

Phasmids of Sabah

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Borneo is a place where phasmids can be found in various habitats. Phasmids are insects that include stick and leaf insects which resemble the form of stick or twig and leaf. Historically, there have been many changes in the taxonomy of stick insects. Phasmids are herbivorous insects that only feed on specific foodplants. Spiders, centipedes and mantis are among the most commonly known predators of this fascinating insect. To date, there are more than 80 species of phasmids in Sabah, and mostly can be found in highlands. This article, hopefully would unveil general overview and information of the phasmids. All photos have been captured during expeditions and fieldworks at Kinabalu Park, Crocker Range Park, Mahua, Muaya, Mount Kinabalu, Mount Tambuyokon, Sandakan, Maliau Basin, Tawau and Bohey Dulang Island. This research has been funded by FRGS grant FRG0099-NSH-1/2007.



Presbistus marshallae



Asceles margaritatus



Paralaxopsis korystes



Dinophasma saginatum (female)

Acacus vulgaris



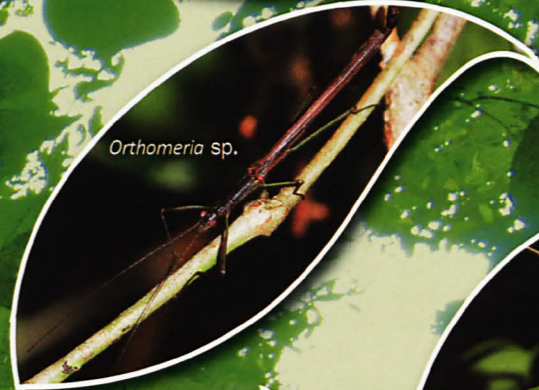
Diesbachia sophiae



Haaniella scabra



Dinophasma saginatum (male)



Orthomeria sp.



Prosteraria arrogans (female)



Parastheneboea laetior laetior



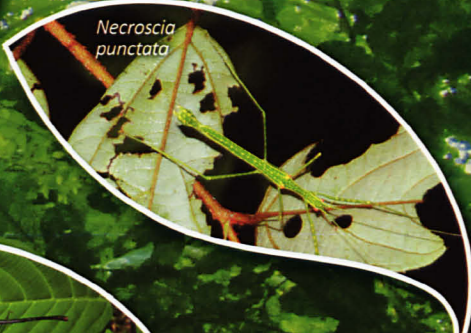
Lonchodes thami



Hoploclonia cuspidata



Lonchodes malleti



Necrosia punctata



Phenacephorus sepilokensis



Phenacephorus sp.



Parastheneboea imponens (female)



Haaniella echinata



Diardia diardi



Aretaon asperrimus



Necrosia inflata



Prosteraria arrogans (male)



Parastheneboea laetior laetior



Calvisia sp.



Aschiphasma annulipes (male)



Phenacephorus parahaematomus



Ophicrania capito