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## COLEOPTEROUS GALLS FROM THE NEOTROPICAL REGION

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### ABSTRACT

*Data on Neotropical coleopterous galls were compiled from the literature, which showed that 82 galls have so far been recorded among 77 plant species. The Fabaceae and Asteraceae plant families display the greatest richness in galls. Most galls are induced on stems or buds, while leaves constitute the second most attacked plant organ. Only 16 coleopteran gallers have been identified at the species level; most records are presented at the order level. The identified species belong to four families: Apionidae, Buprestidae, Curculionidae and Eriirrhinidae. The galls are found in Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Chile, Colombia (probably), Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela. Eighteen species of Coleoptera are inquiline galls and are associated with 18 plant species, most frequently with Asteraceae, Melastomataceae and Fabaceae. The inquiline galls were recorded mainly in leaf galls induced by Cecidomyiidae (Diptera). The identity of these weevils is poorly known. General data indicate a lack of taxonomic studies in the Neotropical region.*

KEY-WORDS: Coleoptera; Diversity; Galler; Inquiline; Neotropics.

### INTRODUCTION

From an evolutionary standpoint, galls can be seen as adaptations that allow some insect taxa to feed on high quality tissues and protect themselves from natural enemies and harsh abiotic factors (Price *et al.*, 1986; Fernandes *et al.*, 1994). Gall-forming insects are among the most specialized herbivores. They are typically "host, organ and tissue specific" (Shorthouse & Rohfritsch, 1992). In fact, gall-forming insects have an intimate relationship with their host plant that enables them to induce proliferation of plant cells (the gall) in a pattern characteristic of the gall-forming species. Due to this, several authors have used gall morphotypes as a surrogate for the gall-forming species (Fernandes & Price, 1988; Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005), as well as

tools in plant systematics [Raman, 1996; Abrahamson *et al.*, 1998].

Coleopterous galls generally attack branches while cecidomyiideans galls occur more frequently on leaves. This pattern was indicated by Houard in 1933, and corroborated by Maia & Oliveira, 2004. Other insect orders with gall-forming species also show preference for some plant organs; *e.g.* Lepidoptera for bud and stem, Hemiptera and Thysanoptera for leaves (Maia, 2006).

Many coleopterous galls have been recorded in the Neotropical region, but data are scattered in the literature. Therefore, the diversity of these gallers is poorly understood. Many hypotheses have been suggested to explain insect gall diversity, considering global, regional and local patterns (Fagundes &

Fernandes, 2011), as well as different ecological levels (intra-specific, interspecific and community) (Fleck & Fonseca 2007). Among them, the hypotheses of plant species richness (Southwood, 1960, 1961), plant architecture (Lawton, 1983), harsh environment (Fernandes & Price, 1991), and hygrothermic stress (Fernandes & Price, 1988) have been tested, but the results are still controversial.

The main objective of this study was to compile the available information on coleopterous galls in the Neotropics, and to discuss inquilines, host plant preferences and distribution patterns.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

A search of the Thompson ISI database on papers published from 1934 through 2010 was conducted in July 2011, using 'Coleoptera (title) AND gall (topic)' as key-words. Among these papers, those focusing on the Neotropics were verified. Data before 1934 were extracted from the gall catalog of Houard, 1933.

The available information was organized into 10 tables that comprised host plant identification (family, genus and plant species), number of gall morphotypes per plant species, galled plant organ, galling species, distribution and references.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 82 coleopterous galls have been recorded in the Neotropics. These galls were distributed among 77 species of host plants (50 genera and 28 families) (see Table 1).

Fabaceae and Asteraceae were plant families with the greatest richness of galls (15 and 10 morphotypes, respectively). The other families displayed one to five gall morphotypes. Ten families (Alismaceae, Amaranthaceae, Anacardiaceae, Apocynaceae, Araceae, Bombacaceae, Curcubitaceae, Hippocrateaceae, Malvaceae, and Viscaceae) exhibited only one gall morphotype, while eleven families (Ebenaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fagaceae, Gnetaceae, Malvaceae, Piperaceae, Rubiaceae Sapindaceae, Solanaceae, Sterculiaceae and Vitaceae) showed two morphotypes. A single family (Myrtaceae) presented four morphotypes; four families (Annonaceae, Lauraceae, Malpighiaceae and Myrtaceae) presented three; and three families (Bignoniaceae, Melastomataceae and Solanaceae) showed five morphotypes (Table 1). Fabaceae and Asteraceae are among the largest families of flowering plants in

the world, as they are very diverse in the Neotropical region. Other gall-inducing insects commonly attack these plant families as well, including cecidomyiids (Diptera) and coccoids (Hemiptera) among others. The result corroborated the hypothesis that plant families with the greatest species richness display the greatest richness of galls (Southwood, 1960, 1961).

Most plant species demonstrate only one gall morphotype. Exceptions are *Baccharis concinna* Barroso (Asteraceae), *Helicteres guazumaefolia* H.B.K. (Sterculiaceae), *Notophagous obliqua* Blume (Fagaceae), and *Tibouchina pulchra* Cogn. (Melastomataceae) (Table 1), which demonstrate two morphotypes.

The galls are found in diverse biomes, occurring at dry as well as wet sites, but the majority was collected in xeric habitats (such as steppe, cerrado, restinga, caatinga, monte and semi-arid chaco forest). This corroborates the harsh environment hypothesis, which predicts that "gall formation evolves in response to harsh environments so that galling species richness will be greater in xeric habitats than in mesic habitats" (Fernandes & Price, 1991).

Most galls (about 62%) were induced on stems or buds, while leaves were the second most attacked plant organ (about 29%), followed by roots, flowers and tendrils, each with less than 3% (Table 2). No galls have been observed to occur on fruits. The number of gall morphotypes recorded ( $n = 76$ ) was lower than the total number of galls ( $n = 82$ ) because the plant organ has not been recorded for some galls (Table 2). The preference for stems has already been pointed out for gall-inducing coleopteran species (Houard, 1933; Maia & Oliveira, 2004). The stem was also the most attacked organ by galling lepidopteran species (Houard, 1933; Maia, 2006), contrasting with cecidomyiids (Diptera), which induce galls mainly on leaves (Gagné, 1994).

About 96% of gall inducers attacked a specific plant organ, except three species that have been observed attacking stems and leaves (petiole and mid-vein) simultaneously, as well as buds and leaves, corroborating plant organ specificity (Shorthouse & Rohfritsch, 1992).

Only 16 coleopteran gallers (about 20%) have been identified at the species level (Table 3). The other records have been presented at genera ( $n = 5$ ), subfamily (5), family ( $n = 18$ ), and order level ( $n = 38$  or about 46%). These data demonstrate how poorly known the taxonomy of the galling species is.

The identified species belonged to thirteen genera distributed among four families (Table 4): Apionidae – *Apion* Herbst, 1797 (2 spp.) and *Noterapion* Kissinger, 2002 (1 sp.); Buprestidae – *Hylaeogena*

TABLE 1: Distribution and richness of coleopterous galls on each host plant and phytophysiognomy in the Neotropics. References are also given.

Host plant family (n = 28)	Host plant species (n = 76)	Number of gall morphotypes (n = 81)	Gall distribution	Bionne	Reference
Alismaceae	<i>Sagittaria montevidensis</i> Cham. & Schlecht. f. <i>immaculata</i> Hicken	01	Argentina and Brazil	Monte and Atlantic forest	Houard, 1933; Costa-Lima, 1956
Amaranthaceae	<i>Agasicles vittata</i> Jacoby, 1905	01	Argentina	No data	Costa-Lima, 1956
Anacardiaceae	<i>Schinus molle</i> Ortega	01	Chile	steppe	Houard, 1933; Kieffer & Herbst, 1905
Annonaceae	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	01	Argentina	Monte	Houard, 1933
	<i>Rollinia sericea</i> R.E. Fr.	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Maia <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	<i>Xilopia aromatica</i> (Lam.) Mart.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1989
Apocynaceae	<i>Aspidosperma tomentosum</i> Mart.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Gonçalves-Alvim & Fernandes, 2001
Araceae	<i>Philodendrum</i> sp.	01	Brazil	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Asteraceae	<i>Ageratina</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Baccharis concinna</i> Barroso	02	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>B. paucidentata</i> DC.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	<i>Baccharis reticularia</i> DC	01	South America	No data	Houard, 1933
	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i> (L.) King & Robinson	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	<i>Eupatorium</i> sp.	01	Brazil, Venezuela, probably Colombia	Tropical forest	Zachariades <i>et al.</i> , 2007
	<i>Lesingianthus uarvingianus</i> (Baker) H. Rob	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Houard, 1933; Tavares, 1917
	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> L.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	<i>Vernonia</i> sp.1	01	Argentina	No data	Fiedler, 1940
Bignoniaceae	<i>Amphilophium paniculatum</i> (L.) H.B.K	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Moreira <i>et al.</i> , 2007
	<i>Jacaranda paucifoliolata</i> Mart.	01	Panama	Tropical forest	Medianero <i>et al.</i> , 2007
	<i>Tabebuia impetiginosa</i> (Mart. ex DC) Standl	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	<i>Tabebuia pumila</i> A.H. Gentry	01	Brazil	Tropical dry forest (caatinga)	Santos <i>et al.</i> , 2001
	<i>Tabebuia</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , 1996
Bombacaceae	<i>Eriobeca gracilipes</i> (K. Schum) A. Robyns	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Curcubitaceae	<i>Apodanthera smilacifolia</i> Cong.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Gonçalves-Alvim & Fernandes, 2001
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros brasiliensis</i> Mart. ex. Miq.	01	Brazil	No data	Costa-Lima, 1956
	<i>Diospyros hispida</i> DC.	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Maia <i>et al.</i> , 2008
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Croton antisiphiliticus</i> Mart.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Souza <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	Not determined	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Maia & Oliveira, 2004
Fabaceae	<i>Andira</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1997
	<i>Andira fraxinifolia</i> Benth.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Maia & Fernandes, 2004
	<i>Bauhinia brevipes</i> Vogel	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Maia <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	<i>Bauhinia cheilantha</i> (Bong.) Steud	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1997
	<i>Bauhinia</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Tropical dry forest (caatinga)	Santos <i>et al.</i> , 2001
		01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005

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Host plant family (n = 28)	Host plant species (n = 76)	Number of gall morphotypes (n = 81)	Gall distribution	Biome	Reference
	<i>Eriosema</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Gonçalves-Alvim & Fernandes, 2001
	<i>Erythrina berteroviana</i> Urban	01	El Salvador	No data	Whitehead, 1978
	<i>Mimosa polycarpa</i>	01	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	<i>Nissolia fruticosa</i> Jacq.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Prosopis alba</i> Griseb.	01	Argentina	Monte	Houard, 1933; Jörgensen, 1916
	<i>P. alpataco</i> Phil.	01	Argentina	Monte	Houard, 1933; Kieffer & Jörgensen, 1910
	<i>P. campestris</i> Griseb.	01	Argentina	Monte	Houard, 1933
	<i>P. elata</i> (Burkart) Burkart (Mesquite)	01	Argentina	Semi-arid chaco forest	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	<i>P. ruscifolia</i> Grisebach	01	Argentina	Semi-arid chaco Forest	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Not determined	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Maia & Fernandes, 2004
Fagaceae	<i>Nothofagus obliqua</i> Blume	02	Chile	Steppe	Houard, 1933; Kieffer & Herbst, 1905
Gnetaceae	<i>Ephedra tweediana</i> C.A. Mey.	01	Argentina	Monte	Houard, 1933
	<i>Dahlstedtia pimata</i> (Benth.) Malme	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Costa-Lima, 1956
Hippocrateaceae	<i>Hippocratea volubilis</i> L.	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Maia & Oliveira, 2004
Lauraceae	<i>Aiouea costaricensis</i> (Mez) Kosterm.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Beilschmiedia pendula</i> (Sw.) Hemsl.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Cinnamomum cinnamomifolium</i> (Kunth) Kosterm.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Malpighiaceae	<i>Banisteriopsis malifolia</i> (Nees & Mart.) B.Gates	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Byrsotima apicata</i> (Cav.) DC.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1997
	<i>Byrsotima arctostaphyloides</i> Nied.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , 1996
Malvaceae	<i>Luehea divaricata</i> Mart.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1988
	<i>Sida cordifolia</i> L.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Melastomataceae	<i>Blakea</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
	<i>Miconia prasina</i> (Sw.) DC	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Almeida-Cortez <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	<i>Miconia</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Myrtaceae	<i>Tibouchina pulchra</i> Cogn.	02	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Maia <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	<i>Calyptanthus brasiliensis</i> Spreng	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Várin, 2008
	<i>Gomidesia forziiana</i> Berg	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Monteiro <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Vanin <i>et al.</i> , 2000
	<i>G. maritima</i> Berg	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest (restinga)	Monteiro <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Vanin <i>et al.</i> , 2000
	Not determined	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Fernandes <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Piperaceae	<i>Piper</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Costa-Lima, 1956
	<i>Piper</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Rubiaceae	<i>Hoffmannia</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005

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Host plant family (n = 28)	Host plant species (n = 76)	Number of gall morphotypes (n = 81)	Gall distribution	Biome	Reference
	<i>Psychotria</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Atlantic forest	Costa-Lima, 1956
Sapindaceae	<i>Serjania erecta</i> Radlk.	01	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	<i>Serjania</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
Solanaceae	<i>Capsicum parvifolium</i> Sendtn.	01	Brazil	Dry tropical forest	Coelho <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	<i>Solanum grandiflorum</i> Ruiz & Pav.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Costa-Lima, 1956
	<i>Solanum</i> sp.	01	Brazil	Cerrado	Costa-Lima, 1956
	<i>Pouteria gardneri</i> (Mart. & Miq.) Baehni	01	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Not determined	01	Brazil	Tropical dry forest (caatinga)	Santos <i>et al.</i> , 2001
Sterculiaceae	<i>Helicteres guazumaefolia</i> H.B.K.	02	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
Viscaceae	<i>Phoradendron</i> sp.	01	Costa Rica	No data	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
Viraceae	<i>Cissus spinosa</i> Camb.	01	Brazil	Swamp	Julião <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	<i>Cissus verticillata</i> (L.) Nicolson & Jarvis	01	Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama	No data	Ulmer <i>et al.</i> , 2010

**TABLE 2:** Distribution of coleopterous galls per plant part in the Neotropics.

Plant organ	Gall morphotypes (n = 76)	
	Number	%
Stem or bud	47	61.8
Leaf	22	28.9
Leaf and bud	1	1.3
Leaf and stem	2	2.6
Root	2	2.6
Flower	1	1.3
Tendrill	1	1.3
Fruit	0	0

**TABLE 3:** Distribution of galling species per taxonomic category in the Neotropics.

Taxonomic category	Gall morphotypes (n = 82)	
	Number	%
Order	38	46.3
Family	18	21.9
Subfamily	5	6.1
Genus	5	6.1
Species	16	19.5

Obenberger 1923 (1 sp.); Curculionidae – *Collabismus* Schoenherr, 1837 (1 sp.); *Conotrachelus* Dejean, 1835 (2 spp.); *Craspedotus* Schönh., 1844 (1 sp.); *Cyrtionyx* Faust 1896 (1 sp.); *Eurhinus* Illiger 1807; *Hexacolus* Hagedorn, 1909 (1 sp.); *Pacholenus* Schoenherr, 1826 (2 spp.); *Prospoliata* Hustache, 1949 (1 sp.); *Pseudomopsis* Champion, 1905 (1 sp.); and Eirrhinidae – *Hypselus* Schoenherr, 1843 (1 sp.). All of them were included in the same superfamily Curculionoidae. The identified galling species were associated with only one host plant species or with two congeneric species. Five galling weevils have been identified at the genus level: *Apion* (4 spp.) and *Camptocheirus* Lacordaire 1863 (1 sp.).

Coleopterous galls from the Neotropics had been recorded in 11 countries, most of them in Brazil (n = 53), followed by Costa Rica (n = 14), Argentina (n = 10), and Panama (n = 5). The other countries had one to three records, while no information was available for the other Neotropical localities (Table 5). The number of records (n = 93) was higher than the number of gall morphotypes (n = 82) because some galls had been recorded in two or more countries.

Data from Brazil was restricted to seven states, with Minas Gerais showing the majority of records (about 45%), followed by Mato Grosso do Sul, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Pernambuco, Goiás and Bahia (Table 6). Data show the greatest number of gall

TABLE 4: Distribution of coleopteran species per host plant, plant part and locality in the Neotropics.

Galling species	Host plant	Plant part	Distribution	Reference
<b>Aptonidae:</b>				
<i>Apion angustatum</i> Philippi, 1864	<i>Nothofagus obliqua</i>	Stem	Chile	Kieffer & Herbst, 1905
<i>Apion prosopides</i> Kieffer & Jörgensen, 1910	<i>Prosopis alba</i>	Stem	Argentina	Jörgensen, 1916
	<i>Prosopis alpataco</i>	Leaf	Argentina	Kieffer & Jörgensen, 1910
<i>Apion</i> sp.1	<i>Croton antisyphiliticus</i>	Leaf	Brazil	Maia & Oliveira, 2004
<i>Apion</i> sp.2	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Flower	Argentina	Houard, 1933
<i>Apion</i> sp.3	<i>Dubautia pimata</i>	Stem	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Apion</i> sp.4	<i>Diospyros hispida</i>	Stem	Brazil	Souza <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Noterapion candaya</i> * (Whitehead, 1978)	<i>Erythrina berteroaia</i>	Leaf	El Salvador	Whitehead, 1978
<b>Buprestidae:</b>				
<i>Hylaeogena thoracica</i> Waterhouse, 1889	<i>Amphilophium paniculatum</i>	Leaf	Panama	Medianero <i>et al.</i> , 2007
<b>Curculionidae:</b>				
<i>Camptocheirus</i> sp.	<i>Cinnamomum cinnamomifolium</i>	Stem	Costa Rica	Hanson & Gómez-Laurito, 2005
<i>Craspedorus psychoviae</i> (Bondar, 1946)	<i>Psychotria</i> sp.	Leaf and bud	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Collabismus cliellae</i> Boheman, 1837	<i>Solanum grandiflorum</i>	Stem	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
	<i>Solanum</i> sp.	Stem	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Conotrachelus albocinerus</i> Fiedler 1940	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Stem	Argentina	Fiedler, 1940
<i>Conotrachelus reticulatus</i> Champion	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Stem	Brazil, Venezuela, probably Colombia	Zachariades <i>et al.</i> , 2007
<i>Cyrtionyx turbidus</i> Hustache, 1938	<i>Piper (Arthanthe) luscumbianum</i>	No data	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Eurhinus magnificus</i> Gyllenhal 1836	<i>Cissus verticillata</i>	Stem	Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama	Ulmer <i>et al.</i> , 2010
<i>Hexacoelus bruchi</i> Hagedorn, 1909	<i>Agave vitata</i>	Stem	Argentina	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Pacholenus monteiroi</i> Vanin, 2008	<i>Calyptanthes brasiliensis</i>	Stem	Brazil	Vanin, 2008
<i>Pacholenus pellicanus</i> Boheman, 1836	<i>Gomidesia feniziana</i>	Stem	Brazil	Monteiro <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Vanin <i>et al.</i> , 2000
	<i>Gomidesia martiniana</i>	Stem	Brazil	Monteiro <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Vanin <i>et al.</i> , 2000
<i>Pseudomopsis peckolti</i> Costa-Lima, 1945	<i>Apodanthera smilacifolia</i>	Stem	Brazil	Costa-Lima, 1956
<i>Prospoliata bicolorata</i> Hustache, 1950	<i>Miconia prasina</i>	Leaf	Brazil	Almeida-Cortez <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<b>Eirithinidae:</b>				
<i>Hypselus ater</i> Boehman, 1843 (= <i>Anchonoidea bonariensis</i> Brèthes, 1910)	<i>Sagittaria montevidensis Immaculata</i>	Root	Argentina and Brazil	Houard, 1933; Costa-Lima, 1956

\* Data on *Noterapion candaya* are controversial. This species was cited as a gall maker in El Salvador (Whitehead, 1978) and as a gall inquiline in Argentina and Chile (Kissinger & Linda, 2002).

**TABLE 5:** Distribution of coleopterous galls per country in the Neotropics.

Country	Gall morphotypes	
	Number	%
Brazil	53	57.0
Costa Rica	14	15.0
Argentina	10	10.7
Chile	3	3.2
Panama	1	1.07
Belize	1	1.07
El Salvador	1	1.07
Colombia (probably)	1	1.07
Guatemala	1	1.07
Honduras	1	1.07
Nicaragua	1	1.07
Venezuela	1	1.07
South America (country not specified)	1	1.07

**TABLE 6:** Distribution of coleopterous galls per Brazilian state.

Brazilian state	Gall morphotypes (n = 51)	
	Number	%
Minas Gerais	23	45.1
Mato Grosso do Sul	8	15.7
São Paulo	7	13.7
Rio de Janeiro	7	13.7
Pernambuco	4	7.8
Goiás	1	1.9
Bahia	1	1.9

morphotypes in the southeastern region of this country (Minas Gerais, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro), which could be explained by the high amount of research in this area.

Eighteen species of Coleoptera were inquiline of galls. They were associated with 14 plant species (distributed in 14 genera and 10 different families), being more frequent on Asteraceae (n = 4), Fabaceae (n = 3) and Melastomataceae (n = 3). Two inquilines have been recorded on Myrtaceae and only one on Bignoniaceae, Boraginaceae, Clusiaceae, Fagaceae, Lamiaceae and Solanaceae (Table 7).

Inquilines have been recorded on leaf, stem and bud galls, and the majority (about 83%) on specific organs of host plant. Most inquilines were associated with leaf galls (72%), followed by stem and bud galls (Table 8). This reveals a difference between galling weevils and inquilines: the former occur mainly on buds and the latter preferentially on leaves.

Inquilines occurred mainly on galls induced by Cecidomyiidae (Diptera) (about 78%), while only one record has been associated with hymenopterous, lepidopterous and coleopterous galls (Table 9). This

**TABLE 7:** Distribution of inquilines per host plant family in the Neotropics.

Host plant family	No. of records of inquilines
Asteraceae	4
Bignoniaceae	1
Boraginaceae	1
Clusiaceae	1
Fabaceae	3
Fagaceae	1
Lamiaceae	1
Melastomataceae	3
Myrtaceae	2
Solanaceae	1

**TABLE 8:** Distribution of gall inquilines per plant organ in the Neotropics.

Plant organ	Nº. of records of inquilines
Leaf	10
Stem	4
Bud	1
Leaf or stem	2
Leaf, stem or bud	1

**TABLE 9:** Distribution of gall inquilines per galling insect in the Neotropics.

Galling insect group	Nº. of records of inquilines
Cecidomyiidae (Diptera)	14
Curculionidae (Coleoptera)	1
Cynipidae	1
Momphidae (Lepidoptera)	1
Not determined	1

can be explained by the fact that the majority of insect galls in the world are induced by gall midges (Felt, 1940).

Inquiline weevils were mainly identified at the family level (about 83%). (Table 10) There are two records at the species level and one at the order level, again demonstrating poor knowledge about the taxonomy of this group.

## CONCLUSION

A total of 82 coleopterous galls are known in the Neotropical region. The majority is associated with Fabaceae. Most galls are induced on stems or buds. The taxonomy of galling weevils is poorly known, as well as data on their geographical distribution. Inquiline weevils of galls have been recorded in the Neotropics, but their identification is also deficient.

TABLE 10: Distribution of inquiline per host plant, plant part, galling species and locality in the Neotropics.

Inquiline	Host plant	Plant part	Galling species	Locality
<i>Anthonomus</i> sp.	<i>Leandra aurea</i> (Cham.) Cogn. (Melastomataceae)	Stem	Momphidae (Lepidoptera)	Brazil
<i>Noterapion meorrhynchum</i> (Philippi and Philippi, 1864)	<i>Nothofagus dombeysi</i> (Mirb.) Oerst. (Fagaceae)	Leaf	<i>Paraulax</i> sp. (Cynipidae: Hymenoptera)	Argentina and Chile
<i>Philides anthonomoides</i> Champion, 1906	<i>Amphilophium paniculatum</i> (L.) H.B.K (Bignoniaceae)	Leaf	Curculionidae (Coleoptera)	Panama
Curculionidae	<i>Copaifera langsdorffii</i> Desf. (Fabaceae)	Leaf	Cecidomyiidae (Diptera)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Neomitranthes obscura</i> (DC) N.J.E.Silveira (Myrtaceae)	Stem	<i>Neomitranthella robusta</i> Maia, 1995 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Eugenia rotundifolia</i> Casar (Myrtaceae)	Stem	<i>Stephomyia rotundifoliorum</i> Maia, 1993 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Mikania</i> cf. <i>biformis</i> DC. (Asteraceae)	Leaf or stem	<i>Liodiplosis spherica</i> Gagné, 2001 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Mikania</i> cf. <i>biformis</i> DC. (Asteraceae)	Leaf	<i>Asphondylia glomeratae</i> Gagné, 2001 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Mikania</i> cf. <i>biformis</i> DC. (Asteraceae)	Bud	<i>Perasphondylia mikaniae</i> Gagné, 2001 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Piptocarpha</i> cf. <i>cinerea</i> Baker (Asteraceae)	Leaf, stem or bud	<i>Asphondylia</i> sp. (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Cordia curassavica</i> (Jacq.) Roem. & Schult. (Boraginaceae)	Leaf	Lopesiini (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Coleoptera	<i>Calophyllum brasiliense</i> Cambess. (Clusiaceae)	Leaf	<i>Lopesia elliptica</i> Maia, 2003 (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Andira fraxinifolia</i> Benth. (Fabaceae)	Leaf	<i>Andirodiplosis</i> sp. (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Andira fraxinifolia</i> Benth. (Fabaceae)	Leaf	Asphondyliina (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Hyptis fasciculata</i> Benth. subsp. <i>fasciculata</i> (Lamiaceae)	Leaf or stem	Cecidomyiidae	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Tibouchina trichopoda</i> (DC.) Baill. (Melastomataceae)	Leaf	Not determined	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Tibouchina trichopoda</i> (DC.) Baill. (Melastomataceae)	Stem	Cecidomyiidae	Brazil
Curculionidae	<i>Aureliana fasciculata</i> (Vell.) Sendtn. (Solanaceae)	Leaf	<i>Clinodiplosis</i> sp. (Cecidomyiidae)	Brazil

## RESUMO

Informações sobre galhas induzidas por Coleoptera na região neotropical foram compiladas a partir da literatura. Oitenta e duas galhas foram assinaladas em 77 espécies de plantas. Fabaceae e Asteraceae foram as famílias botânicas que apresentaram maior riqueza de galhas. A maioria das galhas desenvolveu-se em caule ou gema; as folhas foram o segundo órgão vegetal mais atacado. Apenas 16 indutores estão identificados em nível de espécie, estando a maior parte dos registros em nível de ordem. As espécies identificadas pertencem a quatro famílias: Apionidae, Buprestidae, Curculionidae e Eirrhinidae. As

galhas foram coletadas na Argentina, Brasil, Belize, Chile, Colômbia (provavelmente), Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicarágua, Panamá e Venezuela. Dezoito espécies de Coleoptera são inquilinas de galhas e estão associadas com 18 espécies de planta, sendo mais frequentes em are Asteraceae, Melastomataceae e Fabaceae. Os inquilinos ocorreram principalmente em galhas foliares induzidas por Cecidomyiidae (Diptera). O conhecimento taxonômico desses besouros é escasso, indicando a carência de estudos na região neotropical.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Coleoptera; Diversidade; Galhador; Inquilino; Neotropical.



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