

BOOK REVIEWS

COKENDOLPHER, JAMES C. AND VINCENT F. LEE. 1993. *Catalogue of the Cyphopalpatores and Bibliography of the Harvestmen (Arachnida, Opiliones) of Greenland, Canada, U.S.A., and Mexico*. Vintage Press, Lubbock, Texas. Distributed by The Wishing Well, 1200 Clover Drive, Burkburnett, TX 76354. iii + 82 p. Paperback, 17 X 24 cm, \$9.50 includes shipping and handling; also available on 3.5" or 5.25" computer disk, MacIntosh or IBM, \$20.00 includes shipping and handling.

A brochure accompanied the review copy of this publication which contained an abbreviated form of the introduction, and since it effectively outlined the contents, it is reproduced below.

"Harvestmen or daddy-long-legs are found above and below the ground in virtually every terrestrial habitat. They occur well past the Arctic Circle as far north as 73° in Canada. Even so, these often conspicuous and common animals are generally little studied or understood. Like most diverse groups of animals, the literature on Opiliones can be overwhelming. There are currently about 1400 publications (in most major languages of the world) dealing with the opilions of North America. The goal of this publication is to provide as complete as possible a listing of all of those articles (including newspapers, theses, dissertations, and government reports) on both fossil and recent species. All topics are covered including folklore. The literature surveys cover up to the end of 1992. Furthermore, a catalogue and geographical checklist are also provided to the 225 species and 50 genera of Cyphopalpatores (families Caddidae, Ceratolasmatidae, Nemastomatidae, Nemastomoididae, Phalangiidae, Protolophidae, Sabaconidae, Sclerosomatidae, Sironidae, Troglidae) harvestmen from North America."

I have to agree that this publication is all it claims to be. It is arranged in four parts: a list of early names along with their current synonyms; a catalogue of all taxa; a checklist by state, province, and territory; and the bibliography. While the advantages of having this information compiled together seem self-evident, one aspect which is often overlooked in similar compilations is the set of geographic checklists. Now anyone wanting to work on this poorly studied group will know exactly which species have been found in a particular area. The bibliography is exceptionally thorough including, as it does, a number of poorly accessible works.

The authors point out that a bibliography of the West Indian harvestmen fauna was published recently by Cokendolpher & Camilo-Rivera (1989). That publication along with this one cover the bibliography of the entire opilion fauna of North America. This catalog, along with that of Crawford (1992), covers the entire opilion nomenclature of North America.

This privately published catalogue is remarkably free of errors, especially considering the difficulty of proofing the large number of printed scientific names within. It has good print quality, although perhaps not quite as good as the better scientific journals. The price (\$9.50 for the book, \$20.00 for computer disk) is a steal. If you have any interest at all in arachnids or biogeography, get both.

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