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Coleoptera species of forensic importance from Brazil: an updated list

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ABSTRACT

A list of the Coleoptera of importance from Brazil, based on published records was compiled. The checklist contains 345 species of 16 families allocated to 16 states of the country. In addition, three species of two families are registered for the first time. The fauna of Coleoptera of forensic importance is still not entirely known and future collection efforts and taxonomic reviews could increase the number of known species considerably in the near future.

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Introduction

The development of forensic entomology in Brazil was well reported by [Pujol-Luz et al. \(2008\)](#). It started in 1908, with the pioneers Roquette-Pinto and Oscar Freire, who noted the high diversity of the native fauna of necrophagous insects and the impossibility of direct application of the methods developed in Europe. Oscar [Freire \(1914a,b\)](#) was the first to present a collection of insects associated with his investigations, mainly obtained from human corpses and small animals in Bahia State. [Herman Lüderwaldt \(1911\)](#) published a list of Coleoptera associated with several kinds of carrion in São Paulo, which is still an important reference on the subject. In 1941, Samuel Pessôa and Frederick Lane published a paper regarding Scarabaeidae of medico-legal importance ([Pessôa and Lane, 1941](#)). After this period, the studies and the information regarding forensically important species of Coleoptera from Brazil became disperse and available in books, articles, catalogues, reports and collections or other non-indexed sources (i.e. monographs, dissertations and theses).

[Almeida and Mise \(2009\)](#) published the first list of South American Coleoptera, comprising 15 families and [Vasconcelos and Araújo \(2012\)](#) presented a list of insects collected in northeastern Brazil.

The forensic importance of Coleoptera is often underestimated due to the belief that they occur only at late stages of decomposition. However, more studies about their taxonomy, biology and

behaviour are needed before their importance can be fully understood (see [Midgley et al., 2010](#)). The diversity of Coleoptera and the lack of taxonomic studies have direct effect in how the beetles can be used in forensic entomology, mostly because unidentified material cannot be used for a postmortem interval estimative.

Coleoptera families with known predatory and necrophagous habit (i.e. carrion feeders) are listed as having potential forensic importance (see [Smith, 1986; Byrd and Castner, 2010](#)). The necrophilous habit (i.e. associated with carrion/corpses) is an indicative of the potential forensic importance, but the correct identification is the first step for the better understanding of the role of the species at their environment and guide future studies about its biology and distribution.

The main objective of this study was to present an updated list of Coleoptera species associated with carrion/corpses in Brazil. More specifically, it aimed to provide updated data about the geographical distribution and substratum in which species were collected, as well as to provide a checklist of current valid names.

Material and methods

The list of species of Coleoptera was based on information collected from published literature from 1908 to 2014 with some new data included ([Table 1](#)) and consider mostly studies of forensic entomology, ecological succession and fauna surveys performed in Brazil.

The taxa considered of potential forensic importance followed two criteria: lists of Coleoptera families associated with carrion available in previous studies (e.g. [Payne, 1969; Smith, 1986; Mise](#)

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Table 1

Compiled list of Coleoptera species of forensic importance from Brazil.

Family/species	Diet/carcass	Geographical distribution	References
Carabidae			
<i>Arthrostictus speciosus</i> (Drury, 1829)	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Clivina</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Galerita</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Taeniulus crenulatus</i> Chaudoir, 1842 (?)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
Carabidae sp.	Human	Campinas (SP)	Carvalho et al., 2000
Carabidae sp.	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Carabidae sp. 1	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Carabidae sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Carabidae sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Carabidae sp. 3	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Carabidae sp. 4	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Carabidae sp. 5	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Cleridae			
<i>Necrobia ruficollis</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Pig, not specified	Campinas (PR), São Paulo (SP), Curitiba (PR)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Mise et al., 2007
<i>Necrobia rufipes</i> (De Geer, 1775)	Human, pig, rabbit, not specified	São Paulo (SP), Campinas (SP), Curitiba (PR), Ribeirão do Pinhal (PR), Uberlândia (MG), Serra Talhada (PE)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Souza and Linhares, 1997; Carvalho et al., 2000; Carvalho et al., 2004; Mise et al., 2007; Rosa et al., 2011; Silva and Santos, 2012; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013; Mise et al., 2013
Cleridae sp.	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Dermestidae			
<i>Dermestes maculatus</i> (De Geer, 1774)	Human, pig, rat, rabbit	Campinas (SP), Curitiba (PR), Uberlândia (MG), Serra Talhada (PE)	Souza and Linhares, 1997; Carvalho et al., 2000; Carvalho et al., 2004; Mise et al., 2007; Rosa et al., 2011; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013; Mise et al., 2013
<i>Dermestes peruvianus</i> Laporte, 1840	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Dermestes</i> sp.	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
Dermestidae sp. 1	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Geotrupidae			
<i>Bolbapium striatopunctatum</i> (Laporte, 1840)	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
Histeridae			
<i>Aeletes nicolasi</i> Leivas, 2012	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Leivas et al., 2012
<i>Aeletes</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Atholus</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Euspilodus azureus</i> (Sahlberg, 1823) (= <i>Euspilodus</i> "grupo" <i>azureus</i> ; <i>Saprinus azureus</i> Sahlberg, 1823); (= <i>Euspilodus nigrita</i> (Blanchard, 1842))	Pig, rabbit	Campinas (SP), Curitiba (PR), Manaus (AM), Capão do Leão (RS)	Souza and Linhares, 1997; Mise et al., 2007; Mise et al., 2010; Souza et al., 2008; Mise et al., 2013
<i>Euspilodus</i> (<i>Hesperosaprinus</i>) sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Euspilodus</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Euspilodus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Euspilodus</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Euspilodus</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Carvalho et al., 2000
<i>Euspilodus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Euspilodus</i> spp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Hister</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Hister</i> sp.	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Hololepta</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Omalodes</i> (<i>Omalodes</i>) <i>bifoveolatus</i> Marseul, 1853	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Almeida and Mise, 2009; Mise et al., 2010
<i>Omalodes</i> (<i>Omalodes</i>) <i>foveola</i> Erichson, 1834	Pig	Manaus (AM), Serra Talhada (PE)	Mise et al., 2010; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Omalodes</i> (<i>Omalodes</i>) <i>lucidus</i> Erichson, 1834	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Omalodes</i> (<i>Omalodes</i>) <i>planifrons</i> Marseul, 1853	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Omalodes</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Carvalho et al., 2000
<i>Omalodes</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Operclipygus subterraneus</i> Caterino and Tishechin, 2013 (= <i>Operclipygus hospes</i> (Lewis, 1902))	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Corrêa et al., 2012; Caterino and Tishechin, 2013
<i>Phelister sanguinipennis</i> Marseul, 1853	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Phelister</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Phelister</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007

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<i>Phelister</i> sp. 1	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Phelister</i> sp. 2	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Phelister</i> sp. 3	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Scapomegas auritus</i> Marseul, 1855	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Xerosaprinus</i> sp.	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
Histeridae sp.	Rat	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
Histeridae sp.	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Histeridae spp.	Pig, not specified	São Paulo (SP), Campinas (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Carvalho et al., 2004; Rosa et al., 2011
Histeridae sp. 1	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Histeridae sp. 2	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Histeridae sp. 3	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Histeridae sp. 4	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Histeridae sp. 5	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
Leiodidae (=Cholevidae)			
<i>Dissochaetus amazonicus</i> Gaspini, 1999	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Dissochaetus murray</i> Reitter, 1884	Rat, rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997; Mise et al., 2013
<i>Hydnobius</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Monotomidae (=Rhizophagidae)			
<i>Rhizophagidae</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Nitidulidae			
<i>Carpophilus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Stelidota geminata</i> (Say, 1825)	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	present study
<i>Stelidota octomaculata</i> (Say, 1825)	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	present study
<i>Nitidulidae</i> sp.	Rat	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
<i>Nitidulidae</i> sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Nitidulidae</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Nitidulidae</i> sp. 3	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Ptiliidae			
<i>Ptiliidae</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Ptiliidae</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Scarabaeidae			
<i>Anomiopus</i> sp.	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Aphengium sordidum</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	(ES)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Aphodiinae</i> sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Ataenius aequalis</i> Harold, 1880	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Ataenius picinus</i> Harold, 1868	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Ataenius</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Ataenius</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Ataenius</i> sp. 1	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Ataenius</i> sp. 2	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Ateuchus apicatus</i> (Harold, 1867)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Ateuchus brevis</i> (Harold, 1868) (=Choeridium breve Harold, 1868)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus carbonarium</i> (Harold, 1868) (=Choeridium carbonarium Harold, 1868)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Cantareira (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus carbonarius</i> (Harold, 1868)	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Ateuchus multilatus</i> (Harold, 1868) (=Choeridium mutilatum Harold, 1867)	Not specified	Nova Friburgo (RJ), Petrópolis (RJ), Serra da Bocaina (RJ), Serra de Macaé (RJ), Campos do Jordão (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus palperatus</i> (Germar, 1824) (=Choeridium pauperatum Germar, 1824)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus striatulus</i> (Preudhomme de Borre, 1886) (=Choeridium striatulum Preudhomme de Borre, 1886)	Not specified	Franca (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus subquadratus</i> (Harold, 1868) (=Choeridium subquadratum Harold, 1868)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Campos do Jordão (SP), "without locality" (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ateuchus vividus</i> Germar, 1824	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Ateuchus vividus</i> Germar, 1824 (=Choeridium vividum Germar, 1824)	Not specified	Franca (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Boucomontius Dendropaeamon convexus</i> Harold, 1869 (=Tetramereia convexa)	Not specified	Manicoré (AM), São Paulo (SP), (GO), (MG), (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthidium</i> (<i>Canthidium</i>) aff. depresum (Boucomont, 1928)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Canthidium</i> (<i>Canthidium</i>) <i>decoratum</i> Perty, 1830	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Campinas (SP), Leopoldo Bulhões (GO)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941

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<i>Canthidium (Canthidium) dispar</i> Harold, 1867 (=C. <i>Canthidium</i> <i>dispar</i>)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthidium (Canthidium) lucidum</i> Harold, 1867	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthidium (Canthidium) manni</i> Arrow, 1913	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Canthidium (Canthidium) splendidum</i> (Preudhomme de Borre, 1886)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthidium (Eucanthidium) breve</i> (Germar, 1824)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthidium politum politum</i> Harold, 1867 (= <i>Canthidium (Eucanthidium)</i> <i>trinodosum</i> (Bohemian, 1858))	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Canthidium</i> sp.	Rat	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997
<i>Canthidium</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Canthidium</i> spp.	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Canthon (Canthon) chalybaeus</i> Harold, 1868 (= <i>Canthon conformis</i> Harold, 1868)	Not specified	(SP) (SP), (RS), (SC), (SP), (RJ), (MT), (BA), (PA)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) angularis</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	(RJ), (PR), (SC), (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) curvipes</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) lituratus</i> (Germar, 1813)	Not specified	(AM), (BA), (PE), (MT), (RJ), (SP), Vila Nova (BA), (SP) (Ipiranga) (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) mutabilis</i> Lucas, 1859	Not specified	Jundiaí (SP), (RS), (SC), (SP), (RJ), (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) podagricus</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Canthon) substriatus</i> (Harold, 1868) (= <i>Canthon</i> <i>substriatus</i> Harold, 1868)	Not specified	Barretos (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Francmonrosia) dives</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), (MG), (GO), (MT)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Francmonrosia) rutilans</i> Castelnau, 1840	Rat, not specified	São Paulo (SP), (MG), (AM), Campinas (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
<i>Canthon (Francmonrosia) tetraodon</i> Blanchard, 1845	Not specified	(RS), (SC), (SP), (ES)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Goniocanthon) smaragdulus</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	Not specified	(ES), (MG), (RJ), (SP), (RS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon (Pseudepilissus) muticus</i> Harold, 1867	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon aff. sordidus</i> (Harold, 1868)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Canthon septemmaculatus</i> Latreille, 1811 (= <i>Canthon septemmaculaus</i> (Latreille, 1811))	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), Manaus (AM), Juazeiro (BA), Vila Nova (BA), Pirapora (MG), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Campinas (SP), Franca (SP), Alto da Serra (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon smaragdulus</i> (Fabricius, 1781) (= <i>Canthon speculifer</i> Castelnau, 1840)	Not specified	(ES), (RJ), (MT), (RS), (SC), (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP), Serra Talhada (PE)	Carvalho et al., 2000; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Canthon triangularis</i> Drury, 1770	Not specified	(AM), Manaus (AM)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Mise et al., 2010
<i>Canthon tristis</i> Harold, 1862	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Canthon unicolor</i> Blanchard, 1845 (= <i>Canthon opacus</i> Lucas, 1857)	Not specified	(SP), (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Canthon virens</i> Mannerheim, 1829	Not specified, pig	(ES), (RJ), (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Campinas (SP), Franca (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Chalcocoris hesperus</i> (Olivier, 1789)	Not specified	(ES), (MG), (RJ), (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>acrisius</i> (MacLeay, 1819) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>camargoi</i> Pessôa)	Not specified	P. Murtinho (MS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>cerberus</i> (Harold, 1869) (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Coprophanaeus</i>) <i>cerberus</i> Harl.)	Not specified	(ES), Passa Quatro (MG), Serra da Bocaína (RJ)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>cyanescens</i> (d'Oloufieff, 1924) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>cyanescens</i> Olouf.)	Not specified	(MT), Bragança (PA), Cuiabá (PA), (SP), Serra Talhada (PE)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>dardanus</i> (MacLeay, 1819) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus)</i> <i>arrowi</i> d'Oloufieff)	Not specified	Piassaguera (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941

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<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus) jasius</i> (Olivier, 1789) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus) jasius</i> Oliv.)	Not specified	Vila Nova (BA), Franca (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Campinas (SP), Rio Preto (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Serra de Comunatí (PE), (GO) Sul do Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus) milon</i> (Blanchard, 1843) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus) milon</i> Blanch.)	Not specified		Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus) spitzi</i> (Pessôa, 1934) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus) spitzi</i> Pessôa)	Not specified	Leopoldo Bulhões (GO), Vianópolis (GO)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Megaphanaeus) bonariensis</i> (Gory, 1844) (= <i>Phanaeus (Megaphanaeus) bonariensis</i> Gory)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), Porto Epitácio (SP), S. Grande (SP), Funil (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Megaphanaeus) ensifer</i> (Germar, 1824) (= <i>Phanaeus (Megaphanaeus) ensifer</i> Germ.)	Pig, not specified	São Paulo (SP), Lusanvira (SP), Norte da Bahia, Sul do Paraná, Campinas (SP), João Pessoa (PB), Uberlândia (MG)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Carvalho et al., 2000; Endres et al., 2005; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Coprophanaeus (Megaphanaeus) lancifer</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Ururahy-Rodrigues et al., 2008; Mise et al., 2010
<i>Coprophanaeus (Metallophanaeus) horus</i> (Waterhouse, 1891) (= <i>Phanaeus (Metallophanaeus) horus</i> Waterh.)	Not specified	Faz. da Fáia (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Metallophanaeus) punctatus</i> (d'Olsoffeff, 1924) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus) punctatus</i> Olsuf.)	Not specified	(MT) (?)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus (Metallophanaeus) saphirinus</i> (Sturm, 1828) (= <i>Phanaeus (Metallophanaeus) saphirinus</i> Sturm)	Rat, not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Cantareira (SP), São Paulo (SP), Campos do Jordão (SP), Leme (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Ribeirão Preto (SP), Curitiba (PR)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Moura et al., 1997
<i>Coprophanaeus (Metallophanaeus) thalassinus</i> (Perty, 1830) (= <i>Phanaeus (Coprophanaeus) thalassinus</i> Perty)	Not specified	(SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus bellicosus</i> (Olivier, 1789) (= <i>Phanaeus (Megaphanaeus) bellicosus</i> (Ol.))	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Joinville (SC)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Coprophanaeus dardanus</i> (MacLeay, 1819) (= <i>Coprophanaeus (Coprophanaeus) dardanus</i> (MacLeay, 1819))	Not specified	Joinville (SC), Corupá (SC), Raiz da Serra (SP), Porto Alegre (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Aganhyboma) trisignatum</i> Harold, 1881	Not specified	(ES), (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Calhyboma) carinatum</i> (Westwood, 1837)	Not specified	Região Amazônica	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Calhyboma) verruciferum</i> Felsche, 1911	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Deltochilum (Deltochilum) dentipes</i> Eschscholtz, 1822	Not specified	(RJ), (SP), (PR), (SC), Ponta Grossa (PR)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Deltochilum) irroratum</i> (Castelnau, 1840)	Not specified	(AM), (ES), (RJ), (SC)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Deltochilum) orbiculare</i> van Lansberge, 1874	Not specified	Bacia Amazônica, (BA), (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Deltohyboma) aff. guyanense</i> Paulian, 1933 (= <i>Deltochilum aff. guyanense</i>)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Deltochilum (Deltohyboma) morbillosum</i> Burmeister, 1848	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), Jundiaí (SP), (RJ), (SP), (MG)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Deltohyboma) sculpturatum</i> Felsche, 1907 (= <i>Deltochilum sulphuratum</i> Felsche, 1907)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Deltochilum (Deltohyboma) sp.</i>	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Deltochilum (Euhyboma) brasiliense</i> (Castelnau, 1840) (= <i>Deltochilum brasiliensis</i> (Castelnau, 1840))	Human, pig, not specified	São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), (ES), (RJ), (MG), (SP), (SC), Campinas (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Carvalho et al., 2000
<i>Deltochilum (Hybomidium) icarus</i> (Olivier, 1789)	Not specified	Pirapora (MG), Pouso Alegre (MG), Murtinho (MS), Manaus (AM)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Mise et al., 2010
<i>Deltochilum (Parahyboma) furcatum</i> (Castelnau, 1840)	Not specified	(ES), (RJ), Salto Grande (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum (Rubrohyboma) rubripenne</i> (Gory, 1831)	Not specified	(RJ), (SP), (SC), (RS), São Paulo (SP), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Rocinha (SP), Rio de Janeiro (RJ), Maracujá (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Deltochilum peruanum</i> Paulian, 1938	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010

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<i>Dendropaeamon (Corphophanaeoides) hirticollis</i> d'Olsoffieff, 1924 (=Dendropaeamon montei Pessoa and Lane, 1936)	Not specified	Ouro Preto (MG), Santa Bárbara (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Dendropaeamon) amyntas waterhousei</i> d'Olsoffieff, 1924 (=Dendropaeamon waterhousei Olsoffieff, 1924)	Not specified	Ribeirão Preto (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Dendropaeamon) crenatostriatus</i> Felsche, 1909	Not specified	(SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Dendropaeamon) denticollis</i> Felsche, 1909	Not specified	P. Murtinho (MS), Irara (MG), Vianópolis (GO)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Dendropaeamon) viridipennis</i> (Laporte, 1831)	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), S. Bernardo (SP), Irara (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Dendropaeamon) viridis</i> Perty, 1833	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dendropaeamon (Paradendropaeamon) ganglbaueri</i> Felsche, 1909	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Diabroctis mimas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (=Taurocoris mimas Linneu)	Not specified	(GO), (MT), (SP), (AM), (PA), (BA)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Diabroctis mirabilis</i> (Harold, 1877) (=Taurocoris luederwaldti Pessôa, 1941)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP) ("probably")	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Diabroctis mirabilis</i> (Harold, 1877) (=Taurocoris mirabilis Harold, 1877)	Not specified	Agudos (SP), P. Murtinho (MS), Vianopolis (GO)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dichotomius (Dichotomius) agnesia</i> (Waterhouse, 1891) (=Pinotus agnesia Waterhouse, 1891)	Not specified	(PR), (SC)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dichotomius (Dichotomius) boreus</i> (Olivier, 1789)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Dichotomius (Dichotomius) longiceps</i> (Taschenberg, 1870) (=Pinotus longiceps Taschenberg, 1870)	Not specified	(SP), (MT), (GO), Campinas (SP), Serra Negra (SP), Franca (SP), Avanhandava (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dichotomius (Dichotomius) semiaeneus</i> (Germar, 1824) (=Pinotus semiaeneus Germar)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Dichotomius (Homocanthonides) smaragdinus</i> (Perty, 1833) (=Pinotus smaragdinus (Perty, 1830))	Not specified	(SP), (MT), (GO)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dichotomius (Luederwaldtinia) geminatus</i> (Arrow, 1913)	Pig	Serra Talhada (PE)	Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Dichotomius (Luederwaldtinia) nisus</i> (Olivier, 1789) (=Pinotus nisus (Olivier, 1789))	Not specified, pig	(PA), (BA), (PE), (MG), (ES), (SP), (RS), Uberlândia (MG), Serra Talhada (PE)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Rosa et al., 2011; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Dichotomius (Luederwaldtinia) opacipennis</i> (Luederwaldt, 1931)	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Dichotomius (Luederwaldtinia) sericeus</i> (Harold, 1867)	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
<i>Dichotomius (Selenocoris) ascanius</i> (Harold, 1869) (=Pinotus ascanius Harold)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Dichotomius (Selenocoris) fissus</i> (Harold, 1867) (=Pinotus fissus Harold, 1867)	Not specified	(SP), (RJ), (MG), (ES)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Dichotomius</i> sp.	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
<i>Dichotomius</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Dichotomius</i> sp.	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Dyscinetus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR) probably accidental	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Eurysternus aeneus</i> Génier, 2009	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Eurysternus calligrammus</i> Dalman, 1824	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Cantareira (SP), Jundiaí (SP), Blumenau (SC), Corupá (=Hansa Humboldt) (SC)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Eurysternus calligrammus</i> Dalman, 1824 (=Eurysternus opacus Lucas, 1857)	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Eurysternus calligrammus</i> Dalman, 1824 (=Eurysternus scotinoides Castelnau, 1840)	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Eurysternus foedus</i> Guérin-Méneville, 1830	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Eurysternus hypocrita</i> Balthasar, 1939	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Eurysternus impressicollis</i> Casteunal, 1840	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941

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<i>Eurysternus parallelus</i> Castelnau, 1840 (=Eurysternus femoralis Lucas, 1857)	Human, pig, not specified	Campinas (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Carvalho et al., 2000
<i>Eurysternus</i> sp. (=Eurysternus sp.)	Rat	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997
<i>Eutrichillum hirsutum</i> (Boucomont, 1928) (=Trichillum hirsutum Boucomont)	Not specified	(SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Gromphas lacordairei</i> Brullé, 1834	Not specified	Piracicaba (SP), Anhangabá (SP), Curitiba, Artaga (?) (PR), Joinville (SC), Blumenau (SC), Harmonia (SC), (RS), P. Murtinho (MS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Holocephalus eridanus</i> (Olivier, 1789)	Not specified	(ES), (RJ), (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Isocoris inhiatus</i> (Germar, 1824) (= <i>Pinotus inhiatus</i> (Germar, 1824))	Not specified	(SP), (PR), (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Labarrus pseudolividus</i> (Balthasar, 1941)	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Leucothyreus</i> sp. (= <i>Leucotyreus</i> sp.)	Pig	Curitiba (PR) probably accidental	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Malagoniella</i> (<i>Malagoniella</i>) <i>virens</i> (Harold, 1869) (= <i>Megathopha virens</i> Harold, 1869)	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Malagoniella</i> (<i>Megathopomima</i>) <i>puncticollis aeneicollis</i> (Waterhouse, 1890) (= <i>Megathopha aenicollis</i> Waterhouse, 1890)	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Megathopha</i> sp.	Rat	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
<i>Megathopha</i> sp.	Rat	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997
<i>Ontherus</i> (<i>Ontherus</i>) <i>appendiculatus</i> (Mannerheim, 1829)	Not specified, pig	(SP), (PR), (RS), (MT), (MG), (ES), (BA), (CE), (AM), Uberlândia (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Ontherus</i> (<i>Ontherus</i>) <i>cephalotes</i> Harold, 1869	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Cantareira (SP), Blumenau (SC), Joinville (SC), Rio Negrinho (SC), Nova Petrópolis (RS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ontherus</i> (<i>Ontherus</i>) <i>digitatus</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Franca (SP), Pirapora (MG), Juazeiro (BA), (MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ontherus</i> (<i>Ontherus</i>) <i>sulcator</i> (Fabricius, 1775) (= <i>Ontherus nisus</i> Laporte, 1840)	Not specified	(AM), (RJ), (SP), (MT), (RS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Ontherus</i> sp.	Pig	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Ontherus</i> sp.	Not specified	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Onthophagus</i> (<i>Onthophagus</i>) <i>bidentatus</i> Drapiez, 1819	Pig	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Onthophagus</i> (<i>Onthophagus</i>) <i>buculus</i> Mannerheim, 1829	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Onthophagus</i> (<i>Onthophagus</i>) <i>hirculus</i> Mannerheim, 1829	Not specified, pig	São Paulo (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Onthophagus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Oxysternon</i> (<i>Mioxysternon</i>) <i>spiniferum</i> (Castelnau, 1840) (= <i>Oxysternon curvispinum</i> Olsofieff, 1824)	Not specified	Porto Murtinho (MS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Oxysternon</i> (<i>Oxysternon</i>) <i>conspicillatum</i> (Weber, 1801)	Not specified	Serra dos Parecis (MT), Manaus (AM), S. Paulo de Olivença (AM), (GO)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Oxysternon</i> (<i>Oxysternon</i>) <i>palemo</i> Castelnau, 1840	Not specified	(GO), Diamantina (MG), São João del Rei (MG), Avanhandava (SP), Lussanvira (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Pedarium hirsutum</i> (Harold, 1859)	Not specified	Franca (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Notiophanaeus</i>) <i>dejeani</i> Harold, 1868 (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Phanaeus</i>) <i>dejeani</i> Harold)	Not specified	(PA), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), São Paulo (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Notiophanaeus</i>) <i>kirbyi</i> Vigors, 1825 (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Phanaeus</i>) <i>kirbyi</i> Vigors)	Not specified	E. da Barra (MG), Diamantina (MG), (MT), Castro (PR)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Notiophanaeus</i>) <i>palaeno</i> Blanchard, 1845 (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Phanaeus</i>) <i>palaeno</i> Blanch.)	Not specified	Castro (SP), E. da Barra (MG), Serra Diamantina (MG), Agudos (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Notiophanaeus</i>) <i>splendidulus</i> (Fabricius, 1781) (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Phanaeus</i>) <i>floriger</i> Kirby)	Not specified	Rio de Janeiro (RJ), São Paulo (Ipiranga) (SP), Avanhandava (SP), (ES), (SC)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Notiophanaeus</i>) <i>splendidulus</i> Fabricius, 1781 (= <i>Phanaeus</i> (<i>Phanaeus</i>) <i>splendidus</i> (Fabricius))	Not specified	(SP), Castro (PR), Serra Diamantina (MG), V. Alegre (MG)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Phyllophaga</i> sp.	Pig	Itumbiara (GO) probably accidental	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Pinotus</i> sp. (= <i>Dichotomius</i> sp.)	Rat	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997
<i>Scatonomus fasciculatus</i> Erichson, 1835	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), Alto da Serra (SP), Serra da Bocaína (SP), (MG), (RS)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Scatonomus insignis</i> Harold, 1867	Not specified	Jundiaí (SP), Franca (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941

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<i>Scatrichus bicarinatus</i> (Harold 1869) (= <i>Scatimus bicarinatus</i> Harold)	Not specified	Brasil	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Scybalocanthon nigriceps</i> (Harold, 1868) (= <i>Canthon nigriceps</i> Harold, 1869)	Not specified	(AM), (MT), (SP), Franca (SP)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Scybalocanthon</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Carvalho et al., 2000
<i>Sulcophanaeus faunus</i> (Fabricius, 1771) (= <i>Phanaeus (Phanaeus) faunus</i> (Fabricius, 1771))	Not specified	(MT)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Trichillum externepunktatum</i> Preudhomme de Borre, 1880	Not specified, pig	São Paulo (SP), Itumbiara (GO), Uberlândia (MG), Serra Talhada (PE)	Pessôa and Lane, 1941; Marchiori et al., 2000; Rosa et al., 2011; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Trichillum heydeni</i> Harold, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (SP), Vila Nova (BA)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Pessôa and Lane, 1941
<i>Trichillum</i> sp.	Rat	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Scarabaeidae</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
<i>Scarabaeidae</i> spp.	Pig	Campinas (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Carvalho et al., 2004; Rosa et al., 2011
Hydrophilidae			
<i>Dactylosternum</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Megasternini</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Hydrophilidae</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Hydrophilidae</i> sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Hydrophilidae</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Hydrophilidae</i> sp. 3	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Hydrophilidae</i> sp. 4	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Hybosoridae			
<i>Chaetodus</i> sp.	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Chaetodus exaratus</i> Arrow, 1909	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Corrêa et al., 2014
Silphidae			
<i>Oxelytrum cayennense</i> (Stürm, 1826) (= <i>Silpha cayennensis</i> Stürm)	Pig, human	São Paulo (SP)*, Manaus (AM)	Luederwaldt, 1911*; Mise et al., 2010; Ururahy-Rodrigues et al., 2010; Souza et al., 2014
<i>Oxelytrum discicolle</i> (Brullé, 1840) (= <i>Oxylytretrum discicolle</i> sic)	Rat, pig	Curitiba (PR), Campinas (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Moura et al., 1997; Carvalho et al., 2000; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Oxelytrum erythrurum</i> (Blanchard, 1840)	Pig, rabbit, chicken	Curitiba (PR)	present study
<i>Oxelytrum</i> spp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Silphidae</i> sp.	Rat	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
Staphylinidae			
<i>Aleochara (Aleochara) bonariensis</i> Lynch, 1884 (= <i>Aleochara lateralis</i> Erichson, 1839)	Pig	São Paulo (SP), Campinas (SP), Ribeirão do Pinhal (PR)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Souza and Linhares, 1997; Silva and Santos, 2012
<i>Aleochara (Aleochara) pseudochrysorrhoea</i> Caron, Mise and Klimaszewski, 2008 (= <i>Aleochara</i> sp. 1)	Pig, rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007; Caron et al., 2008; Mise et al., 2013
<i>Aleochara (Coprochara) notula</i> Erichson, 1839 (= <i>Aleochara notula</i>)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Aleochara (Xenochara) taeniata</i> Erichson, 1839 (= <i>Aleochara taeniata</i>)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Aleochara</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Aleochara</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Aleochara</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Aleochara</i> sp. 3	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Amblyopinodes gahani gahani</i> (Fauvel, 1901) (= <i>Amblyopinus gahani</i> Fauvel)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Anotylus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Anotylus</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Anotylus</i> sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Anotylus</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Atheta brasiliiana</i> Bernhauer, 1908	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Atheta iheringi</i> Bernhauer, 1908 (= <i>Ocalea</i> sp. 1)	Pig, rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007; Mise et al., 2013
<i>Atheta mayalis</i> Bernhauer	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Atheta</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Belonuchus</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Belonuchus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Belonuchus xanthopus</i> Solsky, 1868	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Carpelinus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Cilea</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Coproporus</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Creophilus variegatus</i> Mannerheim, 1830 (= <i>Creophilus variegatus</i> (Linnaeus))	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Cryptobium</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011

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<i>Dybelonetus hibridus</i> (Erichson, 1840)	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Echiaster</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Eulissus chalibaeus</i> Mannerheim, 1830 (= <i>Eulissus chalibaeus</i> (Mannerheim))	Rat, pig	Campinas (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Souza and Linhares, 1997; Moretti et al., 2008; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Eulissus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Falagria</i> (<i>Anaulacaspis</i>) <i>fissula</i> Erichson 1840 (= <i>Falagria fissula</i> (Erichson))	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Heterothops</i> sp. (= <i>Heterotops</i>)	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Heterothops</i> spp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Hoplandria aleocharoides</i> Bernhauer, 1908	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Hoplandria</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Lepitacnus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Lissohypnus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Lithocharis</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Naceaetus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Neobisnius</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Neohypnus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Neohypnus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Neophyrus</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Ocalea</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Oligotergus</i> sp. 1	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Oligotergus</i> sp. 2	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Osorius</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Oxytelus</i> sp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Oxytelus subnitidus</i> Reitter, 1909 (= <i>Oxytelus subnitidus</i> Bernhauer)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Philonthus brasilianus</i> Bernhauer, 1916	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Philonthus feralis</i> Erichson, 1840 (<i>Philonthus feralis</i> Erichson (sic))	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Philonthus flavolimbatus</i> Erichson, 1840	Not specified, pig	São Paulo (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Philonthus</i> sp.	Rabbit	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2013
<i>Philonthus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 1	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 1	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 2	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 2	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 3	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 3	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 4	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 5	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> sp. 6	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Philonthus</i> spp.	Pig	Uberlândia (MG)	Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Platydracus ochropygus</i> (Nordmann, 1837)	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Platydracus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Platydracus</i> sp.	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Plociopterus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Quedius</i> sp.	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Stethusa luederwaldti</i> (Bernhauer, 1908) (= <i>Atheta luederwaldti</i>)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Stethusa lurida</i> (Erichson, 1839) (= <i>Atheta lurida</i>)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Stilocaris</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Thoracophorus</i> sp.	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Xanthopygus bicolor</i> Laporte, 1835	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Xanthopygus</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Xanthopygus</i> sp.	Pig	Campinas (SP)	Souza and Linhares, 1997
<i>Aleocharinae</i> sp.	Pig	Manaus (AM)	Mise et al., 2010
<i>Philonthina</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Oxypodini</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Staphilininae</i> sp.	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Staphylinidae</i> spp.	Pig	Campinas (SP), Uberlândia (MG)	Carvalho et al., 2000; Carvalho et al., 2004; Rosa et al., 2011
<i>Staphilinidae</i> sp.	Rat	Campinas (SP)	Monteiro-Filho and Penereiro, 1987
<i>Staphilinidae</i> sp. 1	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Staphilinidae</i> sp. 1	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
<i>Staphilinidae</i> sp. 2	Pig	Itumbiara (GO)	Marchiori et al., 2000
<i>Staphilinidae</i> sp. 2	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Tenebrionidae			
<i>Lagria villosa</i> (Fabricius, 1871)	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Prostenus periscelis</i> Perty, 1830	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911

Table 1 (Continued)

Family/species	Diet/carcass	Geographical distribution	References
<i>Xystropus femoratus</i> (Germar)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
Tenebrionidae sp. (=Alleculidae sp.)	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Tenebrionidae sp. 1	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Tenebrionidae sp. 2	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Tenebrionidae sp. 3	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Tenebrionidae sp. 4	Pig	Cutitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Trogidae			
<i>Omorgus (Omorgus) suberosus</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Not specified, pig	São Paulo (SP), Itumbiara (GO), Uberlândia (MG), Serra Talhada (PE)	Luederwaldt, 1911; Marchiori et al., 2000; Rosa et al., 2011; Mayer and Vasconcelos, 2013
<i>Omorgus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
<i>Polynoncus gemmingeri</i> (Harold, 1872)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Polynoncus pilularius</i> (Germar, 1824)	Not specified	São Paulo (SP)	Luederwaldt, 1911
<i>Polynoncus</i> sp.	Pig	Curitiba (PR)	Mise et al., 2007
Trogidae sp.	Rat	Curitiba (PR)	Moura et al., 1997
Trogidae sp. 1	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006
Trogidae sp. 2	Pig	Recife (PE)	Cruz and Vasconcelos, 2006

Brazilian States cited as abbreviation in parenthesis.

* Distribution restricted to the North of Brazil.

Table 2

Number of records available of Coleoptera of forensic interest per State and Region of Brazil.

Midwest				North												Northeast												South		
DF	GO	MS	MT	AC	AM	AP	PA	RO	RR	TO	AL	BA	CE	MA	PB	PE	PI	RN	SE	PR	SC	RS	ES	MG	RJ	SP				
0	29	6	21	0	51	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	2	33	0	0	0	104	16	13	16	57	20	140				
	56						56									46						133				233				

et al., 2007; Byrd and Castner, 2010); and their feeding habit. Every taxon listed here is described in literature as being necrophagous or predator.

Results and discussion

Our survey listed 345 records of 16 families: Carabidae, Cleridae, Dermestidae, Geotrupidae, Histeridae, Hybosoridae, Hydrophilidae, Leiodidae (=Cholevidae), Nitidulidae, Ptiliidae, Monotomidae (=Rhizophagidae), Scarabaeidae, Silphidae, Staphylinidae, Tenebrionidae and Trogidae, allocated to 16 Brazilian states (Table 1).

In Table 1 we include information about taxa (valid name in the original combination and name as cited in literature), substratum (type of carcass or corpse), distribution (locality and states) and the references where the data was originally cited.

Some taxa have no available information about the substratum and they are referred here as "not specified". Several species do not have available information beyond family, tribe or genera (referred as "taxa.sp") and we present the information the way it was published. The apparently repetition of some taxa are due the unknown identification, meaning that it is impossible to say if they are the same species.

Scarabaeidae was the family with the highest number of specimens registered (158), followed by Staphylinidae (84) and Histeridae (36 species).

Three species are recorded for the first time: *Stelidota geminata* (Say, 1825) and *Stelidota octomaculata* (Say, 1825) (Nitidulidae) in rabbit carcass and *Oxelytrum erythrurum* (Blanchard, 1840) (Silphidae) in pig, rabbit and chicken carcasses.

The majority of records collected for Scarabaeidae are from Pessoa and Lane (1941) which performed a review of Scarabaeidae of medico-legal importance in Brazil. Considering the abundance of registers for this family, and their saprophagous habits, Scarabaeidae apparently have a great unexplored potential for forensic entomology. In the same scenario Nitidulidae is a family known of necrophagous species (see Abbott, 1937; Payne, 1969) have been

largely underestimated and its value in forensic investigations is still to be established (Byrd and Castner, 2010).

As it was stated before, the potential forensic interest of the species is based not only in their records on carcasses but also upon their feeding habit. The knowledge about behaviour and ecological roles in Coleoptera is not as clear as it is in Diptera. Abbott (1937) and Payne (1969) produced an informative review about the behaviour of Coleoptera on carrion, but not much has been done since then. The result is that many taxa with potential importance have been neglected.

The families listed in the present study have documented necrophilous habit, but have not been necessarily found in corpses or used as evidence in actual cases. However, most families have been recorded as associated with human corpses: Cleridae, Dermestidae, Histeridae and Staphylinidae (Turchetto et al., 2001); Silphidae (Souza et al., 2014); Geotrupidae (Nuorteva, 1977); Rhizophagidae and Tenebrionidae (Mégnin, 1894); Hydrophilidae and Leiodidae (Easton and Smith, 1970); Nitidulidae (Adair and Kondratieff, 1996); Carabidae, Ptiliidae and Scarabaeidae (Motter, 1898); Trogidae (Lefebvre and Gaudry, 2009). Even though several taxa listed here belong to families referred as saprophagous (i.e. organic matter feeders – Torre-Bueno, 1989), the presence of those families near or in corpses provides a certain level of certainty to affirm that they are associated with the corpse and have a potential use for forensic entomology.

In forensic entomology studies, Coleoptera is frequently mentioned as an order of great importance alongside Diptera. However, the importance of the order is often neglected due to taxonomic difficulties or other issues regarding the role of those insects in corpses. Several species (Table 1) were reported in carcasses as potential indicators for forensic entomology, but registers from human corpses are rare. The question at this point is the absence of species or the lack of available knowledge (e.g. tools for identification, behavioural and ecological data) that does not allow the use of the group in real cases? As mentioned before, Coleoptera have a great potential for forensic entomology, but is often underestimated especially when Diptera is available.

The reported occurrences (Table 2) are restricted to 16 states and showed a biased pattern towards Southeast (233) and South (133) regions, being São Paulo (SP) (140) and Paraná (PR) (104) the most representative states.

Due its massive territory and biased efforts of collect, not much is known about the Coleoptera of potential importance in Brazil. Future efforts should focus on experiments in different regions and states to increase the database of necrophilous insects. The list of names presented here has the objective to help the dissemination of the correct names of species, often misspelled.

Conflicts of interest

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