

Checklist of the Species of the Bee Genus *Colletes* Latreille 1802

NUMBER OF *COLLETES* SPECIES

MICHENER (2000) mentions a number of about 330 *Colletes* species known world wide. Since more than 315 species are currently known to me from the Old World – many of them undescribed – the species diversity in this genus is obviously underestimated. In Tab. 1 the number of described taxa is shown. In collections from more remote areas of Asia and Africa new species occur regularly. The same can be expected for South America. Hence, the real number of *Colletes* species might be about 700.

Tab. 1: Number of described *Colletes* taxa for biogeographic regions.

Region	No. of described taxa	Source / Nomenclature
Palaearctic / Oriental	205	DUBITZKY & KUHLMANN (2004), HÖZLER & MAZZUCCO (2011), KUHLMANN (2000, 2002a/b, 2003a/b, 2004, 2005a, 2007a, 2009), KUHLMANN & ASCHER (2011), KUHLMANN & DORN (2002), KUHLMANN & PROSHCHALYKIN (2011), KUHLMANN & QUEST (2006)
Afrotropical	62	KUHLMANN (1998, 2002a, 2005b, 2007b)
Nearctic	107	MICHENER (1993), POOLE & GENTILI (1996), SNELLING (1975), STEPHEN (1954), TIMBERLAKE (1958), NEFF (2004)
Neotropical	95	GENARO (2001, 2003), MOURE & URBAN (2002), Rojas & Toro (1993), Toro (1999), KUHLMANN (1999)
Total	469	

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