

COMMENTED CHECKLIST OF THE ODONATA OF SURINAM

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A list is given of 283 spp. and sspp., referable to 87 genera of 15 families. Some additional taxa are evidenced but remain unidentified. Notes are supplied on some spp.; *Hetaerina cruentata* (Ramb.), *Argia extranea* (Hag.), *Phyllocycla signata* (Hag.), *Phyllogomphoides audax* (Hag.), *Dythemis sterilis* Hag., *D. velox* Hag., *Erythrodiplax attenuata* (Kirby), *E. ochracea* (Burm.), *E. aequatorialis* Ris and *Perithemis waltheri* Ris are deleted from the national list.

INTRODUCTION

In his recent World List, TSUDA (2000) catalogued 196 species that were so far published from Surinam. The below list covers all the 282 species currently known to occur in that country. Most of these were evidenced during 1938-1965 by the late Dr D.C. Geijskes; merely ca 60 species were documented in the older literature. By 1953, when I became involved in field exploration of the Surinamese odonate fauna (1953-1965), his collection included ca 240 species.

Save for the Gomphidae, the listing is mainly based on the identifications by Geijskes, while liberal use has also been made of the Internet presentation by Dr D.R. Paulson. The lay-out of the checklist follows as much as possible that of DE MARMELS (1990) for the Venezuelan Odonata.

CHECKLIST OF DRAGONFLIES RECORDED FROM SURINAM

[up to March 2001]

The Checklist includes 94 Zygoptera species (in 31 genera, 11 families) and 189 Anisoptera species (in 56 genera, 4 families). The asterisked (*) taxa are commented upon on pp. 5-6.

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