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MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

REPORT ON INVERTEBRATE RESEARCH PROJECT, 1987-1988

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In the preceding year, I have devoted more time to identifying the backlog of specimens collected in previous years than to field work. Nevertheless, I have made collections in two habitats previously unsampled, Maquam Bog, and Charcoal Creek and its banks. A list will be appended of species not previously identified from the refuge. In addition, a long series of Staphylinidae (rove beetles) is currently being studied by Dr. R. Hoebeke of Cornell University, and some difficult Lepidoptera will be identified by Dr. John Rawlins of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

The next academic year, September 1988 - June 1989, I will be on sabbatical leave in Australia, so I will have to suspend work on this project. When I return, I hope to revive and expand it, as part of a larger project to make a preliminary checklist of all invertebrates known from Vermont. This will be of value to the Endangered Species Committee, as well as to taxonomists, ecologists, applied scientists working on wildlife, and others. I will apply for another collecting permit at the appropriate time.

INVERTEBRATES RECORDED FROM THE MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 1987-1988 (includes only species recorded for the first time.)

NAME	FAMILY	COMMON NAME	HABITAT
Ceraclea sp.	Leptoceridae	caddis worm	in sponges
Climaciella sp.	Sisyridae	spongilla fly	in sponges
Eunemobius carolinus	Gryllidae	lowland cricket	alluvial mud
Conocephalus attenuatus	Conocephalidae	a longhorn grasshopper	in marsh grasses
Trichodezia albovittata	Geometridae	white-stripe black moth	on jewelweed
Spilosoma virginica	Arctidae	yellow wooly bear	forest trees
Gracillaria fraxinella	Gracillariidae	ash leafminer	in ash leaves
Lycaena epixanthe	Lycaenidae	bog copper	Maquam bog
Euschistus ictericus	Pentatomidae	stink bug	in marshes
Podisus modestus	Pentatomidae	stink bug	general
Notonecta irrorata	Notonectidae	back swimmer	in shallow pools
Belostoma americana	Belostomatidae	lesser giant water bug	in lake shallows
Chrysops mitis	Tabanidae	deerfly	near swamps
Chrysops aestuans	Tabanidae	deerfly	near swamps
Chrysops cincticollis	Tabanidae	deerfly	near swamps
Chrysops aberrans	Tabanidae	deerfly	near swamps
Hybomitra lasiophthalma	Tabanidae	deerfly	near swamps
Xiphydrya maculata	Xiphidryidae	wood wasp	bores in trees
Hemitaxonus dubinotus	Tenthridinidae	sawfly	plant feeder
Vespula maculifrons	Vespidae	yellowjacket	general
Dolichovespa maculata	Vespidae	white faced hornet	general
Bombus griseocollis	Bombidae	bumble bee	general

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Bombus pennsylvanicus	Bombidae	bumble bee	general
Blethisa multipunctata	Carabidae	marsh ground beetle	marshes
Dienutes assimilis	Gyrinidae	whirligig beetle	river surface
Nicrophorus orbicollis	Silphidae	burying beetle	dead fish
Oiceoptera inaequale	Siphidae	carrion beetle	dead fish
Pelidnota punctata	Scarabaeidae	grape scarab	in river drift
Glischrochilus quadriguttatus	Nitidulidae	sap feeding beetle	dead plants
Neopyrochroa flabellata	Pyrochroidae	fire-colored beetle	under bark of
			dead trees
Diaperus maculata	Tenebrionidae	fungus darkling	in fungi
Xylopinus saperdoides	Tenebrionidae	darkling beetle	under bark
Alobates pennsylvanicus	Tenebrionidae	darkling beetle	under bark
Dircaea bifaciata	Melandryidae	melandryid bark beetle	on bark
Adalia bipunctata	Coccinellidae	2-spot ladybird	general
Coleomagilla maculata	Coccinellidae	11-spot ladybird	general
Parandra brunnea	Cerambycidae	longhorn beetle	dead stumps
Disonychia uniguttata	Chrysomelidae	flea beetle	general
Labidomera clivicollis	Chrysomelidae	leaf beetle	milkweed
Galerucella luteola	Chrysomelidae	leaf beetle	on elm
			(found in river
			drift)