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Dominican Amber Spiders: a comparative palaeontological-neontological approach to identification, faunistics, ecology and biogeography

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REVIEW 1

Palaeontological Association Newsl. 78 (2010): The title might suggest that this is a precisely focused work directed only at those with an interest in fossil spiders. This would be incorrect. The terms of reference established by the book are, as the long title suggests, broad. The copious bibliography indicates the level of synthesis the author has achieved. This volume is an excellent introduction to what can be learned from fossil amber, in this case Dominican amber. Some interesting conclusions can be drawn from considering the assemblage of fossil spiders as a whole, and it is here where Dr Penney's synthesis emerges at its most satisfying. Considering it is published in a small print run with excellent images, the relatively high cost is expected. It will no doubt serve as a standard reference for some time to come.

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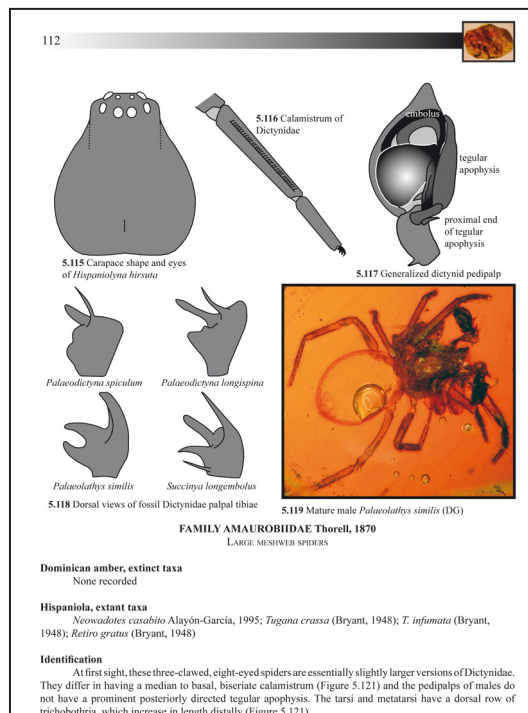
Prepublication academic review (2008): In summary, this book will be of considerable interest beyond the Dominican amber spider world and represents a very important contribution to studies on Caribbean biogeography and palaeobiogeography, the literature on amber, the fauna of Hispaniola (both fossil and extant), and an identification guide for workers in the Caribbean region. David Penney is undoubtedly the world expert in this field and has compiled a comprehensive synthesis with beautiful illustrations on almost every page, making it a pleasure to the eye. The information is sound and reliable, the bibliography extensive and complete, and the text is authoritative. There is no other work available quite like it and it should be on the shelves of academic libraries and museums, in addition to those of people with a general interest in amber or spiders, both amateur and professional.

FORMAT

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88 colour photos, 11 black & white photos, 14 colour illustrations, 224 greyscale illustrations



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