

FIJI ARTHROPODS

Editors' Preface

We are pleased to present the fifth issue of *Fiji Arthropods*, a series offering rapid publication and devoted to studies of terrestrial arthropods of the Fiji Group and nearby Pacific archipelagos. Most papers in this series will be the results of collecting and research on the Fijian fauna deriving from the NSF-funded "Terrestrial Arthropods of Fiji" project. Five co-PIs and 18 specialists (see *Fiji Arthropods* I, p. 18) form the core team of scientists who have agreed to publish new taxa that result from collecting during this survey. However, as space allows, we welcome papers from any scientist who is currently working on arthropod taxonomy in Fiji.

This issue contains results of discoveries of new species of Diptera in the families Tabanidae (Burger), Pipunculidae (Skevington), and Dolichopodidae (Bickel) as well as a key to families of the Muscoidea (Diptera) by Pont. Manuscripts are currently in press or in preparation on Saldidae, Lauxaniidae, Keroplatidae, Mycetophilidae, Muscidae, Dolichopodidae, and Asilidae and will appear in future issues.

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