

Museum at Rio de Janeiro, founded in 1915 with about 1000 specimens. This collection was transferred in 1920 to the Biological Institute for the Protection of Agriculture; it was transferred again, in 1933, to the Institute of Plant Biology, which later was transformed into the actual Institute of Ecological and Experimental Agriculture, belonging to the National Service of Agricultural Research.

Among those who worked with the collection must be mentioned Charles Moreira, founder of the Division, Father Thomaz Borgmeier, under whose direction a new trend in work was initiated, and the actual Head of the Division, Dario Mendes, who has been accompanying the collection since it was founded; it is chiefly to him that the development and maintenance of the collection are due.

The collection contains about 100.000 specimens of insects, with 20.000 — 25.000 species; it can be considered as one of the largest Brazilian collections, surpassed in size only by those of the museums at Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.

The collection, as on March 31, 1948, contains the types of 614 described species and 37 subspecies, which are enumerated in the present paper. We have maintained in all cases the original nomenclature used by the authors, even if later the respective species may have changed their generic or specific names. We have equally maintained the denominations of types used by the authors. The inscriptions of the labels that go with the specimens are fully reproduced and, where necessary, completed.

It is highly desirable that the curators of other entomological collections, especially of the smaller and less known ones, also prepare and publish lists of the types under their care.