



Nesting Angel Bees

Colombia - Book 2 A few orchids and Insects

There were plenty of orchids seen but I only photographed a few (remembering the names is not easy). However we saw plenty of insects in Colombia and some of the most amazing appeared at night - the Dobson Fly and the stunning Dragon-headed Bug - along with some wonderful moths - see Book 3. There were plenty of bugs some days (especially around Jardin) and a few big beetles although not as many as I expected.

I wanted to see Monkey/ Airplane grasshoppers again (after seeing them in Ecuador) and there were many of them around, bright and colourful but almost impossible to ID, surprising given how nicely marked they are.

iNaturalist once again proved invaluable giving some IDs (often to genus only but I don't mind that). One or two relatively rare insects were photographed according to some of the comments which is always good.

Montezuma lodge was the outstanding insect site (although the Dobson Fly was seen at Minca).

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Left: *Espeletia* sp.

Orchids - Left Top: *Telipogon berthae*, Middle: *Telipogon berthae* & Bottom: *Telipogon falcatus*



Orchids: Left Top: *Lepanthes montezumae*, Middle & Bottom: Un-identified
Right: *Maxillaria neophylla*



Orchids - Top: *Cyrtorchilum* sp.
Bottom: *Cyrtorchilum* sp.



Orchids - Top: *Stelis* sp
Bottom: *Epidendrum laeve*



Fungi - Top Left: *Cotylidia* sp. & Right: Caterpillar attacked by a fungus
Bottom: A Yellow Brain Fungus



Cockroaches - Top: *Megalobatta* sp. About 6 inches long!
Bottom Left: Cockroach with mites & Right: Cockroach (both un-identified)



Diptera - Top Right: Green Jewel (hover)fly (*Ornidia obesa*) & Right: *Xanthoepalpus bicolor* - A Tachinid
Bottom Left: A Mydid Fly - a wasp mimic (*Protomydas rubidapex*) and another Tachinid (*Adejeania* sp.)



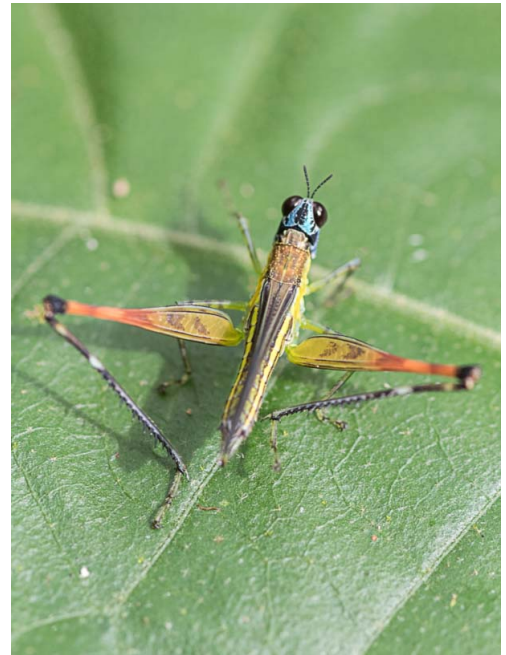
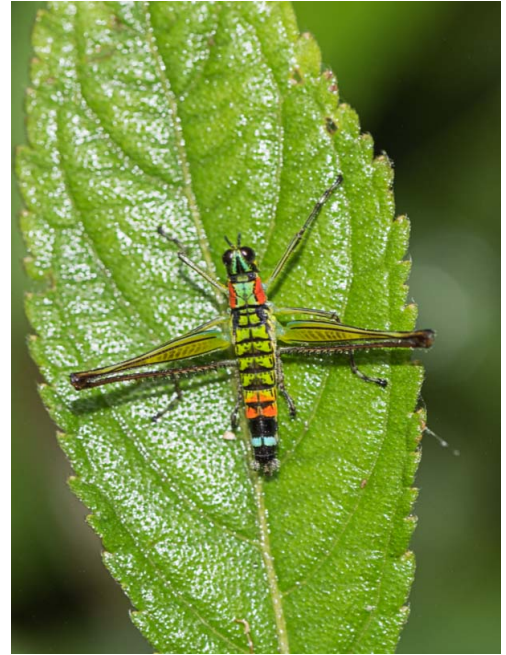
Right: Dobson Fly (*Corydalus* sp.) & a Stonefly (*Perloidea* sp.)



Orthoptera - Top: A small Mole Cricket (un-identified)
Bottom Left: Bush-Cricket (*Anapolisia maculosa*) & Right : Bush-Cricket - Un-identified



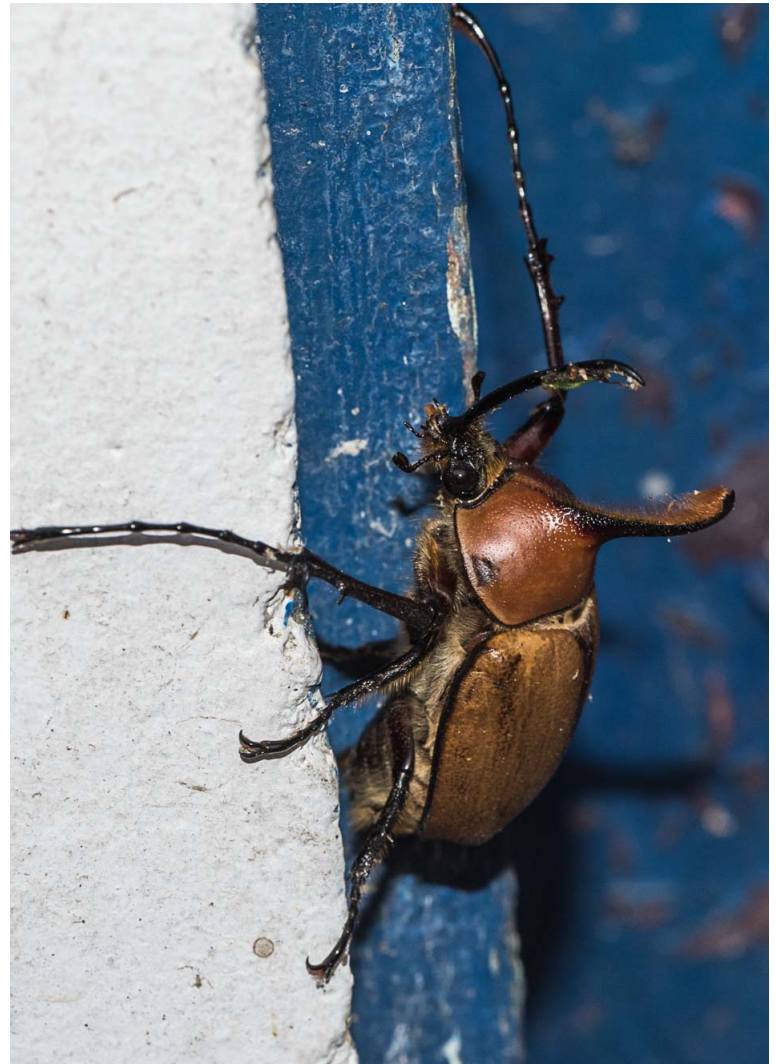
Orthoptera - Bush Crickets - Top : Two different *Itarissa* sp.
Bottom: *Neoconocephalus* sp.



Orthoptera - Airplane/ Monkey Grasshoppers of several species showing the range of colours and markings



Orthoptera - Top Left: *Colpolopha sinuata* & Right: *Opaon varicolor*
Bottom Left: Un-identified Grasshopper & Right: *Rhytidochrota* sp.



Coleoptera - Left: *Enema pan* & Right: *Golofa eacus*



Coleoptera - Top Left: Tortoise Beetle & *Omophoita lunata*
Bottom Left: Unknown Beetle & Right: Fire Click Beetle (*Pyrophorus* sp.)



Coleoptera- Top: *Cyclocerphla brittoni*
Bottom Left: Weevil & *Isotes* sp.



Leafhoppers - Top: *Zuata* sp., *Polyglypta* sp. & *Heranice* sp.
Bottom: Unknown sp., *Macugonalia* sp. & Unknown sp.



Leafhoppers - Top: Both unknown species
Bottom: *Sphenorhina* sp. & *Paramastax* or *Raivuna* sp.



Shield Bugs - Top Left: *Arocera apta* & Right: *Mormidea triangularis*
Bottom: *Hypoxys* sp.



Leaf-footed Bugs - Top: *Phthia* sp.
Bottom: *Leptoglossus conspersus*



Assassin Bugs - Top: Un-identified
Bottom Left: Bee Assassin (*Apiomerus* sp.) & Right: *Zelus ruficeps*



The amazing Dragon Headed Bug (*Phrictus quinquepartitus*)