

THE PSOCOPTERA (INSECTA) OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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SUMMARY

Fourteen species of Psocoptera are listed from Norfolk Island, of which eleven are described as new. The material recorded was collected widely over the island between 1967 and 1972 as part of a study of the psocopteran fauna of the Melanesian Arc.

INTRODUCTION

Apart from brief mention by Hawkins (1943), who gives family or generic determinations only for a few specimens, nothing has been published on the Psocoptera of Norfolk Island. This paper deals with material collected at various times between 1967 and 1972, the work being part of a study of the psocopteran fauna of the islands of the Melanesian arc. Fourteen species are now known from the island, of which eleven are here described as new. Material was collected mainly by beating and it seems likely that a high proportion of the species obtainable by this method have been taken.

Zoogeographical discussion has been omitted from this paper as we have extensive material, which has not yet been critically examined, from relevant areas, such as Fiji, New Guinea, and New Caledonia, and any comments made at this stage of the study would be premature. Zoogeographical matters will be discussed when our field programme has taken in other areas, such as New Britain, and when the material from the other areas has been dealt with systematically.