

Ant-associated beetles of Fennoscandia and Denmark

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Ants have a negative impact on populations of many arthropod species. On the other hand, numerous arthropod species live in association with ants. In this paper we list ant-associated beetles (including myrmecophiles) of Fennoscandia and Denmark. Data is based on a literature survey and new field observations. We list 369 ant-associated beetle species of which 73 are categorized as myrmecophilous. Our data suggests that there might be numerous beetle species associated with ants, which are not generally known to do so. This indicates that ant colonies may be important habitats for a large variety of beetle species.

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1. Introduction

Several studies suggest that ants, through predation and disturbance, have a negative impact on various arthropods, such as harvestmen (Opiliones), spiders (Araneae) and ground beetles (Carabidae) (Cherix & Bourne 1980, Rosengren & Sundström 1991, Niemelä *et al.* 1992, Laakso & Setälä 2000). Nevertheless, numerous arthropods live in an association with ants (*see* the reviews by Larsson 1943, Kistner 1982, Hölldobler & Wilson 1990). In a recent study in Finland, wood ant mounds (Formicidae, *Formica* spp.) were considered to be hot spots for earthworms and many arthropods that are not usually considered as ant-associated or myrmecophilous species (Laakso & Setälä

1997, 1998). According to Laakso & Setälä (1997), the activity and presence of ants create habitats that have highly different abiotic and biotic conditions compared to the surrounding forest floor. For example, wood ant mounds differ from the surrounding by having a high and regulated temperature, and high input of detritus and arthropod carrion (Rosengren *et al.* 1987). Moreover, the wood ant mounds are actively shielded from various arthropod and vertebrate predators (e.g. ground beetles, spiders, birds and shrews). Based on these assumptions, we predict that ant colonies may also maintain a high species richness of many other arthropod groups.

Ant-associated insects have evolved different types of symbiotic relationships with ants. “Ant

“guests”, commonly known as myrmecophiles, are dependent on ant societies at least during part of their life cycles (Hölldobler & Wilson 1990). Other species do so occasionally, functioning as casual predators or temporary nest commensals. Both of these ant-associated insect groups include a great variety of springtails (Collembola), beetles (Coleoptera) and butterflies (Lepidoptera), as well as less abundant representatives of a wide range of other insect groups (Hölldobler & Wilson 1990).

One of the most diverse ant-associated insect taxa are beetles. According to Hölldobler & Wilson (1990), 35 different ant-associated beetle families, consisting of thousands of species, have hitherto been recorded. Although the literature on ant-associated beetle species is enormous, a large part of the available data consists only of incidental observations or ecological studies of individual species. Only a few detailed lists of the host ants and their myrmecophilous beetles have been previously published (e.g. Johansen 1904, Donisthorpe 1927, Larsson 1943, Collingwood 1957, Wilson 1971, Kistner 1982, Hölldobler & Wilson 1990, Wojcik 1990, Franck 1992, Kistner *et al.* 1997), and an updated list on this fauna in Fennoscandia and Denmark is virtually lacking.

In this paper we survey the most comprehensive list of myrmecophilous and other ant-associated beetles in Fennoscandia (Finland, Norway and Sweden) and Denmark. The two groups — myrmecophilous and other ant-associated beetles — will be hereafter referred to by the abbreviation AAB (ant-associated beetles). We also demonstrate that ant colonies are species rich habitats for beetles. This knowledge is based on the present literature of beetles and their ecology. The knowledge is reinforced by our own data, and by field observations of several coleopterologists. Finally, we discuss the previous classifications of myrmecophilous beetles.

2. Material and methods

In this study, we collected a list of beetle species, which have been observed with ants according to literature and some field observations. We also collected data on host ants and special requirements of beetle species. We used the following sources of information on ant-associated beetles.

Danmarks Fauna: Hansen & Henriksen (1927), Larsson (1943), Hansen (1950, 1951a, 1951b, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1965, 1966a, 1966b, 1968a, 1968b, 1969, 1973a, 1973b, 1973c, 1973d), Die Käfer Mitteleuropas Ökologie: (Koch 1989a, 1989b, 1992) and Svensk Insektafana: Aurivillius (1917, 1920), Spessivtseff (1925), Lindroth (1933, 1961), Palm (1948, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972) and Landin (1957). In addition to these books, we collected data from some periodicals: Acta Entomologica Fennica, Annales Entomologici Fennici, Entomologica Fennica, Entomologica Scandinavica, Entomologisk Tidskrift, Entomologiske Meddelelser, Entomologist's Gazzette, Norwegian Journal of Entomology, Fauna Norwegica, Notulae Entomologicae. From these periodicals we used the following references. Meinert (1887–88a, 1887–88b, 1889–90), Lovendal (1891–92), Johansen (1895–96, 1903, 1904, 1906), Schlick (1895–96, 1897), Holstebroe (1910), Adlerz (1911, 1912), Rosenberg (1913, 1914, 1924), West (1913, 1930), Krogerus (1934), Palm (1936, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1954a, 1954b, 1956, 1959, 1979, 1985a, 1985b), Palmen (1936), Kangas (1938, 1951, 1982, 1983), Lindberg (1943), Kryger (1945), Lindgren (1945), Widenfalk, 1954, Kornerup (1960), Collingwood (1957, 1959, 1965), Wegelius (1960), Lundberg (1961, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978a, 1978b, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1993), Hansen (1964, 1967, 1968c, 1970, 1971), Huggert (1967), Skidmore & Johnson (1969), Huggert & Ulefors (1971), Baranowski (1975, 1976, 1979, 1980a, 1980b, 1982), Szymzsakowski (1975), Andersson (1977, 1981), Nilssen & Andersen (1977), Rydh (1977), Sörensson (1979, 1996), Bangsholt (1981), Persson (1981), Gillerfors (1982, 1990), Pritzl (1982), Ehnström (1983), Andersen *et al.* (1984), Hansen & Mahler (1985), Mahler (1987), Clayhills (1988), Hansen (1988), Johnson (1988), Martin (1989), Hansen *et al.* (1990, 1991, 1994), Paulsen (1991) and Siiton (1993). See also Douglas (1858), Adlerz (1913), Donisthorpe (1927), Lindroth (1946), Owen (1986, 2000), Vallenduuk (1987), Franc (1992), Völkl (1995), Sagvolden & Hansen (1996), Whitehead (1996), Sloggett *et al.* (1999) and Jorum (2000). Furthermore, our data include field observations from Finland (Päävinen 1999, Mukkala pers. comm., Rutanen pers. comm.). In these field studies, all beetles were captured inside ant mounds and occasional observations were not included in our list.

3. Results

Based on the literature survey and field observations a total of 369 ant-associated species of beetles have been recorded in Fennoscandia and Denmark (Table 1). These species numbers include both myrmecophiles and other ant-associated beetles (Table 1). The total number of host ant species was 39. The largest number of beetle species was found

Table 1. List of the ant associated beetle species and their host ants according to the studied literature and new field observations. * = myrmecophile according to Koch (1989a, 1989b, 1992), and ** = myrmecophile according to Szymczakowski (1975). Abbreviations under the column "host ant" are explained in Table 2. Under the column Ref., 1 = Danmarks Fauna (Hansen & Henriksen 1927, Larsson 1943, Hansen 1950, 1951a, 1951b, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1965, 1966a, 1966b, 1968a, 1968b, 1969, 1973a, 1973b, 1973c, 1973d), 2 = Die Käfer Mitteleuropas Ökologie (Koch 1989a, 1989b, 1992), 3 = Svensk Insekt Fauna (Spessivtseff 1925, Landin 1957, Lindroth 1933, 1961, Palm 1948, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972), 4 = Päivinen 1999, 5 = Mukkala pers. comm., 6 = Rutanen pers. comm., 7 = Völk 1995, 8 = Ehnström 1983, 9 = Szymczakowski 1975, 10 = Adlerz 1911, 11 = Adlerz 1912, 12 = Palm 1936, 13 = Palm 1943, 14 = Lindgren 1945, 15 = Palm 1946, 16 = Palm 1947, 17 = Palm 1954a, 18 = Palm 1954b, 19 = Widenfalk 1954, 20 = Palm 1956, 21 = Franc 1992, 22 = Adlerz 1913, 23 = Palm 1959, 24 = Lundberg 1961, 25 = Huggert 1967, 26 = Huggert & Ulefors 1971, 27 = Lundberg 1972, 28 = Lundberg 1973, 29 = Baranowski 1975, 30 = Lundberg 1976, 31 = Baranowski 1976, 32 = Andersson 1977, 33 = Rydh 1977, 34 = Lundberg 1978b, 35 = Lundberg 1978a, 36 = Palm 1979, 37 = Sörensson 1979, 38 = Baranowski 1979, 39 = Owen 1986, 40 = Baranowski 1980a, 41 = Baranowski 1980b, 42 = Persson 1981, 43 = Lundberg 1981, 44 = Andersson 1981, 45 = Gillerfors 1982, 46 = Baranowski 1982, 47 = Lundberg 1983, 48 = Lundberg 1984, 49 = Palm 1985a, 50 = Palm 1985b, 51 = Gillerfors 1990, 52 = Lundberg 1993, 53 = Sörensson 1996, 54 = Collingwood 1957, 55 = Collingwood 1959, 56 = Collingwood 1965, 57 = Douglas 1858, 58 = Palmen 1936, 59 = Kangas 1938, 60 = Kangas 1951, 61 = Kangas 1982, 63 = Kangas 1983, 64 = Siitonens 1993, 65 = Krogerus 1934, 66 = Lindberg 1943, 67 = Wegelius 1960, 68 = Clayhills 1988, 69 = Donisthorpe 1927, 70 = Lundberg 1980, 71 = Lundberg 1977, 72 = Skidmore & Johnson 1969, 73 = Johnson 1988, 74 = Whitehead 1996, 75 = Sloggett et al. 1999, 76 = Owen 2000, 77 = Nilssen & Andersen 1977, 78 = Andersen et al. 1984, 79 = Paulsen 1991, 80 = Sagvolden & Hansen 1996, 81 = Johansen 1904, 82 = Meinert 1887–88a, 83 = Meinert 1889–90, 84 = Lovendal 1891–92, 85 = Johansen 1895–96, 86 = Schlick 1895–96, 87 = Meinert 1887–88b, 88 = Schlick 1897, 89 = Johansen 1903, 90 = Johansen 1906, 91 = Holstebroe 1910, 92 = West 1913, 93 = Rosenberg 1913, 94 = Rosenberg 1914, 95 = West 1930, 96 = Kryger & Sonderup 1945, 97 = Kornerup 1960, 98 = Hansen 1967, 99 = Hansen 1968c, 100 = Hansen 1970, 101 = Hansen 1971, 102 = Bangsholt 1981, 103 = Pritzl & Mahler 1982, 104 = Hansen & Mahler 1985, 105 = Mahler 1987, 106 = Hansen 1988, 107 = Martin 1989, 108 = Hansen et al. 1990, 109 = Hansen et al. 1991, 110 = Hansen et al. 1994, 111 = Jorum 2000, 112 = Lindroth 1946, 113 = Hansen 1964.

Ant associated beetle species	Host ant	Special requirement	Ref.
CARABIDAE			
<i>Dyschirius globosus</i> (Herbst, 1784)	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	81
<i>Porotachys bisulcatus</i> (Nicolai, 1822)	Formicidae		2
<i>Syntomus truncatellus</i> (Linnaeus, 1761)	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Frufa</i>	xerophil	81
HYDROPHILIDAE			
<i>Megasternum obscurum</i> (Marsham, 1802)	<i>Mrubr</i> , <i>Ffusc</i>	hygrophil	81
PTILIIDAE			
<i>Ptenidium grossneri</i> Erichson, 1845	<i>Camponotus</i> spp., hygrophil, mycetophil	1, 2, 54, 69, 81, 89,	
	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Ffusc</i>	113	
<i>Ptenidium laevigatum</i> Erichson, 1845	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil, mycetophil	1, 69
<i>Ptenidium turgidum</i> Thomson, 1855	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 69
<i>Ptenidium formicetorum*</i> Kraatz, 1851	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Frufa</i> , myrmecophil, mycetophil <i>Fpoly</i> , <i>Faqui</i> , <i>Fprat</i>	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 49, 54, 63, 69, 81, 89, 112, 113	
<i>Ptenidium pusillum</i> (Gyllenhal, 1808)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	81
<i>Micridium halidaii</i> (Matthews, 1868)	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lnige</i>	mycetophil	101, 113
<i>Ptilium myrmecophilum*</i> (Allibert, 1844)	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Fsang</i> , <i>Frufa</i> , <i>Fprat</i> , <i>Frun</i> , <i>Faqui</i>	myrmecophil, mycetophil	1, 2, 5, 6, 21, 56, 63, 69, 81, 112, 113
<i>Ptilium modestum</i> Wankowicz, 1869	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Frufa</i> , mycetophil	1, 6, 27, 81, 102,	
	<i>Fexse</i>	113	
<i>Pteryx suturalis</i> (Heer, 1841)	<i>Fsuec</i>	mycetophil	16

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<i>Acrotrichis montandonii</i> (Allibert, 1844)	<i>Lfuli, Lbrun, Lumbr, Frufa, Fpoly, Fprat, Faqui</i>	mycetophil	1, 2, 5, 6, 56, 63, 69, 113
<i>Acrotrichis dispar</i> (Matthews, 1865)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1
<i>Acrotrichis brevipennis</i> (Erichson, 1845)	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil, mycetophil	81
<i>Acrotrichis pumila</i> (Erichson, 1845)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	81
<i>Acrotrichis thoracica</i> (Waltl, 1838)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	2
<i>Acrotrichis silvatica</i> Rosskothen, 1935	Formicidae	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Acrotrichis norvegica</i> Strand, 1941	<i>Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	2
<i>Acrotrichis intermedia</i> (Gillmeister, 1845)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Acrotrichis atomaria</i> (DeGeer, 1774)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 81, 113
<i>Acrotrichis fascicularis</i> (Herbst, 1793)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 81, 113
AGYRTIDAE			
<i>Agyrtes bicolor</i> Lap. Cast., 1840	<i>Frufa</i>		1, 2
CHOLEVIDAE			
<i>Ptomaphagus sericatus</i> (Chaudoir, 1845)	Formicidae	necrophil	91
<i>Nemadus colonoides</i> (Kraaz, 1851)	<i>Lnige, Lbrun, Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1, 21, 81, 89, 91, 93
<i>Eocatops lapponicus**</i> Szymczakowski, 1975	<i>Flema</i>	myrmecophil	9, 30, 35
<i>Dreopscia umbrina</i> (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Lbrun, Lfulli</i>		1, 2, 21, 91
SCYDMAENIDAE			
<i>Euthiconus conicollis*</i> (Fair. & Lab., 1855)	<i>Lnige, Lbrun, Lfulli, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 79, 101, 102
<i>Eutheia plicata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1813)	<i>Terra, Lfulli, Fexse, Frufa, Fprat</i>		1, 2, 32, 37, 54, 69, 92, 95, 102, 105, 111
<i>Eutheia linearis</i> Mulsant, 1861	<i>Lbrun, Lnige, Frufa</i>		1, 2, 104
<i>Eutheia scydmaenoides</i> Stephens, 1830	<i>Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1, 2
<i>Nevraphes elongatus</i> (Müller & Kunze, 1822)	<i>Frufa</i>		1
<i>Nevraphes angulatus</i> (Müller & Kunze, 1822)	Formicidae	hygrophil	1
<i>Nevraphes talparum</i> Lokay, 1924	<i>Lnige, Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1, 17, 95
<i>Nevraphes plicicollis</i> Reitter, 1879	<i>Lnige, Frufa</i>		100, 102, 105
<i>Scydmographes helvolus</i> (Schaum, 1844)	<i>Lnige, Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1
<i>Scydmographes minutus*</i> (Chaudoir, 1845)	<i>Cherc, Lbrun, Lnige, myrmecophil Lfulli, Frufa, Fprat</i>		1, 2, 18, 21, 49, 58
<i>Stenichnus scutellaris</i> (Müller & Kunze, 1822)	<i>Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1
<i>Stenichnus pusillus</i> (Müller & Kunze, 1822)	<i>Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1, 2, 69
<i>Stenichnus godarti*</i> (Latrelle, 1806)	<i>Lbrun, Lfulli, Lnige, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 49, 54, 69, 101, 108
<i>Stenichnus collaris</i> (Mueller & Kunze, 1822)	<i>Lfulli, Frufa</i>		1, 5, 44
<i>Stenichnus bicolor</i> (Denny, 1825)	<i>Lbrun, Lnige, Frufa, Faqui, Fexse</i>		1, 2, 6, 69, 101
<i>Microscydmus nanus*</i> (Schaum, 1844)	<i>Lasius spp., Frufa, myrmecophil Fprat</i>		1, 2, 49, 58
<i>Microscydmus minimus*</i> (Chaudoir, 1845)	<i>Lnige, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	2, 5, 6, 40
<i>Euconnus claviger*</i> Mueller & Kunze, 1822	<i>Lnige, Lfulli, Lbrun, Frufa, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 6, 21, 69, 81, 95, 105, 106, 111, 112
<i>Euconnus pragensis*</i> (Machulka, 1923)	<i>Clign, Lnige, Lbrun, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	2, 21, 40, 41, 80

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<i>Euconnus maklini</i> * (Mannerheim, 1844)	<i>Lnige, Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	2, 5, 6, 21, 40, 63, 95, 105, 112
<i>Euconnus wetterhallii</i> (Gyllenhal, 1813)	<i>Myrmica</i> spp.	hygrophil	106
<i>Euconnus denticornis</i> (Mueller & Kunze, 1822)	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 106
<i>Euconnus hirticollis</i> (Illiger, 1798)	<i>Faqui</i>	hygrophil	4
<i>Scydmaenus tarsatus</i> Muller & Kunze, 1822	<i>Lfuli</i>		87
<i>Scydmaenus rufus</i> Müller & Kunze, 1922	<i>Myrmica</i> spp., <i>Lbrun, Frufa</i>		1, 36, 49
<i>Scydmaenus perrisi</i> * (Reitter, 1882)	<i>Lbrun</i>	myrmecophil	2, 19, 21, 52
<i>Scydmaenus hellwigii</i> (Herbst, 1792)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa, Fpoly</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 5, 6, 19, 21, 40, 49, 63, 112
STAPHYLINIDAE			
<i>Gabrius nigritulus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Formica</i> spp.	hygrophil	81
<i>Gabrius sphagnicola</i> (Sjöberg, 1950)	<i>Fural</i>		30, 50
<i>Gabrius splendidulus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Frufa</i>		2, 81, 113
<i>Gabrius osseticus</i> (Kolenati, 1846)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	81, 113
<i>Bisnius subuliformis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 101
<i>Philonthus ventralis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Platydracus fulvipes</i> (Scopoli, 1763)	<i>Mrugi</i>	hygrophil	1, 113
<i>Platydracus stercorarius</i> (Olivier, 1795)	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi, Mscab, Tcaes, Lalie, Lflav, Frufa, Prufe</i>	xerophil	1, 69
<i>Platydracus latebricola</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi, Lumbri, Lfuli, Frufa</i>	xerophil	1, 69, 105, 113
<i>Staphylinus erythropterus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	<i>Myrmica</i> spp.	hygrophil	1, 2, 42, 113
<i>Heterothops praevius</i> Erichson, 1840	<i>Frufa</i>	pholeophil	81
<i>Heterothops niger</i> Kraaz, 1868	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	pholeophil	1, 69
<i>Heterothops dissimilis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Frufa</i>		1, 56, 82, 113
<i>Eurychorus picipes</i> (Paykull, 1800)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 82, 113
<i>Quedius mesomelinus</i> (Marsham, 1802)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	phloeophil	69, 81
<i>Quedius maurus</i> (Sahlberg, 1830)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Quedius invreai</i> Gridelli, 1924	<i>Lfuli</i>	pholeophil	2, 41
<i>Quedius ochripennis</i> (Ménétriés, 1832)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 2, 113
<i>Quedius brevicornis</i> Thomson, 1860	<i>Lasius</i> spp.		2
<i>Quedius brevis</i> * Erichson, 1840	<i>Lfuli, Fsang, Frufa, Fexse, Faqui, Flugu</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 44, 49, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 69, 81, 82, 97, 111, 112, 113
<i>Quedius microps</i> (Gravenhorst, 1847)	<i>Cherc, Lnige, Lfuli</i>		1, 2, 40, 49, 81, 112, 113
<i>Quedius truncicola</i> Fair. & Lab., 1855	<i>Lfuli</i>		2, 53
<i>Quedius scitus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lbrun, Frufa</i>		1, 2, 69, 113
<i>Quedius fuliginosus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	81
<i>Quedius boops</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil, xerophil	81
<i>Leptacinus formicetorum</i> * Märkel, 1841	<i>Lbrun, Frufa, Fprat, Fexse, Fpoly, Faqui, Fural, Frufi</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 57, 63, 67, 69, 81, 82, 112, 113
<i>Gyrohypnus scoticus</i> (Joy, 1913)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	81
<i>Gyrohypnus angustatus</i> (Stephens, 1833)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 49, 113
<i>Gyrohypnus atratus</i> * (Heer, 1839)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa, Faqui, Fpoly, Fprat</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 54, 63, 69, 81, 82, 112, 113
<i>Nudobius latus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Fpoly</i>		5
<i>Hypnogyra glabra</i> (Nordmann, 1837)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>		1, 6, 69, 113

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<i>Xantholinus linearis</i> (Olivier, 1795)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 113
<i>Xantholinus meyeri</i> Drugmand	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Xantholinus tricolor</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	<i>Lfuli, Fsang, Frufa</i>		81, 113
<i>Xantholinus laevigatus</i> Jacobson, 1847	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 81, 113
<i>Othius punctulatus</i> (Goeze, 1777)	Formicidae		81
<i>Othius angustus</i> Stephens, 1833	<i>Lfuli</i>	xerophil	81
<i>Othius myrmecophilus</i> Kiesenwetter, 1843	<i>Mscab, Lfuli, Lbrun, Fexse, Fsang, Frufa</i>		1, 54, 69, 97
<i>Astenus gracilis</i> (Paykull, 1789)	<i>Formica</i> spp.	xerophil	2
<i>Medon apicalis</i> (Kraatz, 1857)	<i>Frufa</i>	pholeophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Medon rufiventris</i> (Nordmann, 1837)	<i>Lfuli</i>	xerophil	71
<i>Medon castaneus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	Formicidae	phloeophil	81
<i>Medon fusculus</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	Formicidae	pholeophil	2
<i>Sunius melanocephalus</i> (Fabricius, 1792)	<i>Lfuli</i>	xerophil	2, 81
<i>Sunius bicolor</i> (Olivier, 1795)	<i>Mrugi, Lflav</i>	hygrophil, xerophil	1, 69
<i>Scopaeus laevigatus</i> (Gyllenhal, 1827)	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Scopaeus minutus</i> Erichson, 1840	<i>Fural</i>	thermophil, xerophil	1
<i>Scopaeus pusillus</i> Kiesenwetter, 1843	<i>Frufa</i>	thermophil, xerophil	2
<i>Stenus aterrimus*</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Frufa, Fprat, Fnigr</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 25, 37, 70, 81, 102, 112, 113
<i>Stenus crassus</i> Stephens, 1833	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Hapalaraea nigra</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Omalium caesum</i> Gravenhorst, 1806	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Xylodromus depressus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	Formicidae		81
<i>Xylodromus affinis</i> (Gerhardt, 1877)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Anotylus rugosus</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	<i>Formica</i> spp.	hygrophil	1
<i>Platystethus arenarius</i> (Fourcroy, 1785)	<i>Frufa</i>	coprophil	81
<i>Bledius procerulus</i> Erichson, 1840	<i>Lflav</i>	xerophil, psammophil	2
<i>Trichophya pilicornis</i> Gyllenhal, 1810	<i>Faqui</i>	pholeophil	4
<i>Mycetophorus lepidus</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		2, 81
<i>Ischnosoma bergrothi</i> (Hellen, 1925)	<i>Myrmica</i> spp.	tyrphophil	3
<i>Carphacis striatus</i> (Olivier, 1794)	Formicidae	mycetophil	1
<i>Bolitobius cingulatus</i> Mannerheim, 1830	<i>Myrmica</i> spp.	hygrophil	3
<i>Sepedophilus testaceus</i> (Fabricius, 1792)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	pholeophil, mycetophil	2, 81
<i>Sepedophilus marshami</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Faqui</i>	mycetophil	4, 6
<i>Sepedophilus immaculatus</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Tachyporus nitidulus</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	<i>Fpoly</i>		5
<i>Tachyporus obtusus</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)	<i>Frufa</i>		81
<i>Tachyporus hypnorum</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	<i>Fpoly</i>		5
<i>Tachyporus chrysomelinus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Fpoly</i>		5
<i>Tachyporus scitulus</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Fexse</i>	xerophil	2
<i>Tachyporus corpulentus</i> J. Sahlberg, 1876	<i>Frufa</i>	xerophil	1
<i>Tachinus rufipes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	saprophil	81
<i>Tachinus fimetarius</i> Gravenhorst, 1802	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Tachinus marginellus</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	saprophil	81
<i>Lamprinodes saginatus*</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Mrugi, Msabu, Mscab, Mrubr, Lflav, Lfuli, Ffusc, Frufa, Fexse, Fsang</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 26, 38, 69, 81, 113
<i>Aleochara spissicornis</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Tcaes</i>	thermophil	2
<i>Aleochara moesta</i> Gravenhorst, 1802	<i>F. rufa</i>		85

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<i>Aleochara lanuginosa</i> Gravenhorst, 1802	<i>Frufa</i>	coprophil	81, 85
<i>Aleochara lygaea</i> Kraatz, 1862	<i>Lfuli</i>	coprophil	1, 95, 113
<i>Aleochara villosa</i> Mannerheim, 1830	Formicidae	coprophil	1
<i>Aleochara sanguinea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	coprophil	1, 69, 110
<i>Aleochara spadicea</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Lfuli</i>		3
<i>Aleochara ruficornis</i> Gravenhorst, 1802	<i>Lfuli, Frufa, Ffusc</i>		1, 69, 81
<i>Oxypoda opaca</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 81, 113
<i>Oxypoda longipes</i> Mulsant & Rey, 1861	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Oxypoda vittata</i> * Märkel, 1842	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 13, 21, 32, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 95, 101, 112, 113
<i>Oxypoda acuminata</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Lfuli, Lnige</i>	hygrophil	1, 81
<i>Oxypoda spectabilis</i> Märkel, 1844	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Oxypoda umbrata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1810)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	81
<i>Oxypoda hansseni</i> Strand, 1946	<i>Flema</i>		68, 70
<i>Oxypoda abdominalis</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	Formicidae	xerophil	2
<i>Oxypoda togata</i> Erichson, 1837	<i>Lasius</i> spp.	psammophil	2
<i>Oxypoda exoleta</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Lfuli</i>	xerophil	105, 106
<i>Oxypoda recondita</i> Kraatz, 1856	<i>Myrmica</i> spp., <i>Lfuli, Lbrun, Frufa,</i> <i>Fsang</i>		1, 2, 3, 69, 81, 113
<i>Oxypoda serpentata</i> Kangas, 1983	<i>Frufa</i> coll.		63
<i>Oxypoda arborea</i> Zerche, 1994	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Oxypoda testacea</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Frufa</i>		2
<i>Oxypoda brachyptera</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Frufa, Tcaes</i>	xerophil	2
<i>Oxypoda annularis</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	<i>Frufa</i>		1, 2, 67, 81, 85, 113
<i>Oxypoda flavicornis</i> Kraatz, 1856	<i>Faqui</i>	hygrophil	4
<i>Oxypoda advena</i> Mäklin, 1846	<i>Lfuli</i>		1
<i>Oxypoda ferruginea</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>F. rufa</i>	hygrophil	85
<i>Oxypoda soror</i> Thomson, 1855	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 113
<i>Oxypoda formicetcola</i> * Märkel, 1841	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Ffusc</i> , myrmecophil <i>Fpoly, Fexse, Frufa,</i> <i>Faqui, Flugu</i>		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 39, 56, 63, 69, 81, 85, 111, 112, 113
<i>Oxypoda pratensiscola</i> * Lohse, 1967	<i>Fexse, Fprat,</i> <i>Fnigr</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	2, 21, 70
<i>Oxypoda rugicollis</i> * Kraatz, 1856	<i>Lasiusspp., Fexse</i> , myrmecophil		2, 3, 5, 6, 21, 24
<i>Oxypoda haemorrhœa</i> * Mannerheim, 1830	<i>Frufa, Fprat</i>		
<i>Parocysa rubicunda</i> (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Lfuli, Fpoly,</i>	myrmecophil	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, 39,
<i>Stichoglossa semirufa</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Faqui, Fexse, Fsuec,</i>		56, 57, 63, 67, 69,
<i>Ischnoglossa prolixa</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Fsang, Frufa, Fprat,</i>		70, 81, 85, 112
<i>Thiasophila angulata</i> * (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Frun, Flugu, Fnigr</i>		
<i>Thiasophila canaliculata</i> * Mulsant & Rey, 1874	<i>Lnige</i>	hygrophil	1, 81, 113
<i>Thiasophila wocki</i> * (Schneider, 1862)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 2, 113
	<i>Lfuli</i>		2
	<i>Lfuli, Lbrun, Frufa, myrmecophil</i>		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21,
	<i>Fprat, Faqui, Fpoly,</i>		39, 56, 57, 63, 67,
	<i>Fsang, Fural, Flugu</i>		69, 81, 85, 112, 113
	<i>Frufa, Fexse</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 33, 63, 81, 85,
			112, 113
	<i>Cvagu, Cherc</i>	myrmecophil	2, 3, 15, 18, 21, 40,
			98, 105, 112

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<i>Thiasophila bercioni*</i> Bernhauer, 1926	<i>Fural, Fexse</i>	myrmecophil	2, 23, 27, 65
<i>Thiasophila inquillina*</i> Märkel, 1844	<i>Lfuli, Frufa, Fprat</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 21, 43, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 95, 101, 102, 105, 112, 113
<i>Thiasophila lohsei*</i> Zerche, 1987	<i>Fprat</i>	myrmecophil	2, 21
<i>Cratarea suturalis</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		1, 113
<i>Haploglossa gentilis</i> (Märkel, 1844)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>		1, 2, 21, 49, 69, 113
<i>Haploglossa villosula</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Myrmica spp., Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>		1, 2, 3, 21, 49, 69, 81, 85, 105, 113
<i>Haploglossa picipennis</i> (Gyllenhal, 1827)	<i>Lbrun</i>		1, 113
<i>Haploglossa marginalis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>		1, 21, 105, 113
<i>Poromniusa procidua</i> (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Frufa</i>		1, 113
<i>Ocalaea badia</i> Erichson 1837	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	81, 85
<i>Ilyobates subopacus</i> Palm, 1935	<i>Myrmica spp.</i>	hygrophil	1, 3
<i>Ilyobates nigricollis</i> (Paykull, 1800)	<i>Myrmica spp., Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 81
<i>Amarochara umbrosa</i> (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Lasius spp.</i>		1, 113
<i>Amarochara bonnairei*</i> (Fauvel, 1865)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 113
<i>Amarochara forticornis</i> (Lacordaire, 1835)	<i>Lfuli</i>	thermophil	105
<i>Dinarda dentata*</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Ffusc, Fsang, Frufi</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 21, 69, 81, 85, 105, 112, 113
<i>Dinarda hagensii*</i> Wasmann, 1889	<i>Fexse, Fcine, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 37, 69, 105, 112, 113
<i>Dinarda maerkelii*</i> Kiesenwetter, 1843	<i>Fexse, Fprat</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 5, 21, 37, 54, 56, 69, 81, 112, 113
<i>Meotica exilis</i> (Knoch, 1806)	<i>Frufa, Fprat, Fpoly</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 5, 21, 37, 54, 56, 69, 81, 112, 113
<i>Ousipalia caesula</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Frun, Flugu, Fsang</i>		
<i>Aloconota sulcifrons</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Formica spp.</i>	hygrophil, pholeophil	2, 85
<i>Liogluta micans</i> (Mulsant & Rey, 1852)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	psammophil	81
<i>Liogluta longiuscula</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Formicidae</i>	hygrophil	81
<i>Liogluta alpestris</i> (Heer, 1839)	<i>Lasius spp.</i>	hygrophil	6
<i>Geostiba circellaris</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Callicerus obscurus</i> Gravenhorst, 1802	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Ffusc</i>	hygrophil	1, 69, 81, 113
<i>Callicerus rigidicornis</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 85, 93
<i>Atheta talpa*</i> (Heer, 1841)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil, pholeophil	3
<i>Atheta nigra</i> (Kraatz, 1856)	<i>Lfuli, Lnige, Frufa</i>		1, 69
<i>Atheta myrmecobia</i> (Kraatz, 1856)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa, Fprat</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 21, 39, 54, 56, 63, 81, 85, 111, 112, 113
<i>Atheta fungi</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Fpoly, Faqui, Frun,</i>		81
<i>Atheta scapularis</i> (Sahlberg, 1831)	<i>Fexse, Flugu</i>		
<i>Atheta sodalis</i> (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Frufa</i>		
<i>Atheta trinotata</i> (Kraatz, 1856)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Atheta flavipes*</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lflav, Fexse, Fsang</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 42, 56, 63, 69, 81, 85, 93, 112, 113
	<i>Frufa, Fprat, Fpoly, Faqui, Frun, Flugu</i>		

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<i>Atheta confusa</i> * (Märkel, 1844)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 21, 41, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 95, 101, 102, 113
<i>Atheta longicornis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	Formicidae		81
<i>Atheta subterranea</i> (Mulsant & Rey, 1853)	Formicidae	pholeophil	1, 113
<i>Atheta brunneipennis</i> (Thomson, 1852)	<i>Fexse</i>		3
<i>Atheta castanoptera</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	mycetophil	81
<i>Atheta fungicola</i> (Thomson, 1852)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	mycetophil	81
<i>Atheta brunnea</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 69
<i>Atheta hepatica</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 90, 113
<i>Lyprocorrhanceps</i> * (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Lfuli, Fexse, Frufa, Fprat, Faqui, Ftrun, Flugu, Fnigr</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 39, 42, 56, 69, 70, 81, 85, 112, 113
<i>Acrotona consanguinea</i> (Eppelsheim, 1875)	<i>Lfuli, Lumbr</i>		1
<i>Acrotona aterrima</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	Formicidae		81
<i>Acrotona parvula</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Coprothassa melanaria</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	Formicidae		81
<i>Amischa nigrofusca</i> (Stephens, 1832)	<i>Lfuli</i>		81
<i>Amischa analis</i> (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Mscab, Mrubr, Lfuli, Lbrun, Lflav, Fexse, Frufa</i>		1, 54, 56, 81, 85
<i>Amischa bifoveolata</i> (Mannerheim, 1830)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>		81
<i>Thamiaraea hospita</i> (Märkel, 1844)	<i>Lfuli</i>		81
<i>Drusilla canaliculata</i> * (Fabricius, 1787)	<i>Mscab, Mrugi, Mrubr, Msulc, Tcaes, Lacer, Lnige, Lfuli, Lflav, Lbrun, Lalie, Fsang, Ffusc, Fexse, Frufa</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	1, 2, 5, 56, 69, 81, 85, 97, 113
<i>Zyras collaris</i> (Paykull, 1800)	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi, Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 3, 69, 81, 85, 97, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras limbatus</i> * (Paykull, 1789)	<i>Mrubr, Mscab, Lfuli, Lflav, Lbrun, Lnige, Ffusc, Fsang, Fexse</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 5, 21, 54, 56, 69, 81, 85, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras funestus</i> * (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 12, 21, 44, 49, 56, 69, 81, 85, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras humeralis</i> * (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lbrun, Lumbr, Lfuli, Frufa, Fprat, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 21, 44, 49, 54, 63, 69, 81, 85, 97, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras cognatus</i> * (Märkel, 1842)	<i>Lbrun, Lnige, Lfull, Ffusc, Fexse</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 12, 21, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 88, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras lugens</i> * (Gravenhorst, 1802)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 21, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 101, 112, 113
<i>Zyras laticollis</i> * (Märkel, 1844)	<i>Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 21, 44, 49, 69, 81, 85, 101, 112, 113
<i>Lomechusoides strumosus</i> * (Fabricius, 1792)	<i>Fsang, Frufa, Fprat</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 21, 69, 78, 81, 85, 90, 95, 105, 109, 112, 113

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<i>Lomechusoides wellenii</i> (Palm, 1949)	<i>Fural, Flugu, Frufa</i>		3, 28, 30
<i>Lomechusoides inflatus</i> (Zetterstedt, 1828)	<i>Fgaga, Fexse,</i> <i>Fural, Frufa, Fprat</i>		3, 24, 30, 48, 66
<i>Lomechusa emarginata</i> * (Paykull, 1789)	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi,</i> myrmecophil <i>Msabu, Msulc,</i> <i>Mrugu, Mscab,</i> <i>Lasius spp., Ffusc,</i> <i>Frufa, Fsang</i>		1, 2, 3, 6, 21, 22, 38, 54, 56, 81, 69, 72, 85, 97, 112, 113
<i>Lomechusa paradoxa</i> * Gravenhorst, 1806	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi,</i> xerophil, myrmecophil <i>Mscab, Mrugu,</i> <i>Ffusc, Frufi, Fcuni,</i> <i>Swest</i>		1, 2, 21, 22, 56, 69, 81, 85, 105, 112, 113
<i>Lomechusa pubicollis</i> * Brisout de B., 1860	<i>Mrubr, Mrugi,</i> myrmecophil <i>Msulc, Tcaes, Lfuli,</i> <i>Lnige, Lalie, Lflav,</i> <i>Lumbr, Ftrun, Frufi,</i> <i>Ffusc, Frufa</i>		1, 2, 3, 6, 21, 22, 42, 64, 112, 113
<i>Leptusa ruficollis</i> (Erichson, 1839)	<i>Formica</i> spp.		1, 2
<i>Tachyusida gracilis</i> * (Erichson, 1837)	<i>Lbrun, Lnige</i>		2, 69, 113
<i>Euryusa castanoptera</i> Kraatz, 1856	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>		1, 2, 113
<i>Euryusa optabilis</i> * Heer, 1839	<i>Lbrun, Lnige, Lfuli,</i> myrmecophil <i>Frufa</i>		1, 2, 3, 21, 44, 52, 69, 76, 113
<i>Euryusa sinuata</i> * Erichson, 1837	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 17, 21, 45, 52, 69, 74, 113
<i>Euryusa coarctata</i> * Märkel, 1844	<i>Lbrun</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 52, 113
<i>Oligota muensteri</i> Bernhauer, 1923	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Frufa</i>		3, 6, 26, 29, 59
<i>Oligota tantilla</i> Mennerheim, 1843	<i>Lasius</i> spp.		6
<i>Oligota pusillima</i> (Gravenhorst, 1806)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa, Fexse</i>		1, 2, 3, 6, 27, 59, 67, 69, 81, 102, 103
<i>Oligota uralensiscola</i> Kangas, 1982	<i>Fural</i>		61
<i>Cypha nitida</i> (Palm, 1935)	<i>Lbrun</i>		113
<i>Cypha hansenii</i> (Palm, 1949)	<i>Lfuli</i>		Reference missing
<i>Cypha pulicaria</i> (Erichson, 1839)	Formicidae		Reference missing
PSELAPHIDAE			
<i>Meliceria tragardhi</i> Palm, 1938	<i>Lbrun</i>		34
<i>Euplectus nanus</i> (Reichhenbach, 1816)	<i>Lnige, Frufa, Fpoly</i>	hygrophil	2, 5, 63, 101
<i>Euplectus kirbii</i> Danny, 1825	<i>Lfuli, Lnige</i>	hygrophil	81, 82, 101
<i>Euplectus piceus</i> Motschulsky, 1835	<i>Lbrun, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 54, 113
<i>Euplectus decipiens</i> Raffray, 1910	<i>Lasius</i> spp.	hygrophil	6
<i>Euplectus infirmus</i> Raffray, 1910	<i>Lbrun, Lnige</i>	hygrophil	99, 101, 105
<i>Euplectus sanquineus</i> Motschulsky, 1835	<i>Lbrun, Lnige,</i> <i>Ffusc, Fsang</i>	hygrophil	1
<i>Euplectus signatus</i> (Reichenbach, 1816)	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Frufa,</i> <i>Faqui</i>	hygrophil	2, 4, 6, 39, 60
<i>Euplectus bonvouloiri</i> ssp. <i>rosae</i> Raffray, 1910	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	31
<i>Euplectus punctatus</i> Mulsant, 1861	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	5, 60
<i>Euplectus karstenii</i> (Reichhenbach, 1816)	<i>Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 5, 6, 81
<i>Euplectus fauveti</i> Guillebeau, 1888	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	5, 60
<i>Euplectus brunneus</i> (Grimmer, 1841)	<i>Formica</i> spp., <i>Lbrun</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Plectophloeus nitidus</i> (Fairmaire, 1857)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Saulcyella schmidti</i> * (Märkel, 1844)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>	hygrophil	2, 21

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Ant associated beetle species	Host ant	Special requirement	Ref.
<i>Trimium brevicorne</i> (Reichenbach, 1816)	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Fsuec</i> , <i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 16, 81
<i>Batrisodes delaporti*</i> (Aubé, 1833)	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 19, 21, 52, 69, 113
<i>Batrisodes venustus*</i> (Reichhenbach, 1816)	<i>Mscab</i> , <i>Clign</i> , <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Lnige</i> , <i>Frufa</i> , <i>Ffusc</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 19, 21, 54, 69, 81, 96, 113
<i>Batrisodes hubenthali*</i> Reitter, 1913	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lnige</i>	myrmecophil	2, 21, 29
<i>Batrisodes adnexus*</i> (Hampe, 1863)	<i>Myrmica</i> spp., <i>Camponotus</i> spp., <i>Lbrun</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 21, 51, 69, 81, 105, 113
<i>Bryaxis curtisii</i> (Leach, 1817)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 113
<i>Trichonyx sulcicollis</i> (Reichenbach, 1816)	<i>Myrmica</i> spp., <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 21, 69, 81, 90, 113
<i>Amauronyx maerkeli</i> (Aubé, 1844)	<i>Myrmica</i> spp., <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lflav</i> , <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Ffusc</i> , <i>Tcaes</i>	hygrophil	1, 2, 21, 54, 69, 81, 113
<i>Tychus niger</i> (Paykull, 1800)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 81, 113
<i>Brachygluta fossulata</i> (Reichhenbach, 1816)	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil	5
<i>Chennium bituberculatum*</i> Latreille, 1807	<i>Tcaes</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	2, 21, 47
<i>Tyrus mucronatus</i> (Panzer, 1803)	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lnige</i> , <i>Ffusc</i> , <i>Frufa</i> , <i>Fsang</i>	hygrophil	2, 102, 113
<i>Claviger testaceus*</i> Preyssler, 1790	<i>Mrubr</i> ; <i>Mscab</i> , <i>Tcaes</i> , <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lumbr</i> , <i>Lmixt</i> , <i>Lalie</i> , <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Lnige</i> , <i>Lflav</i>	xerophil, myrmecophil	1, 2, 6, 12, 21, 22, 54, 69, 72, 81, 105, 112, 113
<i>Claviger longicornis*</i> Müller, 1818	<i>Lumbr</i> , <i>Lnige</i> , <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lflav</i> , <i>Lmixt</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 14, 21, 46, 69, 81, 94, 95, 105, 112, 113
HISTERIDAE			
<i>Abraeus granulum</i> Erichson, 1839	<i>Lasius</i> spp.		2
<i>Abraeus perpusillus</i> (Marsham, 1802)	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Frufa</i>		1, 2, 81, 113
<i>Abraeus parvulus*</i> Aubé, 1842	<i>Lasius</i> spp.	myrmecophil	2
<i>Plegaderus caesus</i> (Herbst, 1792)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Plegaderus dissectus</i> Erichson, 1839	Formicidae		2
<i>Acritus minutus</i> (Herbst, 1792)	<i>Lasius</i> spp.		2
<i>Acritus homoeopathicus</i> Wollaston, 1857	<i>Fprat</i>		2
<i>Aeletes atomarius*</i> (Aubé, 1842)	<i>Lnige</i> , <i>Formica</i> spp.	myrmecophil	2, 100
<i>Gnathonchus rotundatus</i> (Kugelann, 1792)	<i>Lfuli</i>		1, 81
<i>Myrmetes paykulli*</i> Kanaar, 1979	<i>Lasius</i> spp., <i>Frufa</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 6, 21, 54, 69, 77, 95, 112, 113
<i>Dendrophilus corticalis</i> (Paykull, 1798)	<i>Fprat</i> , <i>Fpoly</i> , <i>Faqui</i> <i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Fexec</i> , <i>Frufa</i>		1, 2, 69, 81, 113
<i>Dendrophilus pygmaeus*</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Lfuli</i> , <i>Fpoly</i> , <i>Frufa</i> , <i>Fprat</i> , <i>Fexec</i> , <i>Fpoly</i> , <i>Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 54, 56, 57, 69, 78, 81, 111, 112, 113
<i>Paromalus flavidornis</i> (Herbst, 1792)	<i>Lbrun</i> , <i>Lfuli</i>		1, 113
<i>Marginotus merdarius</i> (Hoffmann, 1803)	<i>Lnige</i> , <i>Lfuli</i>		1, 12, 81
<i>Hister unicolor</i> Linnaeus, 1758	<i>Lfuli</i>	saprophil	1, 81
<i>Hister helluo</i> Truqui, 1852	Formicidae		2
<i>Atholus corvinus</i> (Germar, 1817)	Formicidae	xerophil	2

Ant associated beetle species	Host ant	Special requirement	Ref.
<i>Hetaerius ferrugineus*</i> (Olivier, 1789)	<i>Mscab, Lacer, Terra, Lfuli, Lnige, Lflav, Ffusc, Fprat, Frufi, Fsang, Fruta, Fcine, Fexse</i>	myrmecophil, xerophil	1, 2, 21, 37, 38, 69, 81, 105, 113
CLAMBIDAE <i>Clambus minutus</i>	<i>Frufa</i>	hygrophil, mycetophil	1
SCARABAEIDAE <i>Diastictus vulneratus</i> (Sturm, 1805) <i>Cetonia aurata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Ffusc</i> <i>Cherc, Frufa</i>	psammophil, pholeophil thermophil	2 3, 10, 11, 69, 81, 86
<i>Liocola marmorata</i> (Fabricius, 1792) <i>Trichius fasciatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Potosia cuprea*</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	<i>Lfuli</i> <i>Mrugi</i> <i>Frufa, Fprat, Fural</i>		3, 11 3, 10, 11 2, 3, 69, 97, 111, 113
LYCIDAE <i>Platycis minuta</i> (Fabricius, 1787) <i>Platycis cosnardi</i> (Chevrolat, 1829)	<i>Lfuli</i> <i>Lfuli</i>	xerophil	1 113
CANTHARIDAE <i>Cantharis livida</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Formicidae	xerophil	1
ELATERIDAE <i>Ampedus rufipennis</i> (Stephens, 1830) <i>Ampedus cinnabarinus</i> (Eschscholtz, 1829) <i>Ampedus pomorum</i> (Herbst, 1784) <i>Ampedus hjorti</i> (Rye, 1905) <i>Ampedus balteatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Cardiophorus asellus</i> Erichson, 1840	<i>Lnige</i> <i>Lasius</i> spp. <i>Lnige</i> <i>Lbrun</i> <i>Lnige</i> <i>Frufa</i>		1, 17, 113 107 96 2, 17 96, 107 psammophil, pholeophil
DERMESTIDAE <i>Dermestes palmi</i> Sjöberg, 1950 <i>Globicornis emarginata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1808)	<i>Cherc</i> <i>Camponotus</i> spp.		8, 18 15
LYCTIDAE <i>Lyctus linearis</i> (Goeze, 1777)	<i>Lbrun</i>		2
ANobiidae <i>Ptinus subpilosus</i> Sturm, 1837	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>		69
NITIDULIDAE <i>Epuraea terminalis</i> (Mannerheim, 1843) <i>Amphotis marginata*</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	<i>Lasius</i> spp. <i>Lfuli</i>	saprophil myrmecophil	2 1, 21, 44, 54, 81, 113
MONOTOMIDAE <i>Monotoma quadrifoveolata</i> Aubé, 1837 <i>Monotoma conicicollis*</i> Aube, 1837	<i>Formica</i> spp. <i>Frufa, Fpoly, Faqui, Fprat, Fural, Flugu</i>	myrmecophil	2 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 39, 54, 56, 57, 69, 77, 81, 82, 111, 112, 113

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Ant associated beetle species	Host ant	Special requirement	Ref.
<i>Monotoma angusticollis*</i> (Gyllenhal, 1827)	<i>Frufa, Fpoly, Fprat, Flugu, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 5, 6, 21, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 77, 81, 82, 111, 112, 113
<i>Monotoma picipes</i> Herbst, 1793	Formicidae		2
<i>Monotoma longicollis</i> (Gyllenhal, 1827)	Formicidae		2
CRYPTOPHAGIDAE			
<i>Hypocoprus lathridioides</i> Motschulsky, 1839	<i>Fexse</i>	xerophil	2, 24, 27
<i>Micrambe abietis</i> (Paykull, 1798)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	81
<i>Cryptophagus acutangulus</i> Gyllenhal, 1827	Formicidae	mycetophil	1
<i>Cryptophagus fallax</i> Balfour-Browne, 1953	Formicidae	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Cryptophagus badius</i> Sturm, 1845	<i>Lfuli</i>	mycetophil	1, 82, 113
<i>Cryptophagus fuscicornis</i> Sturm, 1845	<i>Lfuli</i>	mycetophil	1
<i>Cryptophagus labialis</i> Erichson, 1846	<i>Mrugi, Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	2, 113
<i>Cryptophagus confusus</i> Bruce, 1934	<i>Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	2, 73
<i>Cryptophagus intermedius</i> Bruce, 1934	<i>Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	113
<i>Cryptophagus distinguendus</i> Sturm, 1845	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 2, 81
<i>Cryptophagus scutellatus</i> Newman, 1834	<i>Formica</i> spp.	mycetophil	2, 6
<i>Spavius glaber*</i> (Gyllenhal, 1808)	<i>Frufa, Fpoly, Faqui, Fural</i>	myrmecophil, mycetophil	2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 63, 67, 81, 82, 112, 113
<i>Caenoscelis ferruginea</i> (Sahlberg, 1820)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 94, 113
<i>Caenoscelis sibirica</i> Reitter, 1889	<i>Lnige</i>	mycetophil	113
<i>Atomaria peltata</i> Kraatz, 1853	<i>Formica</i> spp.	mycetophil	6
<i>Atomaria nigriventris</i> Stephens, 1830	<i>Lfuli</i>	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Atomaria procerula</i> Erichson, 1846	<i>Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	105
CERYLONIDAE			
<i>Cerylon histeroides</i> (Fabricius, 1792)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli, Frufa</i>		2, 5, 81
<i>Cerylon ferrugineum</i> Stephens, 1830	<i>Formica rufa</i> coll.		63
BOTHRIDERIDAE			
<i>Teredus cylindricus</i> (Olivier, 1790)	<i>Lbrun</i>		1, 2
<i>Oxylaemus variolosus*</i> (Dufour, 1843)	<i>Lfuli</i>	myrmecophil	2
ENDOMYCHIDAE			
<i>Mycetaea subterranea</i> (Fabricius, 1801)	<i>Lfuli</i>		81, 113
<i>Symbiotes latus</i> Redtenbacher, 1849	<i>Lbrun, Lflav</i>	mycetophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Symbiotes gibberosus</i> (Lucas, 1849)	<i>Lbrun, Lfuli</i>	mycetophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Leiestes seminigra</i> (Gyllenhal, 1808)	<i>Lnige</i>		1, 2
COCCINELLIDAE			
<i>Platynaspis luteorubra</i> (Goeze, 1777)	<i>Lnige</i>	xerophil	7
<i>Coccinella magnifica</i> Redtenbacher, 1843	<i>Ffusc, Frufa</i>	thermophil	1, 2, 54, 69, 75, 95, 113
CORYLOPHIDAE			
<i>Orthoperus punctulatus</i> Reitter, 1876	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	5
LATRIDIIDAE			
<i>Enicmus transversus</i> (Olivier, 1790)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	5
<i>Dienerella elongata</i> (Curtis, 1830)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Dienerella clathrata</i> (Mannerheim, 1844)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	6
<i>Dienerella ruficollis</i> (Marsham, 1802)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 81, 113
<i>Stephotethus rugicollis</i> (Olivier, 1790)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	1, 113
<i>Corticaria longicollis*</i> (Zetterstedt, 1838)	<i>Lnige, Frufa, Fprat, Fpoly, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil, mycetophil	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 81, 95, 105, 113
<i>Corticaria crenicollis</i> Mannerheim, 1844	<i>Frufa</i>		1, 81

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<i>Corticaria inconspicua</i> * Wollaston, 1860	<i>Frufa, Fprat</i>	myrmecophil, mycetophil	1, 2, 113
<i>Corticarina fuscula</i> (Gyllenhal, 1827)	<i>Frufa</i>	mycetophil	5
MYCETOPHAGIDAE			
<i>Mycetophagus quadriguttatus</i> Mueller, 1821	<i>Lfuli</i>	mycetophil	1, 113
ADERIDAE			
<i>Aderus populeus</i> (Creutzer, 1796)	<i>Lfuli</i>		113
TENEBRIONIDAE			
<i>Myrmecixenus subterraneus</i> * Chevrolat, 1835	<i>Lnige, Lfuli, Fexse, Ffusc, Frufa, Fprat, Fpoly, Faqui</i>	myrmecophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 21, 38, 81, 82, 97, 112, 113
<i>Opatrium sabulosum</i> (Linnaeus, 1761)	<i>Lnige, Ffusc</i>		69
<i>Pentaphyllus testaceus</i> (Hellwig, 1792)	<i>Lbrun</i>	mycetophil	113
<i>Palorus depressus</i> (Fabricius, 1790)	<i>Frufa, Fpoly</i>		3, 5, 6, 113
LAGRIDIIDAE			
<i>Scriptia fuscula</i> Mueller, 1821	<i>Lfuli, Lbrun, Fsang</i>		1, 20, 113
CHRYSOMELIDAE			
<i>Clytra quadripunctata</i> * (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>Ffusc, Fexse, Frufa, Fprat, Fsang, Faqui, Flugu</i>	myrmecophil, xerophil	1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 55, 56, 69, 81, 111
CURCULIONIDAE			
<i>Dryopthorus corticalis</i> (Paykull, 1792)	<i>Lbrun, Lnige</i>		1, 69, 113
<i>Cossonus linearis</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	<i>Lfuli</i>	hygrophil	1, 113

with the host ant *Formica rufa* (166) and *Lasius fuliginosus* (156) (Table 2). The largest number of the host ant species (15) was found for a staphylinid beetle *Drusilla canaliculata* (Staphylinidae).

According to Koch (1989a, 1989b and 1992) the listed beetle species can be classified in 10 different groups by their ecological requirements (Table 1). In our data, 73 out of 369 beetles can be classified as myrmecophilous. Most of the other listed AAB species are hygrophilous (require moisture) and mycetophilous (require fungi) (Table 3).

There were 162 beetle species, which had been observed with ants only according to one reference (see Table 1). The largest number of references (20) was found for a staphylinid beetle *Quedius brevis*.

4. Discussion

In this study, we encountered a total of 369 AAB species in Fennoscandia and Denmark, and 73

species of them are classified as myrmecophilous according to Szymzsakowski (1975) and Koch (1989a, 1989b and 1992). The total number of beetle species in Fennoscandia and Denmark is about 5000 (Lundberg & Gustafsson 1995). Thus, we can conclude that more than 7% of the beetle fauna of Fennoscandia and Denmark can be found with ants and may belong to the ant-associated species. However, 162 species have only one observation (reference) in our list (see Table 1). This may indicate that the total number of beetle species, which are able to live with ants, would be even higher if more information was available. On the other hand, this may indicate that many beetle species may occur with ants accidentally.

There is evidence that suggests that ants reduce the numbers of other arthropods, e.g. spiders (Araneae) and harvestmen (Opiliones) (Cherix & Bourne 1980, Skinner & Whittaker 1981, Niemelä *et al.* 1992 and Laakso & Setälä 2000). However, only a few detailed investigations or experiments

have been published concerning the ants' impact on beetle species occurrence (see Laakso & Setälä 1998, 2000). Laakso & Setälä (2000) concluded that biomasses of large predatory arthropods were considerably smaller in the areas of high ant density than in the areas with few ants. However, the density of ants did not affect the total species richness of arthropods. In our opinion this is not surprising because many arthropod species in the study of Laakso & Setälä's (2000) study seems to be ant-

associated. We propose that in these kinds of studies arthropod species should be categorized to ant-associated and other species, and these two groups should be dealt with separately. After this categorization it would be possible to find out whether ants affect other arthropods. Furthermore, Laakso & Setälä (1998) noticed that, based on surface area, ant mounds harboured an order of magnitude more abundant insect fauna than the surrounding soil, the typical Coleoptera taxa in the

Table 2. List of the host ant species with the abbreviations and the numbers of the ant-associated beetle species observed with them.

Host ant species	Abbreviations used in Table 1	Number of ant-associated beetle species
<i>Tapinoma erraticum</i> Latreille, 1798	Terra	4
<i>Myrmica rubra</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Mrubr	12
<i>M. ruginodis</i> Nylander, 1846	Mrugi	12
<i>M. rugulosa</i> Nylander, 1849	Mrugu	2
<i>M. sabuleti</i> Meinert, 1861	Msabu	2
<i>M. scabrinodis</i> Nylander, 1846	Mscab	11
<i>M. sulcinodis</i> Nylander, 1846	Msulc	3
<i>Stenamma westwoodii</i> , Westwood, 1840	Swest	1
<i>Leptothorax acervorum</i> , (Fabricius, 1793)	Lacer	2
<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Tcaes	8
<i>Camponotus vagus</i> (Scopoli, 1763)	Cvagu	1
<i>C. herculeanus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Cherc	4
<i>C. ligniperda</i> (Latreille, 1802)	Clign	2
<i>Lasius flavus</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	Lflav	14
<i>L. alienus</i> (Förster, 1850)	Lalie	4
<i>L. brunneus</i> (Latreille, 1798)	Lbrun	77
<i>L. niger</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Lnige	42
<i>L. fuliginosus</i> (Latreille, 1798)	Lfuli	156
<i>L. umbratus</i> (Nylander, 1846)	Lumbr	7
<i>L. mixtus</i> (Nylander, 1846)	Lmixt	2
<i>Formica fusca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Ffusc	23
<i>F. gagatoides</i> Ruzsky, 1904	Fgaga	1
<i>F. lemani</i> Bondroit, 1917	Flema	2
<i>F. cinerea</i> Mayr, 1853	Fcine	2
<i>F. cunicularia</i> , Latreille, 1798	Fcuni	1
<i>F. rufibarbis</i> Fabricius, 1793	Frufi	5
<i>F. exsecta</i> Nylander, 1846	Fexse	31
<i>F. suecica</i> Adlerz, 1902	Fsuec	3
<i>F. uralensis</i> Ruzsky, 1895	Fural	11
<i>F. sanguinea</i> Latreille, 1798	Fsang	20
<i>F. truncorum</i> Fabricius, 1804	Ftrun	7
<i>F. rufa</i> Linnaeus, 1761	Frufa	166
<i>F. polyctena</i> Förster, 1850	Fpoly	25
<i>F. aquilonia</i> Yarrow, 1955	Faqui	29
<i>F. lugubris</i> Zetterstedt, 1840	Flugu	12
<i>F. pratensis</i> Retzius, 1783	Fprat	34
<i>F. nigricans</i> Emery, 1909	Fnige	4
<i>Polyergus rufescens</i> (Latreille, 1798)	Prufe	1

mounds being Ptilidae and Staphylinidae. As many of the listed AAB species belong to these two families, our study provides some support for this finding (see Table 1).

Koch (1989a, 1989b and 1992) has categorized beetle species according to their ecological requirements. Based on this classification, we divided ant-associated beetles into two groups: myrmecophilous species and other ant-associated species. Other ant-associated species are regularly found with ants, but based on Koch (1989a, 1989b, 1992) they are not necessarily dependent on ants. Koch (1989a, 1989b, 1992) has also categorized some beetle species as myrmeco- or mycetophagous (feed upon ants or fungus). We have categorized these species as myrmeco- or mycetophilous species, since they are clearly dependent on ants or fungus as a food resource. Also one mycetobiont (bounded to fungus) species is classified as mycetophilous. Furthermore, according to Szymczakowski (1975) the endemic Nordic beetle species *Eocatops lapponicus* is classified as myrmecophilous too.

Vaz-De-Mello *et al.* (1998) have studied rare or poorly known beetle species of the family Scarabaeidae and propose that myrmecophilous interactions between beetles and ants are possibly more common than has been thought previously. We agree with Vaz-De-Mello *et al.* (1998) and state that many beetles, which are not previously known to benefit from ants, do so, however. According to present knowledge, it is difficult to specify which listed AAB species could be myrmecophiles.

A generally accepted classification of myrmecophilous arthropods is based on a series of works by Wasmann (e.g. Wasmann 1910, translated into English by Wheeler in 1910). Wasmann devised 5 behavioural categories: (1) synechthrans (persecuted guests), (2) synoeketes (indifferently tolerated guests), (3) symphiles (true guests), (4) ectoparasites and endoparasites and (5) trophobionts (provide secretions to the ants). In the current study, we list beetle species that are classified as myrmecophilous according to Szymczakowski (1975) and Koch (1989a, 1989b, 1992). As the ecology of these species is poorly known, we did not classify the species into the appropriate behavioural categories. Correspondingly, Larsson (1943) has classified ant-associated species by their behaviour to three categories; synechthrans, synoeketes and symphiles. All the beetle species belonging to these behavioural categories are myrmecophilous according to Hölldobler and Wilson's (1990) definition. Thus, there are many myrmecophilous beetles in Larsson's (1943) list that are not classified myrmecophilous according to Koch (1989a, 1989b, 1992). It seems that at least both Larsson's (1943) and Johansen's (1904) description of myrmecophilous beetles is probably different from Koch's (1989a, 1989b, 1992) and Hölldobler & Wilson's (1990). We propose that when a beetle species is found to associate with ants but knowledge of its basic ecology is lacking, the term ant-associated beetle (AAB) species should be used instead of the term myrmecophilous.

Table 3. The number of AAB species found with each host ant genus. AAB species are classified according to their ecological requirements. The same AAB species can have zero, one or two special requirements.

Host ant genus	AAB species' special requirement				
	Hygrophil	Mycetophil	Myrmecophil	Xerophil	Other groups
<i>Tapinoma</i> spp.	0	0	1	1	0
<i>Myrmica</i> spp.	9	2	10	8	0
<i>Stenamma</i> spp.	0	0	1	1	0
<i>Leptothorax</i> spp.	0	0	2	2	0
<i>Tetramorium</i> spp.	1	0	4	5	1
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	1	1	5	0	1
<i>Lasius</i> spp.	45	25	54	12	15
<i>Formica</i> spp.	37	36	56	15	14
<i>Polyergus</i> spp.	0	0	0	1	0
Total	93	64	133	45	31

Both AAB and most of the host-ant species are often difficult to identify. The largest number of listed AAB species exists with *Formica rufa*. Probably, at least in some older studies, most of the so-called *F. rufa*-group species (*F. rufa*, *F. polyctena*, *F. aquilonia*, *F. lugubris* and *F. pratensis*) have been incorrectly identified as *F. rufa*. Moreover the species *F. aquilonia* was not described until 1955 by Yarrow. This may partly explain why six times more AAB-species have been observed with *F. rufa* than with *F. aquilonia*, although the latter probably is the most common mound-building wood ant in Fennoscandia. Indeed, Päivinen (1999) found in *Formica aquilonia* mounds 20 ant-associated beetle species not previously recorded for *F. aquilonia*. In total, only 10% of AAB-species that Päivinen (1999) found in *F. aquilonia*'s mounds were earlier observed with this species.

64 ant species have been recorded in Fennoscandia and Denmark (Collingwood 1979). According to our study, AAB species were found with only 2/3 of them. Due to the poor knowledge of AAB species living with ants (see Päivinen 1999), we assume that clearly more AAB species could further be found with most of the ant species. To find more AAB species in the future, research should be focused on those ant species that do not exist on the present list.

Finally, we conclude that ant colonies are species rich habitats for many beetles in Fennoscandia and Denmark. In addition, myrmecophilous interactions between beetles and ants can be more frequent than previously thought. Despite the fact that ants have been shown to have negative association with many arthropods, ants seem to have an important role in maintaining beetle species diversity. We recommend the use of the term ant-associated beetle (AAB) for beetles, which are found to live with ants. More detailed studies on the basic ecology of ant-beetle interactions should be done to determine which species are true myrmecophiles.

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