

The Entomological Contributions of Josef Nissley Knull (1891-1975)

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Abstract

The first bibliography of the scientific papers of Josef N. Knull (1891-1975) and list of names proposed are presented. One hundred and ninety four papers by Knull and his co-authors are listed along with a tabulation of the new taxa proposed in those works. Data are presented on dates of publication, location of types, and the current status of taxa described or considered by J. N. Knull and A. B. Champlain and J. N. Knull.

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Introduction

Josef Nissley Knull, 1891-1975, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA, was an energetic beetle collector and a prolific author, who published 194 papers on the biology, distribution and systematics of several families of North American beetles, including Buprestidae, Cebrionidae, Cerambycidae, Cleridae, Corynetidae (currently Korynetinae of Cleridae), Elateridae, Eucnemidae, and Plastoceridae. During his career, he published 78 papers in which Buprestidae were described or otherwise considered. Seven of his early papers were co-authored with A. B. Champlain as senior author, while the remaining 71 papers were singly authored. Included in these papers were descriptions of two new genera, 117 new species, and ten new subspecies of Buprestidae (including Schizopodidae). His next largest contribution was on the family Cerambycidae, with 49 papers including host, biological or distribution data and 66 new taxa described. He also authored or co-authored papers describing 26 species of Elateridae, 10 species of Cleridae, three species of Plastoceridae, two species each of Cebrionidae and Fulgoridae (Homoptera) and one species each of Curculionidae and Eucnemidae.