania as part of a study of the effects of clearfelling and burning on vegetation and its associated insect fauna over the long term (i.e., at least 20 years). This paper records the species diversity and host plant records of the insect fauna found on tree and shrub vegetation during the first nine years of the study. Other aspects of the study, including the effects of harvesting and regeneration on the flora and insect fauna, are being documented elsewhere.

METHODS

Plot Establishment

Three plots were established in each of five proposed logging coupes containing mature, unlogged, dry eucalypt forest in eastern Tasmania. The location and basic descriptors of these forests are summarised in table 1 and figure 1. Plot size was 75 m x 50 m (0.375 ha), with the corners marked by wooden pegs and wire stakes. Within each coupe, the three plots were located to sample a range of dominant eucalypt associations usually strongly related to aspect.

Following harvesting and regeneration treatments, plots were re-established in the same locations by replacing the wooden stakes and wire pegs with permanent steel star pickets as corner markers. Due to rescheduling of harvesting operations, all plots in SW 51 and one plot in TO 54 were not harvested.

Vegetation

Mature, unlogged, dry forests in the study areas had an overstorey of eucalypt associations comprising two or more of the following species: *Eucalyptus amygdalina* Labill., *E. obliqua* L' Hérít., *E. delegatensis* R. Baker, *E. pulchella* Desf., *E. globulus* Labill., *E. ovata* Labill., *E. sieberi* L. Johnson, *E. tenuiramis* Miq. and *E. viminalis* Labill. (table 1). These were relatively open forests with the stocking of mature eucalypt stems ranging from 109 to 339 stems per hectare (Elliott *et al.* 1991).

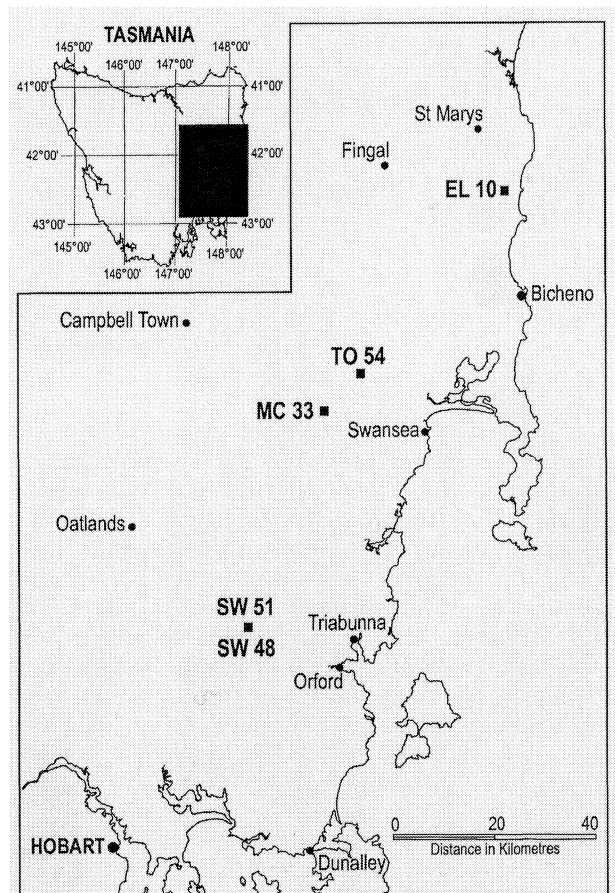


FIG. 1 — Coupe locations.

TABLE 1
Site descriptors for harvesting units (coupes) sampled for insect fauna

Coupe	Location (1:100 000 Tasmap ref.)	Altitude a.s.l. (m)	Mean annual rainfall (mm)	Parent material	Dominant eucalypt species
SW 48	Nugent EN 543 940	320	585	Triassic sandstone	<i>E. obliqua</i> <i>E. amygdalina</i> <i>E. viminalis</i>
SW 51	Nugent EN 510 965	380	585	Triassic sandstone	<i>E. obliqua</i> <i>E. amygdalina</i> <i>E. viminalis</i>
MC 33	LittleSwanport EP 668 392	580	900	Jurassic dolerite	<i>E. delegatensis</i> <i>E. amygdalina</i>
TO 54	LittleSwanport EP 762 473	460	849	Jurassic dolerite	<i>E. obliqua</i> <i>E. tenuiramis</i>
EL 10	Break O'Day FP 030 837	300	686	Jurassic dolerite	<i>E. sieberi</i> <i>E. obliqua</i>

* Nearest meteorological station to coupe

TABLE 2
Plant species sampled for insects on each harvesting unit

Plant species	Coupe				
	SW 48	SW 51	TO 54	MC 33	EL 10
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> * Link	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Acacia genistifolia</i> Link			*		
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i> De Wild.			*		
<i>Acacia melanoxyton</i> R.Br.			*	*	
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i> (Smith) Willd.					*
<i>Acacia terminalis</i> (Salisb.)Macbr.			*		*
<i>Acacia verniciflua</i> A.Cunn.					*
<i>Acacia verticillata</i> (L'Hérit.) Willd.			*	*	*
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> (Salisb.)L.Johnson			*		
<i>Amperea xiphioclada</i> (Sieb. ex Sprengel) Druce			*		
<i>Aotus ericoides</i> (Vent.) G.Don	*	*	*		*
<i>Banksia marginata</i> Cav.	*	*	*	*	
<i>Bossiaea cinerea</i> R.Br.			*		
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i> Cav.		*	*	*	*
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> (Labill.)R.Br.	*	*		*	
<i>Comesperma volubile</i> Labill.			*		
<i>Cyathodes glauca</i> Labill.	*	*		*	*
<i>Daviesia ulicifolia</i> Andrews			*	*	*
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i> Hook.f.			*	*	
<i>Epacris impressa</i> Labill.		*	*	*	
<i>Eucalyptus amygdalina</i> Labill.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus dalrympleana</i> Maiden		*	*		
<i>Eucalyptus delegatensis</i> R.Baker	*		*	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> Labill.	*		*		*
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i> L'Hérit.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i> Labill.					*
<i>Eucalyptus pulchella</i> Desf.			*		
<i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i> L.Johnson					*
<i>Eucalyptus tenuiramis</i> Miq.	*	*	*		
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> Labill.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i> Labill.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Gabnia grandis</i> (Labill.)S.T.Blake		*	*	*	
<i>Goodenia ovata</i> Smith				*	*
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i> Labill.			*	*	*
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i> Forst. & Forst.f.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Leucopogon ericoides</i> (Smith) R.Br.		*			
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> Labill.		*	*		
<i>Lomatia tinctoria</i> (Labill.) R.Br.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Monotoca glauca</i> (Labill.) Druce					*
<i>Olearia lirata</i> (Sims.) Hutch.		*		*	*
<i>Olearia viscosa</i> (Labill.) Benth.				*	*
<i>Oxylobium ellipticum</i> (Labill.) R.Br.	*				
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i> (R.Br.) C.Presl				*	
<i>Pomaderris apetala</i> Labill.				*	*
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i> (Forst.f.) Cockayne	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i> J.Wendl.	*				*
<i>Pultenaea gunnii</i> Benth.	*		*	*	*
<i>Pultenaea juniperina</i> Labill.	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Senecio minimus</i> Poirer	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Tetratheca labillardierei</i> J.Thompson		*			

* Bold type indicates plant species which were confirmed hosts for insects collected in the study.

The understorey was characterised by short (up to 4 m), often prickly shrubs with a significant grassy/sedgy component in some areas. Seventy-two species of dicotyledons, 24 monocotyledons and five fern species were recorded across all the study areas before logging commenced. The most common plant families and genera present were Fabaceae (*Pultenaea*), Mimosaceae (*Acacia*), Proteaceae (*Banksia*, *Lomatia*), Asteraceae (*Olearia*, *Senecio*), Epacridaceae (*Epacris*), Xanthorrhoeaceae (*Lomandra*) and Poaceae (*Poa*, *Danthonia*). A detailed analysis of the botany from the study areas is in preparation.

Logging and regeneration burning removed most of the overstorey and severely damaged many of the understorey plants. The young forests established following logging have very high stockings of eucalypts (1000–5000 stems ha⁻¹) compared with the forests present before logging (Elliott *et al.* 1991). The species composition of the post-logging vegetation at all the study sites is similar to that which existed prior to logging although there has been an overall increase in species richness, and the structure and relative dominance of the various species has changed (M. Neyland, unpublished data).

Insect Sampling

Insect sampling was conducted on all plots at one-month intervals prior to the logging and regeneration treatment and at approximately three-month intervals (mid-spring, summer, autumn and winter) following treatment. The number of sampling occasions over the nine years ranged from 41–45 for plots within the coupes EL 10, MC 33 and TO 54. However, because of coupe rescheduling and other operational reasons, plots within coupes SW 48 and SW 51 were sampled only 16 and 26 times respectively. Insects occurring on vegetation greater than 30 cm in height were sampled using sweeping, beating and hand-collecting techniques. On each sampling occasion, three to five individuals of each plant species on each plot were swept with a standard 30 cm-diameter collecting net and the captured insects were stored in 70% ethyl alcohol or pinned for later identification. Insects were also sampled by holding a 1 m² canvas beating tray beneath the foliage of the plant and collecting (by hand or with an aspirator) all insects dislodged by beating branches with five blows from a stick. Where sufficient plants of each species were available, beating was conducted on different individual plants to those sampled by sweeping; otherwise, the same plants were sampled by both methods. Prior to logging in the mature forests, only the lower foliage of mature trees and small trees beneath the canopy could be sampled, whereas in the newly regenerated forests all sections of the tree canopy could be accessed. The plant species sampled are listed in table 2. On each sampling occasion, all insect species collected from each plant species were recorded and insect/host plant associations noted where feeding was observed.

Light trapping was conducted on suitable nights at all plots throughout the sampling period. Initially, the light traps used were constructed from galvanised sheet metal and consisted of a rectangular killing box supporting a 15-watt UV fluorescent tube covered with a perspex roof. In the second year following logging, these traps were replaced by cylindrical plastic light traps supporting a vertically mounted, 15-watt fluorescent UV tube surrounded by

three perspex vanes. Light traps were charged with dichlorvos in the form of Shell Pest Strips®.

Insect Identification

Insects were initially identified to family level and sent to taxonomic specialists for further identification. For families where taxonomic assistance was unavailable, lists of coded putative species were assembled by the authors. An extensive reference collection of named and coded insect species was maintained to assist with identifications throughout the study.

Data Set

Information collected from sampling the plots consisted of occurrences of insect species on plant species for each plot and sampling date, noting any feeding activity. No abundance data were collected. Data for the 522 sampling occasions were stored in DECODA (Minchin 1991), a data-handling package which allows basic statistics on species numbers and composition of the fauna to be calculated easily. It also presents the data in a format suitable for the input files used by several other programs which undertake multivariate analyses.

Nomenclature

Species nomenclature follows Naumann (1993) for insects and Buchanan (1999) for plants.

RESULTS

Composition of the Insect Fauna

In all, 1164 species (named and putative) representing 17 orders and 157 families were collected from plants and in light traps on the plots during the study. The level to which these species could be identified varied greatly depending on taxonomic problems in the groups and the availability of taxonomic expertise. One-third (388) of these species were identified at least to genus level. The total insect fauna collected during the study is listed by order and family in appendix 1.

The bulk of the insect fauna was contained in the orders Coleoptera (322 species), Hymenoptera (294 species), Hemiptera (209 species), Lepidoptera (169 species) and Diptera (112 species) (table 3). Over half the species of Coleoptera collected were leaf-eating beetles (Chrysomelidae) and stem-boring and leaf-feeding weevils (Curculionidae). The most species-rich families among the sap-feeders (Hemiptera) were the Psyllidae (79 species) and the Cicadellidae (40 species). Most of the Hymenoptera collected were parasitoids and gall formers in the superfamily Chalcidoidea (120 species) and the families Braconidae (50 species) and Ichneumonidae (28 species). Twenty-nine species of ants (Formicidae) were recorded during the study. Larvae of Lepidoptera were common defoliators of a wide range of host plants, although most species recorded were adult moths caught in light traps (table 4). Geometridae

TABLE 3
Summary of insect fauna by taxonomic group

Order	Number of families	Number of named species	Number of putative species	Total number of species	Percentage of total insect fauna
Coleoptera	29	86	236	322	28
Hymenoptera	22	31	263	294	25
Hemiptera	25	113	96	209	18
Lepidoptera	25	128	41	169	14
Diptera	31	-	112	112	10
Orthoptera	2	6	4	10	<1
Collembola	8	6	3	9	<1
Thysanoptera	1	-	9	9	<1
Psocoptera	4	6	1	7	<1
Blattodea	1	1	5	6	<1
Neuroptera	3	5		5	<1
Plecoptera	2	2	4	6	<1
Odonata	2	1	1	2	<1
Trichoptera	1	-	1	1	<1
Mecoptera	1	1	-	1	<1
Mantodea	1	1	-	1	<1
Dermaptera	1	-	1	1	<1
TOTAL	159	387	777	1164	

TABLE 4
Number of species in families of Lepidoptera recorded from light trap collections

Family	Number of species
Anthelidae	7
Arctiidae	8
Cossidae	1
Cosmopterygidae	1
Gelechiidae	1
Geometridae	59
Gracillariidae	2
Heliozelidae	2
Hepialidae	7
Lasiocampidae	5
Limacodidae	1
Lycaenidae	2
Lymantriidae	2
Noctuidae	24
Notodontidae	3
Nymphalidae	7
Oecophoridae	8
Pieridae	1
Psychidae	3
Pyralidae	4
Saturniidae	1
Sphingidae	1
Thaumetopoeidae	2
Tortricidae	5
Zygaenidae	1
TOTAL	158

(66 species) and Noctuidae (24 species) were the dominant families of Lepidoptera.

The 388 species named to at least genus level by specialist taxonomists included 21 named species which are not included in the list of Tasmanian insect fauna (Semmens *et al.* 1992) and a further 90 species yet to be formally described (see appendix 1). Over half of these 'new' species (63) were psyllids (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) with the remainder scattered among the other orders. Many more insects in the collection of 776 unidentified putative species are expected to be previously unrecorded in Tasmania.

The broad-striped ghost moth, *Fraus latistria* Walker (Lepidoptera: Hepialidae), one of the named species collected, is listed in *Tasmania's Threatened Fauna Manual* (Bryant & Jackson 1999) and has a status of 'rare' as defined by Tasmania's *Threatened Species Protection Act* 1995. This species was collected by light-trap sampling on 21 March 1978 in coupe SW 51, a new locality record for the species.

The composition of the insect fauna showed only minor variation across the study area. A variety of multivariate analyses were undertaken on the data beginning with detrended correspondence analysis using the program DECORANA (Hill 1979a). Because of limitations on the size of data sets with microcomputers, the more robust procedure for indirect gradient analysis, multidimensional scaling (see Minchin 1991), was used only on subsets of the data. It was performed with the program MDS (Minchin 1991), using global non-metric multidimensional scaling followed by hybrid non-metric multidimensional scaling as recommended by Kantvilas & Minchin (1989). The classificatory program TWINSPAN (Hill 1979b) was also used to examine the data. None of the analyses showed any separation of insect assemblages according to coupe of origin. The data do not appear to be well-suited to the techniques because of the low number of species in many samples and the high number of species recorded only a few times (over three-quarters of the species were collected on less than five sampling occasions). Many analyses were re-run with rare species and sample outliers were removed progressively but little improvement was achieved.

Species Richness

The numbers of species collected from each of the harvesting coupes were generally similar taking into account differences in altitude, rainfall, geology and vegetation. Species numbers collected per coupe over the sampling period ranged from 464 to 556 species, with the exception of SW 48 where the numbers were much lower (286 species).

Differences in species richness were more marked at the plot level. The total number of species per plot ranged from 180 to 308 except for SW 48. Again the total number of species was lower than in the other coupes, ranging from 118 to 140 species over the three plots. The lower figures for SW 48 at both the coupe and plot level are attributed, at least in part, to the smaller number of sampling occasions possible due to operational constraints. In all coupes and in all plots species numbers varied greatly on individual sampling occasions. Typical figures ranged from 5–20 species, the highest number on any single sampling occasion being 42 and the lowest being zero.

As expected, species richness varied markedly according to the season of collection when seasons were arbitrarily defined as follows: September to November (spring), December to February (summer), March to May (autumn) and June to August (winter). Analysis of the total collection on this basis showed that the numbers per collection (mean \pm s.e.) for spring, summer, autumn and winter were 12.9 ± 0.7 (n = 131), 13.7 ± 0.7 (n = 157), 10.5 ± 0.6 (n = 129) and 5.5 ± 0.4 (n = 101) respectively. Seasonal occurrences of many of the main plant-feeding insects, particularly defoliators, were common to most plots. For example, in early spring, young eucalypt leaves were often eaten by the adults of small melolonthine scarab beetles, mainly *Heteronyx* spp. Several species of Lepidoptera larvae were collected during winter and spring and larvae of the fireblight beetle, *Acacicola orphana*, were common on *Acacia dealbata* and *A. mearnsii* in the same period where these tree species were present on the plots. In late spring, summer and autumn, leaf beetle (Chrysomelidae) eggs, larvae and adults were present on several species of eucalypts together with their common predators: adult soldier beetles (*Chauliognathus* spp.) and larval and adult ladybird beetles (Coccinellidae).

Insect/Host Plant Associations

A total of 132 insects named to genus or species level were recorded actually feeding on 22 of the 50 plant species sampled on the plots during the survey. An additional 39 insect species had known hosts (Bashford 1990) on the plots where they were collected but were not observed actually feeding at the time of collection. Most of these insects were recorded feeding on eucalypts (127 insect species) and acacias (38 species) with lower numbers recorded from *Banksia* (5 species), *Allocasuarina* (4), *Exocarpos* (4), *Leptospermum* (3), *Goodenia* (2) and *Pultenaea* (1). Twenty-five insect families contained eucalypt feeders, with most species recorded from Chrysomelidae (leaf beetles) and Psyllidae (lerps). Four of the six eucalypt-feeding sawflies (Pergidae) found in Tasmania (Elliott & Bashford 1996) were collected on the plots (appendix 1).

A listing of these 171 species by their host plants is shown in appendix 2. Eighty-five of these species were found feeding on only one host plant species during the study but host specificity is not well documented and cannot be assumed. The most polyphagous and commonly collected species were several well-known pests of eucalypts and acacias: eucalypt weevil *Gonipterus scutellatus* (Gyllenhal) (ten eucalypt hosts); gumleaf skeletonizer *Uraba lugens* Walker (nine eucalypt hosts); gumtree bug *Amorbus obscuricornis* (Westwood) and the chrysomelid beetle *Paropsis porosa* Erichson (each with eight eucalypt hosts); gumtree scale *Eriococcus coriaceus* Maskell, the machaerotid *Chaetophyes compacta* (Walker), the chrysomelid beetles *Trachymela rugosa* (Chapuis) and *Chrysophtharta nobilitata* (Erichson), and the psyllid *Glycaspis* sp. (each with seven eucalypt hosts).

Host plants in rank order supporting the richest insect fauna were *Eucalyptus amygdalina* (74 species), *E. obliqua* (64), *E. viminalis* (46), *Acacia dealbata* (35), *E. dabrympleana* (33), *E. sieberi* (31), *E. delegatensis* (30), *E. pulchella* (24) and *E. globulus* (19).

DISCUSSION

The 1164 insect species collected during this study, together with the host plant records for 171 insect species, represent a significant increase in our knowledge of the insect fauna in Tasmania's dry eucalypt forests. Among the 388 species identified at least to genus level, the collection of 21 named species not previously listed in the Tasmanian insect fauna (Semmens *et al.* 1992) and a further 90 yet to be described but apparently new species emphasise the low level of knowledge about the insect fauna in these forests. The high proportion of Psyllidae in this previously unlisted collection is in part due to the availability of specialist taxonomic expertise for that particular group. Further taxonomic investigation of other groups will undoubtedly result in many more previously unlisted species. The total number of species (identified and putative) collected in the study represents nearly 8% of the estimated 15 000 non-marine insect species in Tasmania (Greenslade 1985).

Although a large number of species was collected during the study reported here, total species numbers and composition of collections were obviously influenced by the extent and frequency of sampling at the study sites, climatic conditions at the time of sampling, stages of plant development present (e.g. flowering, new shoot extension) and many other factors. For much of the study, sampling of each plot occurred at quarterly intervals and was conducted regardless of weather conditions. Therefore, some collections may be biased towards species which are relatively sedentary feeders on their host plants and so less affected by rain, wind and cool conditions.

Levels of endemism for the insects collected are not known although Greenslade (1985) reported that the highest endemism in the Tasmanian insect fauna occurred in the rainforest and alpine environments, and dry forests probably had low to medium levels, perhaps in the range 20–70%, varying widely between insect groups. For example, endemism of 30% was reported for Coccinellidae (one of the most species-rich groups collected in our study) in eucalypt forests (Greenslade 1985).

The collection of the broad-striped ghost moth, *Fraus latistria*, at the unlogged SW 51 coupe in eastern Tasmania extends the distribution of this rare insect. This species has been previously recorded only from the Hobart and Launceston areas and Scotts Peak Dam in southwestern Tasmania (Bryant & Jackson 1999).

Although no similar studies have been previously reported from these forests in Tasmania, other studies in different forest types or in different habitats in dry eucalypt forests on mainland Australia are available for comparison of the size and composition of elements of the insect fauna. In a study by Neumann (1978) using systematic malaise trap sampling of mature dry peppermint-gum eucalypt forest (*E. dives*–*E. radiata*–*E. macrorhyncha*) in Victoria, the most abundant (in terms of number of specimens collected) were (in rank order): Diptera, Hymenoptera, Coleoptera, Hemiptera and Lepidoptera. These orders were also the most species-rich orders of insects recorded in our Tasmanian study although Diptera ranked lowest rather than highest as in the Victorian study.

In a study of beetle communities using periodic malaise trapping in the same forests in Victoria, Neumann (1979) recorded 199 species of Coleoptera (beetles) from 47 families. The most frequently collected families in this study were Chrysomelidae, Staphylinidae, Alleculidae,

Coccinellidae, Scarabaeidae, Mordellidae, Curculionidae, Melyridae and Anisotomidae. In two studies of the species composition of the litter-inhabiting Coleoptera in Victorian dry eucalypt forests (*E. obliqua*–*E. radiata*–*E. rubida*), 109 species from 30 families (Neumann *et al.* 1995) and 105 species from 31 families (Collett & Neumann 1995) were collected. Undescribed species comprised 67% and 72% respectively of the collections from these studies. In our Tasmanian study, 322 named and putative species of Coleoptera from 29 families were collected on vegetation and the proportion of undescribed species (74%) was similar to that recorded for the Victorian fauna.

Ohmart *et al.* (1983) in a study of leaf-chewing insects in subalpine *E. delegatensis*–*E. dives*–*E. pauciflora* forest in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), reported that the major taxa (expressed as numbers of insects per kilogram of foliage dry weight) were micro-Lepidoptera, Geometridae, Chrysomelidae and Curculionidae; Cercopidae, Cicadellidae and Fulgoroidea were the major families of sap feeders. Similarly, in the Tasmanian study, Chrysomelidae and Curculionidae were the most species-rich families of Coleoptera, and Geometridae was the most species-rich family of Lepidoptera even though the eucalypt forest types sampled were quite different from the subalpine forests of the ACT. Leafhoppers (Cicadellidae) and psyllids (Psyllidae) were the predominant families of sap-feeders collected in eastern Tasmania, but psyllids were rarely collected in the subalpine forests (Ohmart *et al.* 1983). Although there are some obvious similarities between the foliage-dwelling insect fauna of Tasmanian dry eucalypt forests and some mainland forests, definitive comparisons are difficult because of the different measures used (species richness, number of specimens, insects per weight of foliage) and habitats sampled.

As stated above, Geometridae was the most species-rich family of Lepidoptera recorded in this study. The larvae of many species are common defoliators in these dry forests, particularly of eucalypts and acacias. Nine of the geometrid species collected were also recorded by McQuillan *et al.* (1998) in dry eucalypt forest at Old Chum Dam in north-eastern Tasmania.

In a recent invertebrate survey of rainforest in Tasmania, 618 insect species from 22 orders were collected by sweeping and beating vegetation (the sampling technique used in the present study) and the most frequently collected families were Collembola and Diptera, with Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, Psocoptera and Lepidoptera reasonably abundant. Again, undescribed species made up some 75% of the total. Overall, using several sampling methods across many rainforest habitats, Coleoptera was the most diverse group containing 367 species from 44 families (Coy *et al.* 1993), a similar result to that obtained from our sampling of Tasmanian dry eucalypt forests.

The large number of insects feeding on eucalypts and acacias in the list of insect/host plant associations is not unexpected considering the domination of eucalypts, and to a lesser extent acacias, in these forests. In particular, the high number of eucalypt stems per hectare in the young regenerating forests (Elliott *et al.* 1991) in which the post-logging sampling was conducted, their fast growth rate and larger tree size compared to other plants would contribute to the high capture rate among eucalypt feeders compared to the general fauna. In addition to the dominance of eucalypts and acacias at the study sites, many of the insects feeding on these host genera are widely distributed and

polyphagous. They were therefore frequently collected on all plots, together with their predators and parasites. These are important contributing factors to the lack of separation of insect assemblages according to coupe of origin.

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APPENDIX 1
Total insect fauna collected from study plots

Order/Family/Species	Cleridae
Blattodea	<i>Blackburniella bilaris</i> (Westwood)
Blattidae	<i>Eleale</i> sp.
<i>Platyzosteria melanaria</i> (Erichson)	4 unidentified species
5 unidentified species	Coccinellidae
Coleoptera	<i>Cleobora mellyi</i> Mulsant
Alleculidae	<i>Coccinella repanda</i> Thunberg*
2 unidentified species	21 unidentified species
Anobiidae	Colyiidae
5 unidentified species	3 unidentified species
Bostrychidae	Cucujoidea
<i>Xylion collaris</i> (Erichson)	4 unidentified species
Buprestidae	Curculionidae
<i>Cisseis acudata</i> (Kirby)	<i>Acalonoma pusilla</i> Blackburn*
<i>Castiarina wilsoni</i> (Saunders)	<i>Autetobius</i> sp.#
<i>Ethon affine</i> (Laporte & Glory)	<i>Belus bideniatus</i> (Donovan)
<i>Germarica lilliputana</i> (Thomson)	<i>Belus bimaculatus</i> Pascoe
<i>Melobasis innocua</i> (Thomson)	<i>Euthypbasis acuta</i> Pascoe*
<i>Melobasis sparsa</i> (Levy)	<i>Gonipterus gibberus</i> Boisduval
<i>Nascioides parryi</i> (Hope)	<i>Gonipterus lepidotus</i> Gyllenhal
Byrrhidae	<i>Gonipterus</i> sp.
1 unidentified species	<i>Haplonyx</i> sp.
Cantharidae	<i>Merimnetes</i> sp.
<i>Chauliognathus lugubris</i> (Fabricius)	<i>Pachyura australis</i> Hope
<i>Chauliognathus nobilitatus</i> (Erichson)	<i>Myllorhinus multidentatus</i> (Chevrolet)
14 unidentified species	<i>Myllorhinus bicaudatus</i> (Boisduval)
Carabidae	<i>Rhadinomus lacordairei</i> Pascoe
5 unidentified species	<i>Scotasmus</i> sp.
Cerambycidae	<i>Syarbis alcyone</i> Lea
<i>Ancita marginicollis</i> (Boisduval)	65 unidentified species
<i>Bethelium signiferum</i> (Newman)	Elateridae
<i>Coptocercus rubripes</i> (Boisduval)	<i>Agrypnus pictipennis</i> (Candeze)
<i>Pytheus erosus</i> (Macleay)	11 unidentified species
<i>Tessaromma sericans</i> (Erichson)	Lathridiidae
<i>Tessaromma undatum</i> Newman	2 unidentified species
<i>Toxentes arcuatus</i> (Fabricius)	Lucanidae
<i>Zoedia divisa</i> (Pascoe)	<i>Syndesus cornutus</i> Fabricius
2 unidentified species	Lycidae
Chrysomelidae	<i>Metriorrhynchus</i> sp.a
<i>Acacicola hamadryas</i> Stal	<i>Metriorrhynchus</i> sp.b
<i>Acacicola orphana</i> (Erichson)	Melandryidae
<i>Altica pagana</i> Blackburn	4 unidentified species
<i>Cadmus australis</i> Boisduval	Melyridae
<i>Cadmus crincicollis</i> Boisduval*	5 unidentified species
<i>Cadmus</i> sp.4#	Mordellidae
<i>Cadmus strigillatus</i> Chapuis	5 unidentified species
<i>Chrysophtharta aurea</i> Blackburn	Nitidulidae
<i>Chrysophtharta bimaculata</i> (Olivier)	7 unidentified species
<i>Chrysophtharta crucata</i> (Boisduval)*	Oedemeridae
<i>Chrysophtharta decolorata</i> (Chapuis)	<i>Dobrnia miranda</i> Newman
<i>Chrysophtharta nobilitata</i> (Erichson)	1 unidentified species
<i>Chrysophtharta philomela</i> Blackburn	Phalacridae
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp.a#	1 unidentified species
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp.b#	Ptinidae
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp.c#	1 unidentified species
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp.f#	Scarabaeidae
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp.h#	<i>Diphucephala colaspoides</i> (Gyllenhal)
<i>Paropsides umbrosa</i> Chapuis	<i>Heteronyx crinitus</i> Blackburn
<i>Paropsis aegrota</i> var. <i>elliotti</i> Selman*	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp.a
<i>Paropsis deboeri</i> Selman	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp.b
<i>Paropsis dilatata</i> Erichson	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp.c
<i>Paropsis porosa</i> Erichson	<i>Liparetus atratus</i> Burmeister
<i>Paropsis</i> sp.a#	<i>Liparetus convexus</i> Boisduval
<i>Paropsis tasmanica</i> Baly	<i>Phyllotocus erythropterus</i> Blanchard
<i>Paropsisterna nucea</i> (Erichson)	<i>Xylonychus piliger</i> Blanchard
<i>Platycolaspis australis</i> Jacoby	4 unidentified species
<i>Trachymela papulosa</i> (Chapuis)*	Scraptiidae
<i>Trachymela rugosa</i> (Chapuis)	<i>Scraptia</i> sp.
58 unidentified species	1 unidentified species

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Staphylinidae	8 unidentified species	Scatopsidae	1 unidentified species
Tenebrionidae	<i>Lepispilus sulcicollis</i> (Boisduval)	Scenopinidae	1 unidentified species
	2 unidentified species	Sciaridae	8 unidentified species
Collembola		Stratiomyidae	3 unidentified species
Hypogastruridae	<i>Hypogastrura purpurescens</i> (Lubbock)	Syrphidae	4 unidentified species
Entomobryidae	<i>Australotomurus</i> sp. [#]	Tabanidae	3 unidentified species
	<i>Lepidocyrtoides</i> sp. [#]	Tachinidae	5 unidentified species
Sminthuridae	<i>Rastriopes</i> sp. [#]	Tipulidae	6 unidentified species
	<i>Polykatianna</i> sp. [#]		
Tomoceridae	<i>Lepidophorella</i> sp. [#]	Hemiptera	
Paronellidae	3 unidentified species	Acanthosomatidae	<i>Anischys</i> sp.
Dermoptera		Alydidae	1 unidentified species
Forficulidae	1 unidentified species	Aphididae	4 unidentified species
Diptera		Cicadellidae	<i>Alocephalus ianthe</i> (Kirkaldy)*
Agromyzidae	2 unidentified species		<i>Austrolopa brunensis</i> Evans
Anisopodidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Batracomorphus augustatus</i> (Evans)*
Asilidae	6 unidentified species		<i>Batracomorphus elegans</i> (Evans)
Bibionidae	3 unidentified species		<i>Batracomorphus ?elegans</i>
Bombyliidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Batracomorphus</i> sp. [#]
Calliphoridae	3 unidentified species		<i>Euleimonios</i> sp.nov. [#]
Cecidomyiidae	3 unidentified species		<i>Haplodelphax iuncicola</i> (Kirkaldy)*
Ceratopogonidae	3 unidentified species		<i>Ipoella</i> sp. [#]
Chironomidae	14 unidentified species		<i>Kahaono</i> sp.
Chloropidae	7 unidentified species		<i>Neotartessus flavipes</i> (Spanberg)
Clusiidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Paralimnus smithtoniensis</i> Evans
Culicidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Rosapaella evansi</i> Webb
Dolichopodidae	6 unidentified species		<i>Rosopaella cuprea</i> (Walker)
Empididae	8 unidentified species		<i>Rosopaella</i> sp.
Fergusoninidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Rubria</i> sp.
Heliomyzidae	2 unidentified species		<i>Rubria</i> sp. a.
Lauxaniidae	3 unidentified species		<i>Rubria</i> sp. b.
Muscidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Stenocotis depressa</i> (Walker)
Mycetophilidae	5 unidentified species		<i>Tenuitartessus blundellensis</i> (Evans)
Perissommatidae	1 unidentified species		<i>Trocnada</i> sp. [#]
Phoridae	4 unidentified species		<i>Vulturinus</i> sp. [#]
Platystomatidae	2 unidentified species		<i>Zygina evansi</i> (Ross)
Rhagionidae	3 unidentified species		<i>Zygina zealandica</i> (Myers)
			15 unidentified species
		Cicadidae	<i>Cicadetta torrida</i> (Erichson)
		Cixiidae	4 unidentified species
		Coccidae	7 unidentified species
		Coreidae	<i>Amorbus obscuricornis</i> (Westwood)
			<i>Gelonus tasmanicus</i> (Le Guillou)
		Eniocephalidae	1 unidentified species
		Eriococcidae	<i>Eriococcus coriaceus</i> Maskell
		Eurymelidae	<i>Eurymeloides bicincta</i> (Erichson)
			3 unidentified species
		Flatidae	<i>Siphanta bebes</i> (Walker)
		Lygaeidae	<i>Euander lacertosus</i> (Erichson)
			8 unidentified species

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Machaerotidae	<i>Phellopsylla</i> n2 [#]
<i>Chaetophyes compacta</i> (Walker)	<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. [#]
3 unidentified species	<i>Platylobria maddeni</i> Taylor
Membracidae	Schedotrioza ? [#]
<i>Naunus tasmaniae</i> (Fairmaire) *	<i>Schedotrioza</i> a [#]
4 unidentified species	<i>Schedotrioza</i> b [#]
Miridae	<i>Schedotrioza</i> c [#]
19 unidentified species	<i>Schedotrioza</i> d [#]
Nabidae	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp. [#]
<i>Nabis</i> sp.	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp.1 [#]
Pentatomidae	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp.2 [#]
<i>Cermatulus nasalis</i> (Westwood)	<i>Spondyliaspis?</i> gen. et sp. nov. [#]
<i>Dictyotus caenosus</i> (Westwood)	<i>Trioza</i> ? sp. [#]
16 unidentified species	<i>Trioza</i> A [#]
Piesmidae	<i>Trioza</i> ?c [#]
1 unidentified species	<i>Trioza</i> a [#]
Pseudococcidae	<i>Trioza</i> b [#]
5 unidentified species	<i>Trioza</i> d [#]
Psyllidae	<i>Trioza</i> c [#]
<i>Aacanthocnema</i> sp. [#]	<i>Trioza</i> nr.a [#]
<i>Aacanthocnema?</i> <i>dobsoni</i> (Fr.)*	<i>Trioza</i> nr.b [#]
<i>Acizzia</i> ?sp. [#]	Reduviidae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. [#]	5 unidentified species
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.a [#]	Scutelleridae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.b [#]	<i>Scutiphora pedicellata</i> (Kirby)
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.c [#]	Thaumastocoridae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.d [#]	<i>Baclozygum depressum</i> Bergroth
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.e [#]	Tingidae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.f [#]	<i>Epimixia</i> sp.
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.g [#]	Hymenoptera
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.h [#]	Apidae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.i [#]	<i>Apis mellifera</i> Linnaeus
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.j [#]	Bethylidae
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.k [#]	8 unidentified species
<i>Acizzia</i> sp.l [#]	Braconidae
<i>Anoconeossa copidiformis</i> Taylor	<i>Doryctes</i> sp. [#]
<i>Australopsylla</i> ?(nr.)sp.a [#]	<i>Syngaster</i> sp. [#]
<i>Australopsylla</i> ? <i>marmorata</i>	<i>Trichiohelcon rufoniger</i> (Turner)
<i>Australopsylla marmorata</i> (Froggatt)	47 unidentified species
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp.a [#]	Chalcidoidea
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp.b [#]	120 unidentified species
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp.c [#]	Chrysididae
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp.d [#]	3 unidentified species
<i>Cardiaspina</i> ? sp. [#]	Cleptidae
<i>Cardiaspina</i> ? <i>spiniifera</i> (Froggatt)	3 unidentified species
<i>Creiis</i> ? sp. [#]	Colletidae
<i>Creiis</i> sp. "tas" [#]	5 unidentified species
<i>Creiis</i> sp.a [#]	Cynipidae
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> b1 [#]	6 unidentified species
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> l [#]	Eumenidae
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> k [#]	2 unidentified species
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> sp. [#]	Formicidae
<i>Ctenarytana</i> a3 [#]	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.a [#]
<i>Ctenarytana</i> b [#]	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.b [#]
<i>Ctenarytana</i> c [#]	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.c [#]
<i>Ctenarytana</i> d [#]	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.d [#]
<i>Ctenarytana</i> d2 [#]	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.e [#]
<i>Ctenarytana eucalypti</i> (Maskell)	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.f [#]
<i>Glycaspis dobsoni</i> Moore*	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.g [#]
<i>Glycaspis dreptodria</i> Moore	<i>Anonychomyrma</i> sp.h [#]
<i>Glycaspis planitecta</i> Moore	<i>Camponotus</i> sp.a
<i>Glycaspis</i> sp. [#]	<i>Camponotus</i> sp.b
<i>Hyalinaspis</i> ? <i>rubra</i>	<i>Camponotus</i> sp.c
<i>Hyalinaspis rubra</i> (Froggatt)	<i>Camponotus</i> sp.d
<i>Hyalinaspis</i> sp. [#]	<i>Meranoplus</i> sp.
<i>Phellopsylla</i> a [#]	<i>Myrmecia</i> sp.a
<i>Phellopsylla</i> b [#]	<i>Myrmecorhynchus</i> sp.a
<i>Phellopsylla</i> c [#]	<i>Myrmecorhynchus</i> sp.b
<i>Phellopsylla</i> d [#]	<i>Notoncus</i> sp.
<i>Phellopsylla</i> e [#]	<i>Prolasius</i> sp.a
<i>Phellopsylla</i> n [#]	

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- Prolasius* sp.b
Rhytidoponera sp.a
Stigmatocros sp.a
Stigmatocros sp.b#
 7 unidentified species
 Ichneumonidae
 28 unidentified species
 Megalyridae
 1 unidentified species
 Megastigmidae
 13 unidentified species
 Mutillidae
Ephutomorpha dorsigera (Westwood)
 Pergidae
Lophyrotoma interrupta (Klug)
Perga affinis insularis Riek
Pergagraptia bella (Newman)
Pseudoperga lewisii (Westwood)
 Platygasteridae
 2 unidentified species
 Pompilidae
 2 unidentified species
 Proctotrupidae
 6 unidentified species
 Scoliidae
 1 unidentified species
 Sphecidae
 1 unidentified species
 Tenthredinidae
 1 unidentified species
 Tiphiidae
 7 unidentified species
 Lepidoptera
 Anthelidae
Anthela acuta (Walker)
Anthela nicotioe (Boisduval)
Anthela ocellata (Walker)
Anthela sp.a
Anthela sp.b
Pterolocera amplicornis Walker
Pterolocera sp.a
 Arctiidae
Castulo doubledayi (Newman)
Nyctemera amica (White)
Palaeosia bicosta (Walker)
Phaeophlebosia furcifera Walker
Scoliacma bicolora Boisduval
Spilosoma glatignyi (Le Guillou)
Utetheisa pulchelloides Hampson
 Cossidae
Culama australis Walker
 Cosmopterigidae
Macrobathra sp.
 Gelechiidae
Protelechia sp.
 Geometridae
Boarmia lyciaria (Guenee)
Boarmia sp. a
Boarmia sp.b
Capusa senilis Walker
Chlenias sp.
Chlorocoma dichloraria (Guenee)
Chlorodes boisduvalaria (Le Guillou)
Chrysolarentia vicissata (Guenee)
Cleora bitaeniaria (Le Guillou)
 "Cidaria" subochraria Doubleday*
Crypsiphona oculitaria (Donovan)
Dichromodes ainaria Guenee
Ectropis excursaria (Guenee)
Ectropis exsuperata (Walker)
Eucyclodes buprestaria Guenee
Euloxia meandraria (Guenee)
Gastrinodes bitaeniaria (Le Guillou)
Heliomystis electrica Meyrick
Hypobapta eugramma (Low.)*
Hypobapta percomptaria (Guenee)
Melanodes anthracitaria Guenee
Microdes squamulata Guenee
Mnesampela comarcha Meyrick
Mnesamplela privata (Guenee)
Monoctenia falernaria Guenee
Niceteria macrocosma (Low.)*
Paralaea beggaria Guenee
Plesanemma fucata (Felder & Rogenhofer)
Stathmorrhopa berberi (Turner)
Thalaina inscripta Walker
Thalaina selenaea Doubleday
 36 unidentified species
 Gracillariidae
Acrocercops laciniella (Meyrick)
 1 unidentified species
 Heliozelidae
Heliozela sp.
 1 unidentified species
 Hepialidae
Abantiades latipennis Tindale
Abantiades sp.a
Aenetus lignivoren (Lewin)
Fraus latistria Nielsen & Kristensen
Oncopera intricata Walker
Oxycanus sordidus Herrich-Schaffer
Trictena argentata Herrich-Schaffer
 Hypertrophidae
Hypertropha tortriciformis (Guenee)
 Lasiocampidae
Digglesia australasiae (Fabricius)
Digglesia sp.a
Entometa fervens (Walker)
Opsirhina albigutta (Walker)
Pernattia exposita (Lewin)
 1 unidentified species
 Limacodidae
Doratifera pinguis (Walker)
 Lycaenidae
Neolucia hobartensis (Miskin)
Paralucia aurifer (Blanchard)
 Lymantriidae
Acyphas leucomelas (Walker)
Teia anartoides Walker
 Noctuidae
Agrotis infusa (Boisduval)
Agrotis porphyricollis Guenee
Amphipyra sanguinipuncta Guenee
Dasygaster nephelistis Hampson
Dasygaster padockina (Le Guillou)*
Diarsia intermixta (Guenee)
Euplexia sp.
Eutrichopidia latinus (Donovan)
Helicoverpa punctigera (Wallengren)
Heliothis rubescens (Walker)
Neumichtris sepultrix (Guenee)
Nola aulacota Meyrick
Pantydia sparsa Guenee
Persectania ewingii (Westwood)
Praxis edwardsii Guenee
Praxis sp.
Rhapsa suscitatis (Walker)
Rictonis atra (Guenee)
*Rictonis gypsina**
Rictonis sp. nr. *flexirena* (Walker)
Rictonis sp.

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- Sideridis costalis* (Walker)*
Uraba lugens Walker
 Notodontidae
Danima banksiae (Lewin)
Hylaeora inclyta (Walker)
Sorama bicolor Walker
 Nymphalidae
Argynnis hobartia (Westwood)
Geitoneura klugi (Guerin-Meneville)
Heteronympha merope (Fabricius)
Heteronympha penelope Waterhouse
Junonia villida (Fabricius)
Vanessa kershawi (McCoy)
Oreixenica lathoniella (Westwood)
 Oecophoridae
Agriophara sp.
Artiastis sp.
Cryptophasa albacosta Lewin
Garrha callianassa (Meyrick)
Machimia parthenopa (Meyrick)
Oenochroa sp.
Stathmopoda cephalaea Meyrick
Wingia lambertella (Wing)
 Pieridae
Pieris rapae (Linnaeus)
 Psychidae
Clania sp.
Lepidoscia arctiella Walker
Narycia sp.
 Pyralidae
Gauna aegusalis (Walker)
Hednota sp.
Macalla sp.
Uresiphita ornithopteralis (Guenee)
 Saturniidae
Opodiphthera helena (White)
 Sphingidae
Hippotion scrofa (Boisduval)
 Thaumetopoeidae
Epicoma melanospila (Wallengren)
Trichiocercus mesomelas (Walker)*
 Tortricidae
Acropolitis ptychosema Turner
Epiphyas ashworthana (Newman)
Epiphyas plastica (Meyrick)
Epiphyas postvittana (Walker)
Epiphyas sp.
Palaeotoma styphelana Meyrick
 2 unidentified species
 Zygaenidae
Pollanis viridipulverulentus Guerin-Meneville
 Mantodea
 Mantidae
Orthodera ministralis (Fabricius)
 Mecoptera
 Bittacidae
Harpobittacus australis Klug
 Neuroptera
 Chrysopidae
Chrysopa edwardsi Banks
 Hemerobiidae
Drepanacra binocula (Newman)
 Mantispidae
Calomantispa venusta Lambkin
Campion australasiae (Guerin)
Campion callosus Lambkin
 Odonata
 Corduliidae
 1 unidentified species
 Gomphidae
Austrogomphus guerini (Rambur)
 Orthoptera
 Acrididae
Austroicetes sp.
Gastrimargus musicus (Fabricius)
Phaulacridium vittatum (Sjostedt)
Russalpia albertisi (Bolivar)
Tasmaniacris tasmaniensis (Bolivar)
 3 unidentified species
 Tettigoniidae
Acripeza reticulata Guerin
 1 unidentified species
 Plecoptera
 Gripopterygidae
 3 unidentified species
 Notonemouridae
Kimminosperla sp.
Spaniocerca sp.
 1 unidentified species
 Psocoptera
 Caeciliidae
Caecilius semifuscatus (Tillyard)
Caecilius sp.
 Ectopsocidae
Ectopsocus briggsi McLachlan
 Peripsocidae
Peripsocus sp.
 Philotarsidae
Haplophallus paraguttatus (Tillyard)*
Haplophallus sp.
 1 unidentified species
 Thysanoptera
 Phlaeothripidae
 9 unidentified species
 Trichoptera
 Hydropsychidae
 1 unidentified species
 * Indicates species not listed in the Tasmanian insect fauna as listed by Semmens *et al.* 1992.
 # Indicates undescribed 'new' species.

APPENDIX 2
Insect/host plant associations*

		<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	<i>Acacia myrifolia</i>	<i>Acacia terminalis</i>	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	<i>Eucalyptus amygdalina</i>	<i>Eucalyptus dabympleana</i>	<i>Eucalyptus delegatensis</i>	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	<i>Eucalyptus pulchella</i>	<i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i>	<i>Eucalyptus tenuiramis</i>	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	<i>Pultenaea gunnii</i>	<i>Pultenaea juniperina</i>	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Acrididae	<i>Phaulacridium vittatum</i>										+		+											
Anthelidae	<i>Anthela</i> sp. a	+																						
	<i>Anthela</i> sp. b																		+					
	<i>Pterolocera</i> sp.	+																						
Bostrychidae	<i>Xylion collaris</i>						+						+											
Cerambycidae	<i>Ancita marginicollis</i>	+																						
	<i>Bethelium signiferum</i>	+																						
	<i>Coptocercus rubripes</i>								+				+			+		+						
	<i>Epithora dorsalis</i>								+				+			+		+						
	<i>Pytheus erosus</i>												+											
	<i>Toxeutes</i> sp.												+	+										
	<i>Zoedia divisa</i>	+																						
	Chrysomelidae	<i>Acacicola hamadryas</i>	+																					
		<i>Acacicola orphana</i>	+				+																	
		<i>Acacicola</i> sp. b																					+	+
<i>Cadmus australis</i>									+			+	+		+									
<i>Cadmus crinicollis</i>																+		+						
<i>Cadmus strigillatus</i>															+									
<i>Cadmus</i> sp. 4									+	+					+	+		+						
<i>Cadmus</i> sp. a									+															
<i>Chrysophtharta aurea</i>									+							+		+						
<i>Chrysophtharta bimaculata</i>											+	+	+											
<i>Chrysophtharta crucata</i>															+									
<i>Chrysophtharta decolorata</i>										+					+		+	+						
<i>Chrysophtharta nobilitata</i>										+	+				+	+	+	+	+					
<i>Chrysophtharta philomela</i>										+		+			+	+	+	+	+					
<i>Chrysophtharta variicollis</i>										+	+		+		+			+						
<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp. a									+			+	+	+			+							

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp. c												+		+								
	<i>Chrysophtharta</i> sp. h								+														
	<i>Haltica pagana</i>	+																					
	<i>Nascio parryi</i>											+											
	<i>Paropsides umbrosa</i>	+																					
	<i>Paropsis aegrota elliottii</i>								+		+		+			+							
	<i>Paropsis deboeri</i>								+			+					+	+					
	<i>Paropsis dilatata</i>								+			+					+						
	<i>Paropsis porosa</i>								+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+					
	<i>Paropsis tasmanica</i>											+	+										
	<i>Paropsis</i> sp. a																						
	<i>Paropsisterna nucea</i>									+			+										
	<i>Trachymela papulosa</i>								+		+		+	+									
	<i>Trachymela rugosa</i>								+	+	+		+		+	+							
Cicadidae	<i>Cicadetta torrida</i>	+										+				+							
Cicadellidae	<i>Tenuitartessus blundellensis</i>								+							+							
Coreidae	<i>Amorbus obscuricornis</i>								+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+					
	<i>Gelonus tasmanicus</i>								+		+		+			+		+					
Curculionidae	<i>Acalonoma pusilla</i>																						+
	<i>Belus bidentatus</i>	+																					
	<i>Belus bimaculatus</i>	+																					
	<i>Gonipterus gibberus</i>															+							+
	<i>Gonipterus lepidotus</i>								+														
	<i>Gonipterus scutellatus</i>								+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
	<i>Merimmetes</i> sp.								+	+													
	<i>Rachiodes bicaudatus</i>											+											+
	<i>Rachiodes multidentatus</i>								+		+	+											
	<i>Rhadinomus lacordairei</i>									+													
	<i>Syarbis alcyone</i>												+			+							
Eriococcidae	<i>Eriococcus coriaceus</i>								+		+	+	+		+	+							+
Eurymelidae	<i>Eurymeloides bicincta</i>								+														
Gelechiidae	<i>Protolechia</i> sp.									+	+				+								
Geometridae	<i>Boarmia</i> sp.	+																					
	<i>Capusa senilis</i>								+													+	
	<i>Chlenias</i> sp.	+							+		+											+	
	<i>Chlorocoma dichloraria</i>	+																					
	<i>Chlorodes boisduvalia</i>																						+
	<i>Cleora bitaeniaria</i>								+														
	<i>Crypsiphona occultaria</i>								+				+										

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<i>Dichromodes ainaria</i>	+																					
	<i>Ectropis excursaria</i>																		+				
	<i>Euloxia meandraria</i>								+														
	<i>Hypobapta percomptaria</i>								+														
	<i>Microdes squamulata</i>	+																					
	<i>Mnesampela comarcha</i>									+			+										
	<i>Mnesampela privata</i>									+	+	+					+						
	<i>Monoctenia falernaria</i>												+										
	<i>Stathmorrhopa berberi</i>								+														
	<i>Thalaina inscripta</i>	+																					
	<i>Thalaina selenaea</i>		+																				
Gracillariidae	<i>Acrocercops</i> sp.								+	+	+		+			+		+					
Heliozelidae	<i>Heliozela prodela</i>												+										
Hepialidae	<i>Aenetus ligniveren</i>												+										
Lasiocampidae	<i>Pernattia exposita</i>						+																
Limacodidae	<i>Doratifera pinguis</i>								+		+					+		+					
Lymantriidae	<i>Acyphas leucomelas</i>	+	+						+		+									+			
	<i>Teia anartoides</i>	+							+				+							+			
Lyonetiidae	<i>Stegommata sufuratella</i>							+															
Machaerotidae	<i>Chaetophyes compacta</i>								+	+	+		+			+	+	+					
Membracidae	<i>Daunus tasmaniae</i>	+																					
Noctuidae	<i>Leucania eugrapha</i>								+														
	<i>Uraba lugens</i>								+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+					
Notodontidae	<i>Danima banksiae</i>							+															
	<i>Hylaeora inclyta</i>									+													
	<i>Sorama bicolor</i>												+										
	<i>Trichocerus mesomelas</i>								+				+										
Oecophoridae	<i>Garrha callianassa</i>							+															
	<i>Hypertropha tortriciformis</i>										+		+						+				
	<i>Machimia parthenopa</i>								+			+											
	<i>Oenochroa</i> sp.								+														
Pergidae	<i>Lophyrotoma interrupta</i>															+							
	<i>Perga affinis insularis</i>											+	+										
	<i>Pergagraptella bella</i>								+														
	<i>Pseudoperga lewisii</i>								+										+				
Psychidae	<i>Clania</i> sp.								+														
	<i>Lepidoscia arctiella</i>	+							+														
	<i>Narycia</i> sp.												+			+							
Psyllidae	<i>Acizzia acaciaedealbata</i>	+																					

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. a	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. b	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. c	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. d	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. e	+				+																	
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. g	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. i			+																			
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. j				+																		
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. k	+																					
<i>Acizzia</i> sp. L			+																			
<i>Anoeconeossa copidiformis</i>								+		+		+			+		+					
<i>Anoeconeossa</i> sp.								+		+		+		+	+		+					
<i>Australopsylla marmorata</i>								+							+							
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp. B																					+	
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp. c									+													
<i>Australopsylla</i> sp. d								+														
<i>Cardiaspina spinifera</i>																						+
<i>Cardiaspina</i> sp. nov.								+														
<i>Cardiaspina</i> sp. nov. a								+				+										
<i>Creiis</i> 'Tas' sp.								+	+			+			+						+	
<i>Ctenarytaina eucalypti</i>									+		+	+										
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> sp.								+	+			+									+	
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> sp. b								+				+		+	+							
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> sp. c									+													
<i>Ctenarytaina</i> sp. d											+											
<i>Glycaspis dobsoni</i>										+												
<i>Glycaspis dreptodria</i>									+			+		+								
<i>Glycaspis planitecta</i>												+										
<i>Glycaspis</i> sp.								+	+	+		+		+	+						+	
<i>Hyalinaspis rubra</i>								+	+	+											+	
<i>Hyalinaspis</i> sp.								+				+		+							+	
<i>Hyalinaspis</i> sp. a											+											
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp.										+												
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. a												+		+								
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. b	+						+	+	+			+		+								
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. c								+							+							
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. e									+													
<i>Phellopsylla</i> sp. g								+														
<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp.								+				+										

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp. a								+														
	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp. b									+													
	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp. c									+					+								
	<i>Schedotrioza</i> sp. i								+										+				
	<i>Trioza</i> sp. b						+																
	<i>Trioza</i> sp. c						+																
	<i>Trioza</i> sp. d						+													+			
Pyrilidae	<i>Gauna aegusalis</i>	+	*																				
	<i>Macalla</i> sp.																					+	
Saturniidae	<i>Opodiphthera helena</i>								+	+										+	*		
Scarabaeidae	<i>Diphucephala colaspoides</i>	+	*																				
	<i>Heteronyx crinitus</i>								+		+												
	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp. a								+	+	+									+			
	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp. b																			+			
	<i>Heteronyx</i> sp. c								+							+							
	<i>Liparetus atratus</i>															+				+			
	<i>Liparetus convexus</i>									+	*				+								
	<i>Phyllotocus erythropterus</i>																					+	
	<i>Xylonychus pilifer</i>								+	*						+							
Stenommatidae	<i>Agriophara</i> sp.															+							
Thaumetopocidae	<i>Epicoma melanospila</i>								+						+	*				+	*		
Tingidae	<i>Epimixia</i> sp.	+							+	+					+								
Tortricidae	<i>Acropolitis tychosema</i>								+	*		+	*		+								
	<i>Epiphyas ashworthana</i>	+	*										+	*									
	<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>													+	*								
	<i>Palaeotoma styphelana</i>								+	*		+		+	*					+			
TOTALS		35	2	2	1	2	4	5	74	33	30	19	64	5	24	31	10	46	4	2	3	1	1

* Species with known hosts as indicated but not actually feeding when collected.