

Databasing dragonflies: State of knowledge in the Neotropical region

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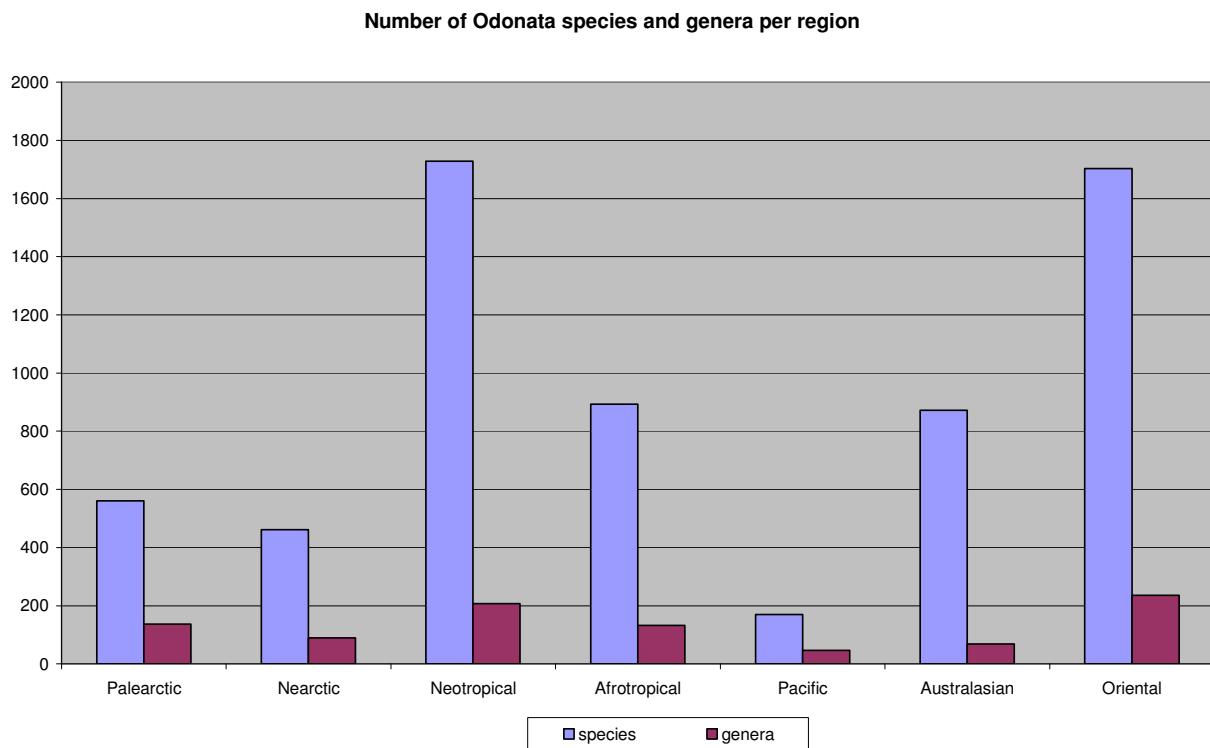
Taxonomy

The Neotropical region extends from the lowlands of Mexico to central Argentina. The fauna from the highlands of N Mexico belongs to the Nearctic region, and that of temperate forests of SW Argentina and Chile to the Austral region (Morrone 2001). However, in order to simplify the analysis and to allow for comparison with previous studies (Paulson 2004; Kalkman *et al.* 2008), the entire area extending from all of Mexico to S South America will be here referred to as Neotropical region.

Thus defined, the Neotropical region is currently the richest in described species of Odonata (1,727), closely followed by the Oriental region (1,703 species), housing almost a third of the world total number of described species (Fig. 1). However, knowledge of the order in this region is still poor and lags behind other regions of the World. New species continue to be found and many are awaiting description in collections; systematics within some families, especially within Zygoptera, has not been properly settled yet, and larvae of two thirds of the described species and of a fourth of the genera are still unknown. The main causes for this are twofold: 1) a regional shortage of trained taxonomic specialists relative to the high diversity of the area, and until recently, 2) lack of a comprehensive literature base covering the entire region. No treatises exist to allow for the identification of all the odonates of this amazingly biodiverse region. This has severely hampered studies in many countries as the literature necessary to identify all known species is scattered and not easy to gather.

This is currently changing, as several identification guides have recently been published for the Neotropical

Figure 1. Comparison of number of species and genera of Odonata between different regions of the world (updated from Kalkman *et al.* 2008).



region: keys to species for Central America (Förster 2001), generic keys for adults of Brazilian Zygoptera (Lencioni 2005, 2006), generic keys for larvae of Brazilian Odonata (Costa *et al.* 2004), generic keys for the New World Anisoptera (Garrison *et al.* 2006), and generic keys for South American Odonata (von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2009). Two volumes authored by Heckman (2006, 2008) treat all species of Odonata described from South America; although the keys they include will not allow for reliable identifications, the compilation of references to specialized papers dealing with each taxon can be useful.

During the last five years (2004-2009) 93 new species (Table 1) and 11 new genera, and the larval stage of 90 species (Table 2) have been described from this region, doubling the number of new species described

in the previous five year period (Paulson 2004). Revisions were published during this period for some genera of Austropetaliidae (von Ellenrieder 2005), Corduliidae (von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2005), Calopterygidae (Garrison 2006), Protoneuridae (Pessacq & Costa 2007; von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2008b), and especially for the diverse family Coenagrionidae (von Ellenrieder & Muzón 2006; De Marmels 2007b; von Ellenrieder 2008a, b; von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2008a; Garrison 2009; Garrison & von Ellenrieder 2009; Machado 2009). Two field guides (Esquivel 2005 for Central America and von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2007a for the cloud forest in Argentina) and several faunal studies including distribution data of Odonata assemblages for particular areas (Table 3) have also been published.

Researchers and Collections

The early stages of Odonatology in this region were the result of the work of several European entomologists; among them Burmeister (1839), Rambur (1842), Selys-Longchamps (including more than 30 contributions from 1853 through 1889, with synopses for families of Zygoptera, and Aeshnidae, Corduliidae, and Gomphidae), Brauer (1865), Mc Lachlan (1878, 1881, 1897), Martin (1907, 1908, 1909a, b, 1911, 1914, 1921, including synopses for Aeshnidae and Corduliidae, and lists for Argentina and Chile), Karsch (1890, 1891a, b, c, d), and Hagen (1860; 1861; 1868), all of which included numerous descriptions of new species. Navás published numerous listings and descriptions between 1911 and 1936, but his descriptions were extremely brief and include numerous synonymies, with the additional problem of most of his types being lost. A similar situation is encountered with Förster's contributions (1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1914). Kirby's illustrated revision of the subfamily Libellulinae (1889) and synonymous catalogue of the Odonata of the world (1890) are still used by students of the order, as is Ris' revision of the Libellulinae (1909-1919), which is still the most comprehensive reference available for some Neotropical genera. Ris (1904, 1908, 1913, 1918) also published listings and descriptions for Argentina and the Andean region. Fraser published monographs on the Austropetaliidae and Petaluridae (Fraser 1933), and described several new species from Peru (Fraser 1946) and Argentina (Fraser 1947, 1948).

Starting in the first half of the Twentieth century several entomologists from North America contributed to the study of the region. Calvert, whose most valuable contribution among his more than 250 publications dealing with Neotropical Odonata was a treatise of all odonate species from Central America (1901-1908, the *Biologia Centrali Americana*), Borrer, who provided important revisions and a key to Libellulinae genera (1931, 1942, 1945), and Gloyd, Kennedy, Montgomery, and Williamson among others with many important contributions.

Only during the second half of the Twentieth century did resident entomologists begin to study odonates in the Neotropical region, with Santos in Brazil, Rácenis in Venezuela, and Geijskes and Belle in Suriname. During the last thirty years research teams developed and are now active in Mexico (under the direction of Enrique González-Soriano, Rodolfo Novelo-Gutiérrez, Alejandro Córdoba-Aguilar), Costa Rica (Carlos Esquivel), Venezuela (Jürg De Marmels), Brazil (Angelo Machado, Janira Costa, Federico Lencioni, Alcimar Carvalho), and Argentina (Javier Muzón, Natalia von Ellenrieder, Pablo Pessacq, Federico Lozano). Several visiting researchers from the USA and Europe (Jerrell Daigle, Nick Donnelly, Sid Dunkle, Bill Mauffray, Mike May, Dennis Paulson, Rosser Garrison, Ken Tennessen and Steve Valley among others) have conducted research in several countries and greatly contributed to the advancement of the knowledge of Odonata in this region.

Several collections house Neotropical Odonata, both in Europe (collected mainly around 1800-1900, and including many types) and in the New World.

European Collections:

BMNH: British Museum of Natural History, Dept. of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, ENGLAND, UK. Large collection, mostly pinned and of old material, but containing type material described by Calvert (1901-1908) in the *Biologia Centrali Americana*, and by other authorities.

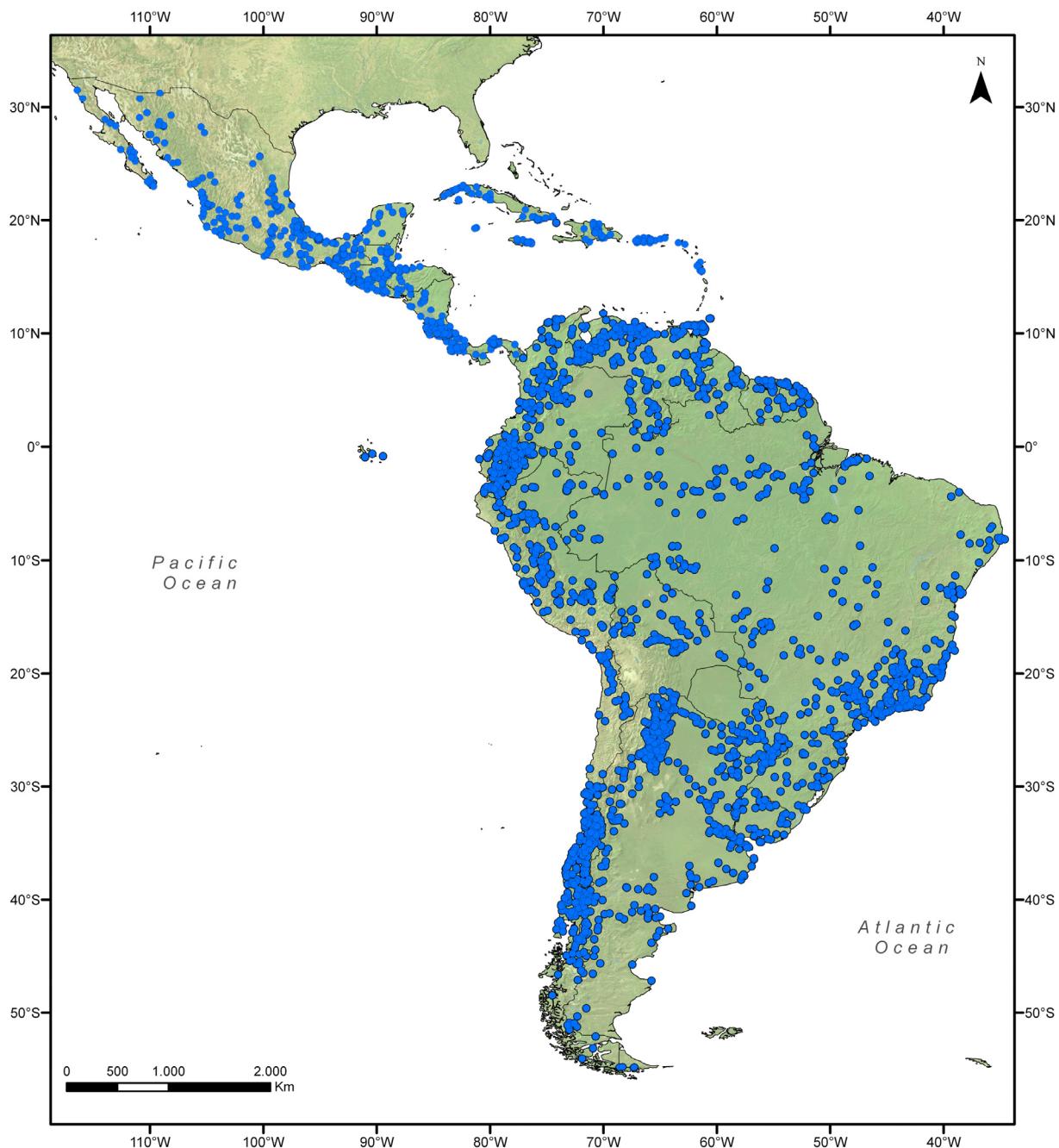
Type catalogs: Kimmins, 1966; 1969a; 1969b; 1970. No electronic database including locality data available.

FNS: Forschungsinstitut und Naturmuseum Senckenberg, Senckenbergenanlage 25, D-60326, Frankfurt-am-Main, GERMANY. Contains the papered collection of Friedrich Ris who worked on Odonata from the Andes (Ris, 1918). No electronic database including locality data available.

IRSN: Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, 29, rue Vautier, B-1000 Bruxelles, BELGIUM. Very old collection containing the Odonata of Baron Edmund de Selys-Longchamps, considered the "Father of Odonatology" who described approximately one-fifth of the world's Odonata. Almost all of the collection is pinned and is rich in type material although no listing has ever been made. No electronic database including locality data available.

RNHL: Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Department of Entomology, Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Raamsteeg 2, Postbus 9517, NL 2300 RA Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS. Contains the collections of Jean Belle and Dirk Geijskes who collected for many years in Surinam. The collection is especially rich in neotropical Gomphidae. Type catalog: Lieftinck, 1971. Electronic database including locality data currently under construction (Wasscher & van 't Bosch, 2009).

Figure 2. Localities in the Neotropical region with databased Odonata records.



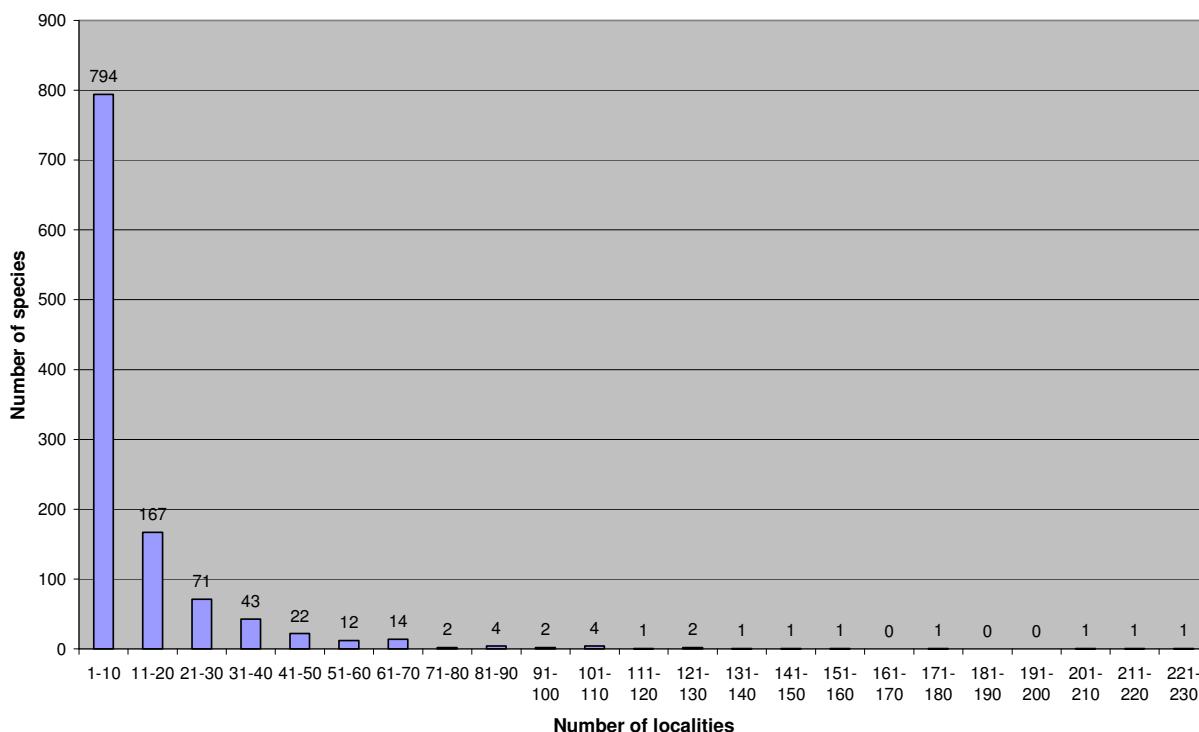
New World Collections:

DRP (registered with FSCA): Dennis R. Paulson personal collection, Slater Museum of Natural History, University of Puget Sound, 1500 North Warner, Tacoma, WA, 98416, USA. Large well-curated collection of Odonata especially rich in New World specimens. Electronic database including locality data; not georeferenced.

FSCA: Florida State Collection of Arthropods, 1911 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608-1268, USA. One of the largest holdings of New World Odonata in the United States, containing over 330,000 specimens (including 130,000 immatures in vials) collected over the last sixty years. Collection includes over 150 primary types, listed on line at: <<http://www.iodonata.net/>>. A list of all species is also provided on-line. No electronic database including locality data available.

MCZ: Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, USA. Very rich, old, pinned collection containing type material of Herman Burmeister, Toussaint de Charpentier, Herman Hagen, and others. Listing of over 550 types (some with images) on line at: <<http://insects.oeb.harvard.edu/mcz/>>. No electronic database including locality data available.

Figure 3. Number of databased species from the Neotropical region that occur in n number of localities in ranges of 10.



RWG (registered with USNM): Plant Pest Diagnostics, California Department of Food and Agriculture, 3294 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832-1448, USA. Well-curated collection, especially rich in New World material with emphasis on neotropical fauna. Electronic database including locality data available; georeferenced.

TWD (registered with FSCA): 2091 Partridge Lane, Binghamton NY 13903, USA. Well-curated, world-wide collection containing numerous New World specimens collected over the last 50 years. No electronic database including locality data available.

UMMZ: University of Michigan, Museum of Zoology, 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109-1079, USA. One of the largest holdings of Odonata in the world, containing the collections of F. Förster, C.H. Kennedy, E.B. Williamson, and others. Particularly rich in neotropical material though vast amounts of this material await study. Type catalog: Garrison *et al.*, 2003. No electronic database including locality data available.

UNAM: Instituto de Biología, Departamento de Zoológica, Apartado Postal 70-153, MX-04510, D. F. Large, well-curated, papered collection of Odonata from Mexico put together mostly by E. González-Soriano. No electronic database including locality data available.

USNM: National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 20560, USA. A large well-curated world-wide collection containing numerous neotropical specimens collected mostly by Oliver S. Flint, Jr. over the past 40 years. Type catalog: Flint, 1991. No electronic database including locality data available.

ABMM, Angelo B.M. Machado personal collection, Departamento de Zoológia, Instituto de Ciências Biológicas, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Caixa Postal 486, BR-31270-901, Belo Horizonte - Minas Gerais, BRAZIL. Private collection including types of Brazilian material. No electronic database including locality data available.

IEUM: Instituto de Entomología “Prof. José Herrera G.”, Universidad Metropolitana de Ciencias de la Educación, Casilla 147, Santiago, CHILE. Collection including numerous unidentified odonates, including some collected in N Chile. No electronic database including locality data available.

MIZA: Museo del Instituto de Zoológia Agrícola “Francisco Fernández Yépez”, Maracay, VENEZUELA. Particularly rich collection of papered Venezuelan Odonata including collected material by the late J. Rácenis and by Jürg De Marmels. No electronic database including locality data available.

MLP: Museo de Ciencias Naturales de La Plata, Departamento de Entomología, Paseo del Bosque s/n, 1900 La Plata, ARGENTINA. Rich collection including types of Argentine species. Type catalog: Muzón *et al.*, 2007. Electronic database including locality data currently under construction.

Figure 4. Recorded number of genera from the Neotropical region compared to their representation in database.

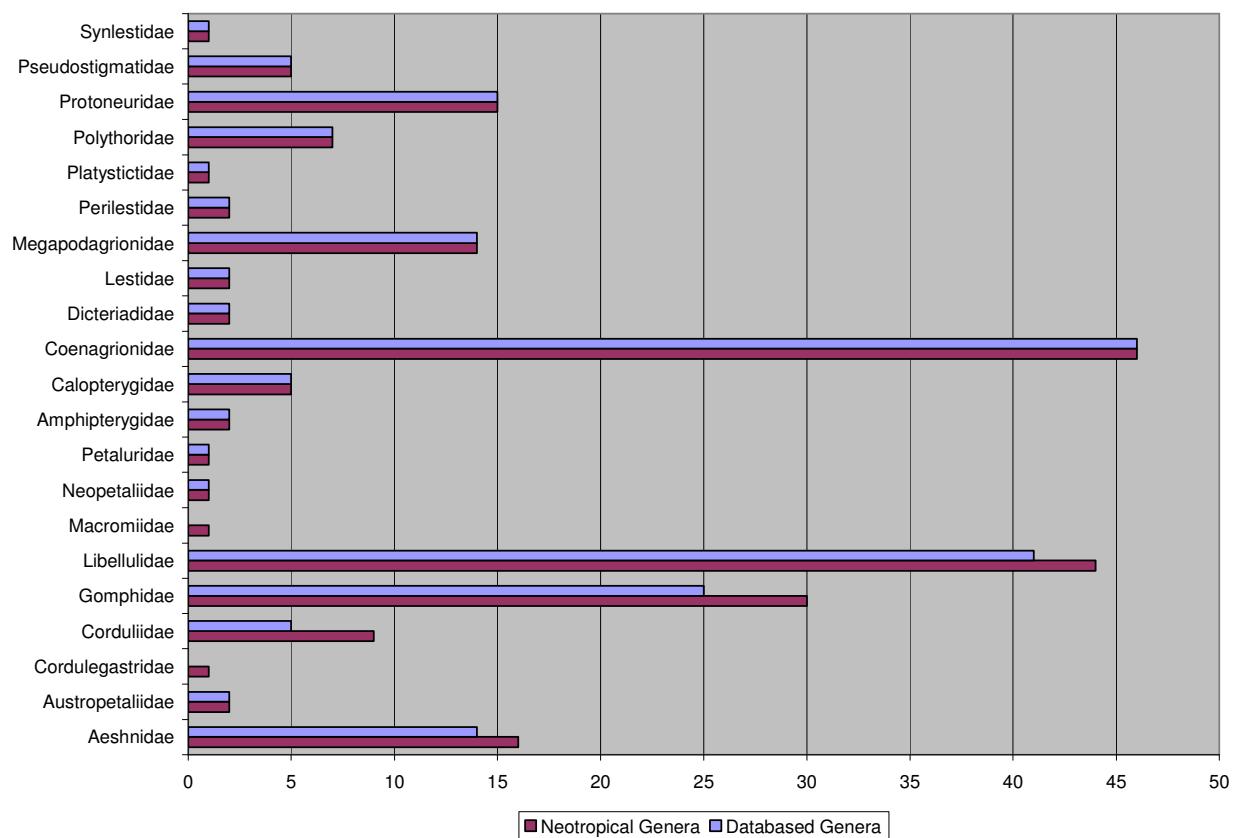


Figure 5. Recorded number of species from the Neotropical region compared to their representation in database.

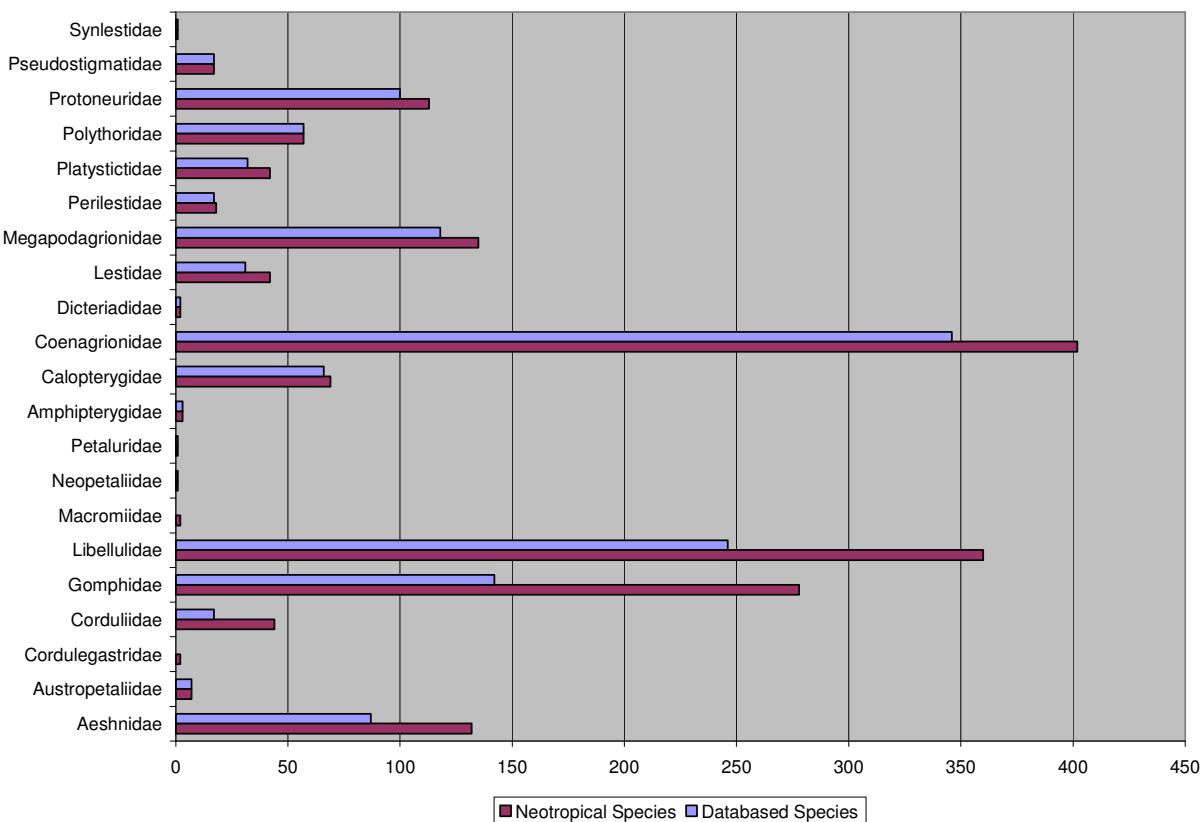


Table 1. Species of Odonata described from the Neotropical region between 2004 and 2009.

Family/Species	Author		
Polythoridae (1)			
<i>Chalcopteryx machadoi</i>	Costa, 2005	<i>Schistolobos boliviensis</i> (Daigle, 2007)	
Calopterygidae (7)		<i>Telebasis carvalhoi</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete drepane</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Telebasis corbetti</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete ephippium</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Telebasis farcimentum</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete lencionii</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Telebasis leptocycla</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete loutoni</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Telebasis levis</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete machadoi</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Telebasis williamsoni</i> Garrison, 2009	
<i>Mnesarete rhopalon</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Tepuibasis garciana</i> De Marmels, 2007	
<i>Mnesarete williamsoni</i>	Garrison, 2006	<i>Tepuibasis nigra</i> De Marmels, 2007	
Lestidae (1)		<i>Tepuibasis rubicunda</i> De Marmels, 2007	
<i>Lestes fernandoi</i>	Costa et al., 2006	<i>Tepuibasis thea</i> De Marmels, 2007	
Megapodagrionidae (7)		<i>Tuberculobasis arara</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion archon</i>	De Marmels, 2008	<i>Tuberculobasis geijskesi</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion bickorum</i>	Daigle, 2005	<i>Tuberculobasis guarani</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion gracile</i>	Machado, 2006	<i>Tuberculobasis karitiana</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion luizfelipei</i>	Machado, 2006	<i>Tuberculobasis macuxi</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion mantiqueirae</i>	Machado, 2006	<i>Tuberculobasis tиро</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion makiritare</i>	De Marmels, 2004	<i>Tuberculobasis williamsoni</i> Machado, 2009	
<i>Heteragrion tiradentense</i>	Machado & Bedê, 2006	Aeshnidae (3)	
Protoneuridae (20)		<i>Gynacantha bartai</i> Paulson & von Ellenrieder, 2005	
<i>Drepanoneura donnellyi</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Rhionaeschna itatiaia</i> (Carvalho & Salgado, 2004)	
<i>Drepanoneura flinti</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Rhionaeschna serrana</i> (Carvalho & Salgado, 2004)	
<i>Drepanoneura janirae</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	Gomphidae (3)	
<i>Drepanoneura loutoni</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Peruviogomphus belleri</i> Machado, 2005	
<i>Drepanoneura muzoni</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Progomphus lambortoi</i> Novelo, 2007	
<i>Drepanoneura tennesseni</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Progomphus marcelae</i> Novelo, 2007	
<i>Epileoneura demarmelsi</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	Corduliidae (7)	
<i>Epileoneura janirae</i>	Machado, 2005	<i>Lauromacromia bedei</i> Machado, 2005	
<i>Epipotoneura machadoi</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	<i>Lauromacromia picinguaba</i> Carvalho et al., 2004	
<i>Forciponeura grossiorum</i>	Machado, 2005	<i>Neocordulia caudacuta</i> De Marmels, 2008	
<i>Forciponeura juruaensis</i>	(Machado, 2004)	<i>Neocordulia fiorentini</i> Costa & Machado, 2007	
<i>Idioneura celioi</i>	Lencioni, 2009	<i>Neocordulia gaucha</i> Costa & Machado, 2007	
<i>Neoneura anaclara</i>	Machado, 2005	<i>Neocordulia matutuensis</i> Machado, 2005	
<i>Neoneura angeliensis</i>	Juillerat, 2007	<i>Neocordulia santacatarinensis</i> Costa et al., 2008	
<i>Neoneura kiautai</i>	Machado, 2007	Libellulidae (8)	
<i>Neoneura leonardoii</i>	Machado, 2005	<i>Elasmothemis aliciae</i> González-Soriano & Novelo-Gutiérrez, 2006	
<i>Peristicta jalmosi</i>	Pessacq & Costa, 2007	<i>Elasmothemis rufa</i> De Marmels, 2008	
<i>Peristicta janiceae</i>	Pessacq & Costa, 2007	<i>Garrisonia aurindae</i> Penalva & Costa, 2007	
<i>Peristicta muzoni</i>	Pessacq & Costa, 2007	<i>Macrothemis meurgeyi</i> Daigle, 2007	
Protoneura romanae	Meurgey, 2006	<i>Macrothemis taurepan</i> De Marmels, 2008	
Coenagrionidae (36)		<i>Oligoclada garrisoni</i> De Marmels, 2008	
<i>Acanthagrion aepiolum</i>	Tennessen, 2004	<i>Oligoclada rubribasalis</i> von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008	
<i>Acanthagrion hartei</i>	Muzón & Lozano, 2005	<i>Perithemis capixaba</i> Costa et al., 2006	
<i>Aceratobasis nathaliae</i>	(Lencioni, 2004)		
<i>Andinagrion garrisoni</i>	von Ellenrieder & Muzón, 2006		
<i>Angelagrion fredericoi</i>	Lencioni, 2008		
<i>Angelagrion nathaliae</i>	Lencioni, 2008		
<i>Argia yungensis</i>	Garrison & von Ellenrieder, 2007		
<i>Bromeliagrion rehni</i>	Garrison, 2005 in De Marmels & Garrison, 2005		
<i>Denticulobasis ariken</i>	Machado, 2009		
<i>Denticulobasis dunklei</i>	Machado, 2009		
<i>Denticulobasis garrisoni</i>	Machado, 2009		
<i>Homeoura obrieni</i>	von Ellenrieder, 2008		
<i>Leptagrion alfonsoi</i>	Machado, 2007		
<i>Mesamphiagrion dunklei</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008		
<i>Mesamphiagrion ecuatoriale</i>	von Ellenrieder & Garrison, 2008		
<i>Mesoleptobasis elongata</i>	Garrison & von Ellenrieder, 2009		
<i>Metaleptobasis lillianae</i>	Daigle, 2004		
<i>Phoenicagrion paulsoni</i>	von Ellenrieder, 2008		

Table 2. Larvae of Odonata described from the Neotropical region between 2004 and 2009.

Family/Species	Larva described by		
Polythoridae (2)			
<i>Euthore fasciata</i> (Hagen in Selys, 1853)	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Mesamphiagrion laterale</i> (Selys, 1876)	De Marmels 2007a
<i>Polythore spaeteri</i> Burmeister & Börzsöny, 2003	Etscher <i>et al.</i> 2006	<i>Mesamphiagrion tamaense</i> (De Marmels, 1988)	De Marmels 2007a
Calopterygidae (5)		<i>Oreiallagma quadricolor</i> (Ris, 1918)	von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2008a
<i>Hetaerina medinai</i> Rácenis, 1968	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Oxyagrion ablutum</i> (Calvert, 1909)	Pessacq <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Hetaerina mendezi</i> Juritzta, 1982	von Ellenrieder 2007c	<i>Oxyagrion bruchi</i> Navás, 1924	von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2006
<i>Hetaerina rosea</i> Selys, 1853	Pessacq & Muzón 2004; von Ellenrieder 2007c	<i>Oxyagrion imeriense</i> (De Marmels, 1989)	De Marmels 2007a
<i>Mnesarete grisea</i> (Ris, 1918)	Garrison 2006	<i>Telebasis digiticollis</i> Calvert, 1902	Novelo-Gutiérrez & Gómez-Anaya 2005
<i>Ormenophlebia imperatrix</i> (McLachlan, 1878)	Garrison 2006	Aeshnidae (3)	
Lestidae (3)		<i>Aeshna williamsoniana</i> Calvert, 1905	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2007
<i>Archilestes tuberalatus</i> (Williamson, 1921)	De Marmels 2004	<i>Castoraeschna colorata</i> (Martin, 1908)	Carvalho <i>et al.</i> 2006
<i>Lestes apollinaris</i> Navás, 1934	De Marmels 2004	<i>Castoraeschna longfieldae</i> (Kimmings, 1929)	Carvalho <i>et al.</i> 2006
<i>Lestes dichrostigma</i> Calvert, 1909	Muzón & Weigel Muñoz 2007	Gomphidae (7)	
Megapodagrionidae (11)		<i>Erpetogomphus bothrops</i> Garrison, 1994	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005a
<i>Heteragrion bariai</i> De Marmels, 1989	De Marmels 2004	<i>Erpetogomphus elaps</i> Selys, 1858	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005a
<i>Heteragrion breweri</i> De Marmels, 1989	De Marmels 2004	<i>Erpetogomphus eutainia</i> Calvert, 1905	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005a
<i>Heteragrion chlorotaeniatum</i> De Marmels, 1989	De Marmels 2004	<i>Erpetogomphus liopeltis</i> Garrison, 1994	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005a
<i>Heteragrion mitratum</i> Williamson, 1919	De Marmels 2004	<i>Erpetogomphus viperinus</i> Selys, 1868	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005a
<i>Paraphlebia zoe</i> Selys in Hagen, 1861	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2008a	<i>Phyllogomphoides joaquini</i> Rodrigues Capítulo, 1992	Muzón <i>et al.</i> 2006
<i>Philogenia mangosisa</i> Bick & Bick, 1988	Bybee & Tennessen 2008	<i>Progomphus dorsopallidus</i> Byers, 1934	De Marmels 2005
<i>Sciotropis cyclanthorum</i> Rácenis, 1959	De Marmels 2004	Corduliinae (3)	
<i>Teinopodagrion caquetanum</i> De Marmels, 2001	Pérez-Gutiérrez 2007	<i>Lauromacromia picinguaba</i> Carvalho <i>et al.</i> , 2004	Carvalho <i>et al.</i> 2008
<i>Teinopodagrion decipiens</i> De Marmels, 2001	von Ellenrieder 2006	<i>Neocordulia caudacuta</i> De Marmels, 2008	De Marmels, 2008
<i>Teinopodagrion meridionale</i> De Marmels, 2001	von Ellenrieder 2006	<i>Neocordulia sanctacatarinensis</i> Costa <i>et al.</i> , 2008	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2008a
<i>Teinopodagrion vallenatum</i> De Marmels, 2001	Pérez-Gutiérrez 2007	Libellulinae (20)	
Pseudostigmatidae (4)		<i>Brechmorhoga archboldi</i> (Donnelly, 1970)	Meurgey 2008a
<i>Mecistogaster asticta</i> Selys, 1860	Lencioni 2006	<i>Brechmorhoga nubecula</i> (Rambur, 1842)	von Ellenrieder 2007b
<i>Mecistogaster linearis</i> (Fabricius, 1776)	Sahén & Hedström 2005	<i>Brechmorhoga praedatrix</i> Calvert, 1909	Fleck 2004
<i>Microstigma maculatum</i> Hagen in Selys, 1860	Neiss <i>et al.</i> 2008	<i>Cannaphila insularis</i> Kirby, 1889	Trapero-Quintana & Cuellar Araujo 2009
<i>Microstigma rotundatum</i> Selys, 1860	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Dasythemis mincki clara</i> (Karsch, 1890)	von Ellenrieder 2007b
Platystictidae (1)		<i>Dythemis maya</i> Calvert, 1906	Novelo-Gutiérrez & González-Soriano 2004
<i>Palaemnema clementia</i> Selys, 1886	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Dythemis sterilis</i> Hagen, 1861	Novelo-Gutiérrez & González-Soriano 2004
Protoneuriidae (4)		<i>Elasmothemis aliciae</i> González & Novelo, 2006	González-Soriano & Novelo-Gutiérrez 2006
<i>Epipleoneura metallica</i> Rácenis, 1955	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Erythrodiplax atroterminata</i> Ris, 1911	Garré <i>et al.</i> 2008
<i>Neoneura fulvicollis</i> Selys, 1886	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Erythrodiplax corallina</i> (Brauer, 1865)	Garré <i>et al.</i> 2008
<i>Peristicta forceps</i> Hagen in Selys, 1860	Pessacq 2007	<i>Erythrodiplax fervida</i> (Erichson, 1848)	Trapero-Quintana & Reyes-Tur 2008
<i>Protoneura aílsa</i> Donnelly, 1961	Meurgey 2008b	<i>Gynothemis pumila</i> (Karsch, 1890)	Fleck 2004
Coenagrionidae (27)		<i>Idiataphe longipes</i> (Hagen, 1861)	Oldrini & Mascareñas 2005
<i>Acanthagrion aepiolum</i> Tennessen, 2004	Lozano <i>et al.</i> 2007	<i>Macrothemis hahneli</i> Ris, 1913	von Ellenrieder 2007b
<i>Acanthagrion vidua</i> Selys, 1876	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Macrothemis ultima</i> González, 1992	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2006
<i>Andinagrion garrisoni</i> von Ellenrieder & Muzón, 2006	von Ellenrieder & Muzón 2006	<i>Micrathyria ungulata</i> Förster, 1907	Garré & Lozano 2007
<i>Argia adamsi</i> Calvert, 1902	De Marmels 2007a	<i>Perithemis lais</i> (Perty, 1834)	Costa & Régis 2005
<i>Argia barretti</i> Calvert, 1902	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2008b	<i>Tauriphila argo</i> (Hagen, 1869)	Fleck <i>et al.</i> 2006
<i>Argia croceipennis</i> Selys, 1865	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2008b	<i>Tholymis citrina</i> Hagen, 1867	Fleck <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Argia joergenseni</i> Ris, 1913	von Ellenrieder 2007a	<i>Zenithoptera anceps</i> Pujol-Luz, 1993	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Argia sordida</i> Hagen in Selys, 1865	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2008b		
<i>Argia translata</i> Hagen in Selys, 1865	von Ellenrieder 2007a		
<i>Bromellagrion rehni</i> Garrison, 2005 in De Marmels & Garrison, 2005	Torreias <i>et al.</i> 2008		
<i>Enallagma novaehispaniae</i> Calvert, 1907	Novelo-Gutiérrez 2005b		
<i>Ischnura ultima</i> Ris, 1908	Muzón & Pessacq 2005		
<i>Leptagrion andromache</i> Hagen in Selys, 1876	Muzón <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion bocainense</i> Santos, 1979	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion capixabae</i> Santos, 1965	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion dardanoi</i> Santos, 1968	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion elongatum</i> Selys, 1876	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion macrurum</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion perlóngum</i> Calvert, 1909	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		
<i>Leptagrion vriesianum</i> Santos, 1978	Costa <i>et al.</i> 2009		

Table 3. Faunal studies from the Neotropical region published between 2004 and 2009.

Country	Area	Source
Mexico	Coahuila State	Behrstock 2008
	Chihuahua State	Behrstock <i>et al.</i> 2007
	Baja California Sur State	Paulson & Mlodinow 2007
	Sonora State	Upson <i>et al.</i> 2007
	Sierra de Coalcomán, Michoacan State	Novelo-Gutiérrez & Gómez-Anaya 2008
	Guadeloupe	Meurgey 2005
Cuba	Alexander Humboldt N.P.	Trapero-Quintana <i>et al.</i> 2004
	Refugio Monte Cabaniguán, Tuna Prov.	Trapero-Quintana <i>et al.</i> 2008
Colombia	Chocó Dep.	Pérez <i>et al.</i> 2007
Brazil	Marambaia, Rio de Janeiro State	Anjos-Santos & Costa 2006
Argentina	Meseta de Somuncurá, Rio Negro Prov.	Muzón <i>et al.</i> 2005
	Iberá wetland, Corrientes Prov.	Muzón <i>et al.</i> 2008
	Yungas cloud forest, NW Argentina	von Ellenrieder & Garrison 2007b

MNHN: Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, Casilla 787, Santiago, CHILE. Holds most of R. Martin's collection.
No electronic database including locality data available.

MNRJ: Museu Nacional, Departamento de Entomología, Museu Nacional, Univ. Federal Río de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, BR-20942-040, Río de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL. One of the largest Odonata collections in South America, containing specimens collected by N.D. Santos and J.M. Costa. Type catalog: Costa & Mascarenhas, 1998. No electronic database including locality data available.

PUC: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Apartado 2184, Quito, Ecuador No electronic database including locality data available.

Existing Databases

Rosser W. Garrison and I maintain an electronic database which includes locality data and is also mostly (80%) georeferenced. It is a Visual FoxPro application which currently contains over 15,500 entries of about 1,150 species (about 66% of the described species for the region) occurring in the New World south to Mexico (Fig. 2). From these, most are known from a few localities, and only a few are widely distributed (Fig. 3) with the three most-recorded species being *Rhionaeschna diffinis* (217), *R. variegata* (216), and *Argia yungensis* (211). Coenagrionidae provide 27% of records, followed by Libellulidae with 19%, Gomphidae with 11%, Megapodagrionidae with 9%, and Protoneuridae with 8%, representing a proportional relationship to the total numbers known for the region for each family (Fig. 4). It was compiled from our personal collections (RWG, NVE), and from all literature records and examined specimens deposited in several Institutions that we examined for our work during the last few years. It includes complete distributional data for 364 species assessed by Dennis Paulson and myself for the Red List in 2005 and as part of the Global Dragonfly Assessment in 2007 (Appendix 1). Complete distribution data for another 211 species Rosser Garrison and I studied are also entered, thus a third (33%) of the total number of described Neotropical species can be considered satisfactorily mapped.

Future

The information from our database can serve as a funding nucleus to build a unifying database for the Neotropical region. In order to achieve this, the following tasks should be undertaken:

1) Published records: Records from the literature need to be added to species not yet revised, including information from numerous regional lists published during the last 30 years.

2) Unpublished records: Large numbers of dragonfly records are stored in collections and have never been published. If all odonatologists interested in the region were to make their unpublished records available, the database could begin to provide us with a fairly good picture of the Odonate distribution patterns in the Neotropics. Some collections do have paper databases, which could be digitalized. In most collections there are also unidentified specimens awaiting examination, which could be identified by the specialists in charge of them or by visiting researchers.

3) New records: Fieldwork is still needed in most areas; the highest priority lies in the lowland Amazon rainforests, the continent's richest Odonata habitat. Of intermediate priority are regions with probably medium-rich faunas for which odonate records are not available, such as S Bolivia, N Paraguay, and E Colombia (Fig. 2).

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Some Odonata from the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park, Isabela, Luzon, Philippines

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The Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP) covers an area of 359,486 ha (DENR 2001). The park harbors a variety of terrestrial habitats: mangrove forests and beach forests along the coast, ultra-basic forest, lowland dipterocarp forest, and montane oak-laurel forest and mossy forest at high elevations (Mallari et al., 2001). The NSMNP is one of ten priority protected areas in the Philippines: it holds 25 percent of the remaining primary lowland forest of the archipelago (Tan, 2000). The area has remarkably high levels of endemism: 30 percent of bird species and 62 percent of mammal species recorded in the NSMNP are endemic to the Philippines (Van Weerd 2002). Thirty-five globally threatened species are recorded in the protected area.

Logging, agricultural encroachment, the use of destructive fishing and hunting methods, and the conversion of wetlands form major threats to the biodiversity of the protected area. Government plans for infrastructural development and mining could have a severe impact on the park.

From 12 to 24 September 2008, we organized a biodiversity survey to *sitio Dipagsangan, barangay Didian* in the municipality of Palanan. We camped in lowland dipterocarp forest at Dipinantahikan (campsite 1), and in mid-elevation forest at Pinakdatdatin ti Bulayo (campsite 2) (see table 1).

	Altitude (m.a.s.l)	Location
Dipinantahikan (campsite 1)	300	N 16° 53.398' E 122° 20.471'
Pinakdatdatin ti Bulayo	700	N 16° 51.984' E 122° 18.859'

The following is an annotated list of the species encountered during the expedition. We only include species found in the forest areas; species encountered near Palanan town proper are not included. The short field survey revealed 35 species, and represents the first odonata survey in the eastern side of NSMNP. New records