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Available online at http://ip30.eti.uva.nl/ccw/

The CCW includes over 17,500 records, covering all genera, subgenera, species, subspecies, and synonyms for the families Cylindrotomidae, Limoniidae, Pediciidae, and Tipulidae (Insecta, Diptera, Nematocera, Tipuloidea, Craneflies).

For all species and subspecies the CCW includes:

- The usual taxonomic information (genus, subgenus, author, publication, synonyms, etc.).
- The distribution, specified in countries, and, for the larger countries, giving the states, provinces, and/or islands.
- An overview of almost all relevant citations from the literature after 1999 (2007 is not yet completely processed). This citation-overview appears automatically below the information for the species. It is separated into sections for taxonomy, distribution, biology, period of flight, and altitude. In the biology section very frequently a summary is presented of the original article (see f.e. *Tanyptra atrata atrata*, under biology, for Great Britain the extensive citation of Stubbs, 2003).

Searching the CCW is very easy. Fill in a name or country, or go to Advanced Search for more specified searching (e.g. islands, biogeographical regions, authors, etc.). Searching ‘Limonia’ gives worldwide 247 records. Searching ‘Great Britain’ gives 330 records for the four Tipuloid families combined. All these records can be consulted individually, or scrolled one after the other. All these records can also be exported to Excel with a single click of the mouse. So, a species list for Great Britain (or any other part of the world) can be generated within a few seconds.

The CCW furthermore includes:

- A reference citation for most of the important details in which it differs from the printed regional catalogues.
- A reference citation for all figures and relevant information published by C.P. Alexander, F.W. Edwards (west palaearctic excepted), G. Theischinger, and as published in most of the fairly recent papers.
- A searchable database for the world literature (presently 5147 titles).
- A manual (on classification, distribution, abbreviations, gender, spelling of names, references).
- Some pictures (to be extended in the near future)
- Statistics.

For the most recent update (18-12-2007) these are:

Number of records: 17502
Genera and subgenera: 682
Recognized species: 15276
Synonyms: 1605
Doubtful taxa: 96
Number of recognized (sub)species per family

Cylindrotomidae: 71 (plus 14 synonyms)
Limoniidae: 10468 (plus 779 synonyms)
Pediciidae: 486 (plus 50 synonyms)
Tipulidae: 4251 (plus 605 synonyms)

Number of recognized (sub)species per region

Holarctic: 4655
Palaearctic: 3115
Nearctic: 1630
Westpalaearctic: 1412
Eastpalaearctic: 1996
Neotropic: 3553
Afrotropic: 1383
Oriental: 3454
Australasian/Oceanian: 2520

Please use the CCW as much as you like and send me your comments so that it can be improved further.

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