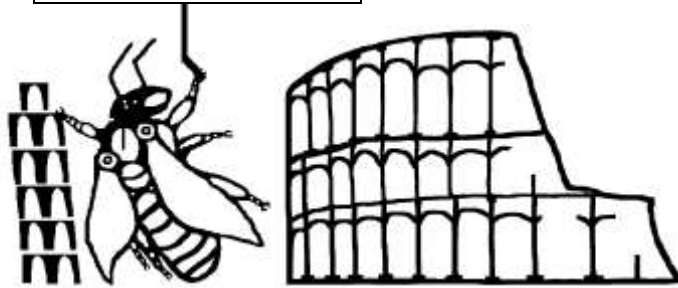


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WORLD BIBLIOGRAPHY ON XYLOCOPINI TRIBE

(INSECTA: HYMENOPTERA: APOIDEA: APIDAE: XYLOCOPINAE):
XYLOCOPA LATREILLE, 1802; *LESTIS* LEPELETIER & SERVILLE, 1828;
PROXYLOCOPA HEDICKE, 1938.

DEDICATED TO:
VICIDOMINI ANTONIO (MY FATHER)
D'ACUNZI ROSA (MY MOTHER)

AIM & METHODS

OBJECTIVES & LIMITS - This volume represents an attempt to draw up an exhaustive bibliographical list regarding (directly and not) all the species of the three genera belonging to Xylocopini tribe (Insecta: Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Apidae: Xylocopinae): *Xylocopa* Latreille, 1802; *Lestis* Lapeletier & Serville, 1828; *Proxycopa* Hedicke, 1938. Fundamental references are reported also for the most important species associated with Xylocopini species, as Chaetodactylidae mites (Acari) and Horiini Meloidae (Coleoptera). The aim of this wide bibliographical list is to make available and/or to accede easily to anyone who is interested in biology, systematics, biogeography about these species, to all bibliographical references dealing to this tribe, from those more recent to the old. The division in disciplines results particularly useful because every researcher is usually interested in a few and exact research field. So, the main purpose is to supply a necessary and sufficient information in order to find a possible bibliographical reference and then, to have right informations in order to know the main contents of reference itself, if the complete title is not available. This list is certainly incomplete, but the absent bibliographical references in this contribution are: 1) very difficult to find; 2) not yet published on examined data bases; 3) not included for my negligence; 4) they received scant or nothing scientific spreading; 5) I have not been way of consulting them yet. Since this list is surely lacking in some references, so I reserve for me to publish at least a second part, to complete this list.

DATA BASES - To get bibliographical references on the genera *Xylocopa*, *Lestis*, *Proxycopa*, the data bases listed in Table I were consulted. The only data base consulted incompletely was (6), of wich the volumes I-XV are absent in the specialized libraries consulted on this subject: University of Bari, Bologna, Naples, Pisa, Portici, Rome (I, II, III); Apiculture Institute of Milan, Rome, Turin. But this is not remarkable because references in (6) relative to Xylocopini species are decreasing considerably since 1970 and under.

All the papers, notes, contributions, messages, abstracts, symposia, seminars, congress, books, guide, etc., wich comprise informations about at least one Xylocopini species or about the tribe in general (also very short quotations) were reported in this list. Moreover the bibliography reported behind every bibliographical reference directly consulted, was reported too. Some theses regarding Xylocopini species or including informations about them were reported. General texts of zoology, ecology, biology, botany, natural history and entomology which comprise informations about Xylocopini species were reported.

LIST ORGANIZZAZIONE - All bibliographical references were classified according to informative substance of their title, if they are not consulted directly; otherwise, if they are consulted directly, they are classified on the ground of the principal contents of the text. For every biological discipline in which the bibliographical references were classified, the organization was carried out alphanumerically. General texts of zoology, ecology, biology, botany, entomology, hymenopterology and natural history ones, were all placed in the section: general books. In this bibliographical list is also reported the bibliography of C. G. Dalla Torre (1896) - *Catalogus Hymenopterorum X* - regarding different Xylocopini species; these references are lacking in title and in contents; they just report the species quoted or examined in the paper; for this reason, all bibliographical references of which it was not possible to find their complete title, were placed in a special section: historical bibliography cited in Dalla Torre C.G. (1896).

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TABLE I: Data bases used for the bibliography.

CODE	DATA BASES	FROM	TO
1	BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS	1927	1996
2	CURRENT CONTENTS IN LIFE SCIENCES	1958	1996
3	CURRENT CONTENTS IN AGRICULTURAL, BIOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	1969	1996
4	ZOOLOGICAL RECORDS	1864	1996
5	ENTOMOLOGY ABSTRACTS	1969	1996
6	APICULTURAL ABSTRACTS	1966	1996
7	REVIEW OF APPLIED ENTOMOLOGY SERIE A	1913	1996
8	HORTICULTURAL ABSTRACTS	1931	1996
9	FIELD CROP ABSTRACTS	1948	1996
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CONCLUSIONS

In regarding to 11 data bases I can conclude that a complete research was carried out, over all scientific periodicals which could comprise informations on biology, systematics and biogeography about Xylocopini species. From every data bases it can be drawn some important conclusions, fit for all the researcher interested in bibliographical complete research about pollinator insects: *a*) the consultation of the most authoritative zoological data base (4) is largely insufficient; besides it is largely lacking in the major part of the studies on pollination, foraging and other plant-insects interactions; *b*) (5) covers just a minimum part of that it can obtain from (1), (4), (6); *c*) the references about plants-insects interactions can be just obtained from (1), (6), but they are incomplete too; *d*) to obtain an almost exhaustive inquiry it should consult data bases (7), (8), (9) too; *e*) current contents are very poor in references; *f*) (6) proposes as the richest and varied in bibliographical references about Xylocopini, but it must be checked page by page in the sections non-*Apis*; *g*) data bases (10) and (11) resulted without any references.

The proposed research is surely incomplete in two aspects, but it is almost exhaustive for all the others: faunistic; pollination and foraging. Infact, studies on faunistics are often published on magazines almost inaccessible (e.g.: East Europe and Asia) and nearly always data bases on which these references appear, do not report the specie-list. In regard to the second aspect, literature is huge and also in this case, the list of pollinator species of the populational-community studies, is not reported in the data bases (zoological, botanic, agronomic); so it should be consulted all the papers about pollination reported by botanical data bases (that do not mention animal species in the systematic index).

On the base of obtained references' number and on the subject and studied species, it can be concluded that *Xylocopa* is one of Apoidea genera which is mostly studied; but for hundreds of tropical species nothing is known except for few scattered notes of systematic and/or distribution. Among subject, mostly studied are as follows: zoogeography & systematics; interspecific interactions with plants and animals; the subjects that need an amplification of the studies certainly concern with the composition of pollen paste, the demography, and the associated microbic species. *Proxycopa* is, on the contrary, among the less studied and known genera among Apoidea, and just three recent references which regard systematics and distribution of some species exist: Wu, 1983; Vicidomini, 1997. This is understandable because nocturnal behaviors makes the eco-ethological studies very arduous. *Lestis* is in the same cognitive conditions of *Proxycopa*, but in this case, a recent study on general biology exist: Houston, 1992. Because of its diurnal habits, it is very strange the indifference of the Australian hymenopterologists to *Lestis* species.

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