

Sinopsis de los Hydrophiloidea Acuáticos de la Argentina (Insecta, Coleoptera)

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Abstract: A synopsis of the aquatic Hydrophiloidea of Argentina (Insecta, Coleoptera). The diversity of the aquatic and riparian Hydrophiloidea known to occur in Argentina and neighbouring areas is treated, including diagnoses of the major groups, and keys for the identification of families, subfamilies, tribes, genera and most of the species; a tentative key for the genera with known larvae is added. Some chapters are devoted to general aspects: morphology of both larvae and adults, development, special adaptations for locomotion, ventilation, and reproduction, data from chromosome studies, ecological preferences, and some zoogeographical considerations. A short comment on the systematic status of the Hydrophiloidea is added. A glossary with the technical words used in the paper is included as an appendix.