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FLOWER-VISITING RECORDS OF THE NATIVE BEES OF NEW CALEDONIA¹

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ABSTRACT

The flower-visiting records for the 43 species of bees considered to be native to New Caledonia show that females of 21 species visited 116 native species of plants in 69 genera and 41 families, and the bees were documented to carry pollen from 64 species and possibly four more. The plant families with the greatest number of species documented for visits by female bees were, in descending order: Myrtaceae (21), Dilleniaceae (10), Cunoniaceae (nine), Araliaceae (seven), Fabaceae (seven), encompassing the Caesalpinoideae, Mimosoideae, and Papilionoideae), Goodeniaceae (five), Proteaceae (five), Apocynaceae (four), Sapindaceae (four), and remaining families with one to three species. Females of six and possibly one more species carried pollen from each of Dilleniaceae and Myrtaceae, six carried pollen from Araliaceae, five from Goodeniaceae, four and possibly one more from Cunoniaceae, four from each of Fabaceae and Sapindaceae, and none to three from the remaining 34 families observed. For introduced plants, female bees of 12 species visited 54 species in 43 genera among 19 plant families and were documented to carry pollen from 31 and possibly one more species. For introduced plants, families with the highest number of species visited by female bees, in descending order, were: Asteraceae (12); Fabaceae (eight); Verbenaceae (seven); and Euphorbiaceae, Myrtaceae, and Solanaceae each with three. The remaining 13 families had either one or two species visited by bees. Females of seven species of bees carried pollen from Fabaceae, six from Asteraceae, three each from Myrtaceae and Solanaceae, and none to “2 + 1?” (two or possibly three) from remaining families. Only half a dozen species of native bees can be considered to be common, in that they can be expected to be observed reasonably regularly on a range of flowers. The ubiquitous introduced honey bee *Apis mellifera* L. and its constant foraging for nectar and pollen on a very wide range of flowers may outcompete many species of native bees, potentially reducing their numbers, and consequently obscuring their relationships with the flora.

Key words: *Apis*, Araliaceae, competitive foraging pressure, Cunoniaceae, Dilleniaceae, Fabaceae, flower-visiting records, Goodeniaceae, introduced honey bee, Myrtaceae, native bees, New Caledonia, Proteaceae.

For a land mass of 19,103 km², New Caledonia is considered unique based on the high number of flowering plant species (3051) and its high endemism (77.7%; Morat et al., 2012), which markedly contrasts with the low number of bee species (28 species, Donovan, 1983; 21 species, Pauly & Munzinger, 2003). A major question for evolutionary biologists is how so many distinctive species of flowering plants could have evolved with so few apparent pollinating bees. This includes a relative paucity of other pollinating insects, birds, and reptiles (Kato & Kawakita, 2004). In contrast, the number of known species of bees has about doubled in recent years. Taxonomic revisions of the major bee groups are currently underway, but will be time

consuming, and yet there is much interest in the relationships between the various species of bees and flowering plants. The purpose of this study is to make available now all bee flower-visiting data. Observations for *Apis mellifera* L. are explicitly excluded because this honey bee was purposely introduced in 1848 (Lamagnere, 2001) and is not a naturally occurring constituent of the flower-visiting Apoidea. The term “native” for the remaining species of bees is used here to indicate those species that were likely present before the arrival of any humans about several thousand years ago (Irwin, 2010), and also those that might not have been knowingly introduced by humans. However, in the absence of intensive surveys of the bees of lands of the Southwest Pacific,

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Figure 1. Two female *Homalictus risbeci* (Cockerell, 1929) (the two small bees) and a female *Austronomia sicheli* (Vachal, 1897) (the large bee) visiting the flowers of *Dracophyllum verticillatum* Labill (Ericaceae), Col d'Arama, New Caledonia, 29 July 2005. Photograph by J. Munzinger.

the true status of many species may be uncertain (Groom & Schwarz, 2011).

METHODS

Bees from New Caledonia from all known collections worldwide were borrowed, and flower data were recorded from labels attached to the pins. In addition, bees were collected with insect nets from flowers on Grande Terre during December 1979 and April to May 1981, and Grande Terre and Ile des Pins during October 1980 by B. J. Donovan and G. McPherson; on Grande Terre during January and May 1999, March to April 2001, November to December 2001, November to December 2002, and January 2004 by J. Munzinger; on Grande Terre during November to December 2000 by B. J. Donovan, H. Fortune, and J. Bradford; and Grande Terre and Lifou during July to August 2003 by B. J. Donovan. Since April 2004 to September 2008, bees have been collected at various times of year throughout New Caledonia by J. Munzinger (Fig. 1). The identity of flowers from which bees were collected was recorded on site, or if the flower could not be identified, specimens were taken for later study and identification; these vouchers were deposited in the herbaria of MO and NOU.

Bees were examined microscopically and where possible were identified to species, or if identification was not possible, numbered as separate taxa. The names of species of bees are as in Michener (2007), with the exception of the insect genus *Lipotriches* Gerstaecker, which is now referred to as *Austronomia* Michener. In Tables 1 and 3, the families, genera, and species of bees are ordered as in Michener (2007). As revisions of groups of bees are published (Donovan, in prep.; Pauly, in prep.), references in those works will be made to the species that are numbered in this study. For all species of bees, holotypes were examined wherever possible, and for species of bees named from areas beyond New Caledonia, voucher specimens were examined from New Caledonia. Data for voucher specimens are presented after the holotype data. Female bees were examined microscopically for evidence of pollen in scopae. When pollen is abundant the bee has obviously been collecting pollen for a while, but if a bee has just begun collecting pollen, very little may be evident. If scopae held very little pollen and it was no more abundant than on other parts of the bee, the bee was not considered to have been collecting pollen. However, if the pollen in scopae was at least partly clumped, the bee was considered to have been

collecting pollen. Female hylaeine and euryglossine bees carry pollen internally, so if they were captured in association with flowers, whether they were collecting pollen could not be readily ascertained. Females of an undescribed cleptoparasitic species, which is referred to in Tables 1 and 3 as "*Lasioglossum* sp. indet. 9," do not carry pollen. Notations such as "2/5 p" (Table 1) indicate that there were two collections of a total of five bees, all of which were carrying pollen, while "2/5 (1/3 p)" refers to two collections of a total of five bees, of which one collection of three bees was carrying pollen. The notation "0/1" indicates that one bee was observed on a flower. In this article, a notation such as "4 + 1?" means that females of four species of bees were carrying pollen, and possibly also the females of one species that carry pollen internally. A "collection" refers to an event during which bees were captured, and differs from another "collection" in at least one datum, such as the collector, the host plant, the site, or time of day. Because bees can fly rapidly, will sometimes visit a range of flowers, and may take just nectar and not also pollen from a flower, the collection from a particular flower of a bee that is carrying pollen does not necessarily mean that the pollen is from that flower. Microscopic examination of pollen on bees to identify the source of the pollen was beyond the scope of this study.

Female bees that collect much pollen from the flowers of a particular species of plant are often considered to be pollinating the flowers, but their true status as pollinators can be determined only by assessing the number of pollen grains deposited on stigmas. In contrast to female bees, male bees do not collect pollen to carry to nests, and they visit flowers comparatively fleetingly only to sip nectar and perhaps to feed on pollen grains. Compared to female bees, male bees are therefore far less likely to be effective pollinators.

Native plant names follow Jaffré et al. (2004), or the updated version of this checklist (Morat et al., 2012). Information presented here includes sources such as Donovan (1983), Pauly and Munzinger (2003), Nielsen et al. (2005), and Kato and Kawakita (2004).

RESULTS

Forty-three species of native bees were identified from New Caledonia, and of these the females of 21 species visited the flowers of 116 native species of plants in 69 genera and 41 families (Tables 1 and 2). Twenty-one of these plant species belonged to the Myrtaceae, 10 to Dilleniaceae, nine to Cunoniaceae, seven each to Araliaceae and Fabaceae s.l. (including

the Caesalpinioideae, Mimosoideae, and Papilionoideae), five each to Goodeniaceae and Proteaceae, and four each to Apocynaceae and Sapindaceae, while for the remaining families the number of species ranged from one to three. Species in Dilleniaceae and Myrtaceae were each visited by females of nine species of bees; Araliaceae by eight; Cunoniaceae and Ericaceae each by seven species; Goodeniaceae by six species; Araceae, Fabaceae, Proteaceae, and Violaceae each by five species; and the remaining families were visited by one to four species. Females of "6 + 1?" species of bees carried pollen from Dilleniaceae and Myrtaceae, six from Araliaceae, five from Goodeniaceae, "4 + 1?" from Cunoniaceae, four each from Fabaceae and Sapindaceae, and none to three from the remaining 34 families. Bees carried pollen from "64 + 4?" plant species, of which 11 belonged to Myrtaceae; six to Fabaceae; "5 + 2?" to Dilleniaceae; "4 + 1?" to Cunoniaceae; four to each of Araliaceae, Goodeniaceae, Proteaceae, and Sapindaceae; and none to two for the remaining families.

For introduced plants, female bees of 12 species visited 54 species in 43 genera and 19 families (Tables 1 and 2). Twelve of the plant species belonged to Asteraceae; eight to Fabaceae; seven to Verbenaceae; three each to Euphorbiaceae, Myrtaceae, and Solanaceae; and from one to two for the remaining families. Species in Fabaceae were visited by females of eight species of bees, Asteraceae and Verbenaceae by seven, Sapindaceae by four, and the remaining families by one to three. The females of seven species of bees visiting Fabaceae carried pollen, six carried pollen from Asteraceae, three carried pollen from each of Myrtaceae and Solanaceae, while none to "2 + 1?" carried pollen from the remaining families. Pollen was carried by female bees from six species of plants in both Asteraceae and Fabaceae, three in Solanaceae, and none to two in the remaining families.

One species each of Asteraceae and Convolvulaceae are of uncertain identity (Table 2) and were visited by females of three species of bees.

For species of bees with females that visited the flowers of native plants, of the six species with more than 10 records, *Austronomia sicheli* Vachal visited most species (53 spp.) and carried pollen from the highest number (29 spp.) (Table 3). However, for introduced plants only three species of bees visited 10 or more species, of which *Homalictus aponi* Cheesman & Perkins visited the most species (24 spp.) and carried pollen from the most species (14 spp.).

DISCUSSION

Although the 43 native species of bees now known from New Caledonia are nearing double the mean of

Table 1. Alphabetic list of families, subfamilies, genera, and species of bees, bee voucher and bee collection data, and the vascular plants associated with each bee species.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Site of bee holotype and/or bee voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
Colletidae			
Colletinae			
<i>Leioproctus pacificus</i>	New Caledonia, Nepoui Valley,	native	Araliaceae
Michener (1965), subg.	July 1940, <i>F. X. Williams, s.n.</i> ,	native	Celastraceae
<i>Lamprocolletes</i> Smith	holotype ♂, BPBM		
<i>Leioproctus</i> Smith, 1853, sp.	New Caledonia, Mt. Khogis (<i>sic</i>), 1		–
indet. 2, aff. subg.	♂, 1 Nov. 1992, <i>E. & M.</i>		
<i>Lamprocolletes</i>	<i>Schlinger s.n.</i> , INHS		
Hylaeinae			
<i>Hylaeus</i> Fabricius sp.	New Caledonia, Ouen Toro		–
indet. 1	Noumea, 1 ♀, 15 Jan. 1972, <i>P. Cochereau s.n.</i> , MNHNP		
<i>Hylaeus</i> sp. indet. 2	New Caledonia, Port Laguerre, 1		–
	♀, 11 Apr. 2001, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP		
<i>Hylaeus</i> sp. indet. 3	New Caledonia, Forêt de Sailles, 1		–
	♀, 3 Dec. 2001, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP		
<i>Palaeorhiza flavomellea</i>	Queensland, Australia, Cocotier	native	Arecaceae
Cockerell, 1910, subg.	Noumea, 1 ♀, 1 ♂, 27 May	native	Elaeocarpaceae
<i>Heterorhiza</i> Cockerell	1977, <i>A. Delobel s.n.</i> , MNHNP	native	Hernandiaceae
		native	
		introduced	Anacardiaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Combretaceae
Euryglossinae			
<i>Euhesma</i> Michener sp.	New Caledonia, Mt. Koghi, 1 ♂,	native	Cunoniaceae
indet. 1	4–6 Oct. 1967, <i>M. Sedlacek s.n.</i> , BPBM	native	Dilleniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	Myrtaceae
<i>Euryglossina</i> Cockerell sp.	New Caledonia, 1 ♀, 1 ♂, 3 July	introduced	Sapindaceae
indet. 1	1980, <i>G. McPherson s.n.</i> , BJD		
<i>Euryglossina</i> sp. indet. 2	New Caledonia, 2 ♀, Forêt de Sailles, 9 Dec. 2001, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP		–
Halictidae			
Halictinae			
<i>Homalictus aponi</i> (Cheesman & Perkins, 1939)	Vanuatu, Malekula Island, St. Louis, 14 ♀, 1 ♂, 17 Aug. 1940, <i>F. X. Williams s.n.</i> , IRD	native	Araliaceae
		native	Asteraceae
		native	Cunoniaceae
		native	Dilleniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	

Table 1. Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
<i>Myodocarpus fraxinifolius</i> Brongn. & Gris		–	♂ 1/2
<i>Peripterygia marginata</i> (Baill.) Loes.		♀ 1/1	–
–		–	–
–		–	–
–		–	–
–		–	–
<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.		♀ 2/3	♂ 2/5
<i>Elaeocarpus angustifolius</i> Blume		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Hernandia nymphaeifolia</i> (C. Pres.) Kubitzki		–	♂ 5/5
<i>Hernandia ovigera</i> L.		–	♂ 1/5
<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.		–	♂ 1/3
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i> Raddi		–	♂ 3/10
<i>Terminalia catappa</i> L.		–	♂ 1/2
<i>Codia albifrons</i> (Brongn. ex Schinz & Guillaumin) Vieill. ex Guillaumin		♀ 1/2	–
<i>Hibbertia heterotricha</i> Bureau ex Guillaumin		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Hibbertia pulchella</i> (Brongn. & Gris) Schltr.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Hibbertia</i> Andrews sp. indet.		♀ 1/5	–
<i>Syzygium quadrangulare</i> Guillaumin		♀ 1/5	–
<i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/1
–		–	–
<i>Polyscias</i> J. R. Forst. & G. Forst. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/1
<i>Blumea lacera</i> (Burm. f.) DC.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Geissois</i> Labill. sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Pancheria billardierei</i> (D. Don) Pamp.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3339, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Hibbertia deplancheana</i> Bureau ex Guillaumin		♀ 4/4 (2/2 p)	–
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i> Brong. & Gris. ex Sebert & Pancher	(1 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3272, MO; (3 ♀ p) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 2527, NOU	♀ 4/4 p	–
<i>Hibbertia podocarpifolia</i> Schltr.			
<i>Hibbertia pulchella</i>			
<i>Hibbertia tontoutensis</i> Guillaumin			
<i>Hibbertia</i> sp. indet.			

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
		native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
		native	Euphorbiaceae
		native	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)
		native	Goodeniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	Loganiaceae
		native	Malpighiaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Onagraceae
		native	
		native	Orchidaceae
		native	Proteaceae
		native	Rubiaceae
		native	Sapotaceae
		native	Tiliaceae
		native	Violaceae
		introduced	Amaranthaceae
		introduced	Anacardiaceae
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	
		introduced	
		introduced	
		introduced	Brassicaceae
		introduced	Euphorbiaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Fabaceae, Caesalpinoideae (= Caesalpiniaceae)
		introduced	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)
		introduced	
		introduced	Malvaceae

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
<i>Styphelia</i> Sm. sp. indet., cf. <i>S. cymbulae</i> (Labill.) Spreng.		♀ 1/1	–
sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/4
<i>Acacia spirorbis</i> Labill.		♀ 4/13 (4/8 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Scaevola beckii</i> Zahlbr.		♀ 2/2 p	–
<i>Scaevola montana</i> Labill.	(2 ♀ [1 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 2966, MO; (3 ♀ [2 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3254, MO; (5 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3260, MO; (3 ♀ [1 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3281, MO; (1 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3779, MO	♀ 9/18 (7/11 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Scaevola</i> L. sp. indet.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 864, NOU; <i>J. Munzinger</i> 1382, NOU; (2 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 2958, NOU	♀ 4/4 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Geniostoma densiflora</i> Baill.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3282, MO	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Acridocarpus austrocaledonicus</i> Baill.	<i>J. C. Bradford</i> 1053, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> (Cav.) S. T. Blake		♀ 2/5 p	–
<i>Metrosideros operculata</i> Labill. var. <i>operculata</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3786, MO	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Sannantha leratii</i> (Schltr.) Peter G. Wilson [≡ <i>Babingtonia leratii</i> (Schltr.) A. R. Bean]		♀ 4/11 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Sannantha virgata</i> (J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.) Peter G. Wilson [≡ <i>Babingtonia</i> <i>virgata</i> (J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.) F. Muell.]	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2652, NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Xanthostemon</i> F. Muell. sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i> (Jacq.) P. H. Raven subsp. <i>octovalvis</i>	(2 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3785, MO	♀ 2/3 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Eriaxis rigida</i> Rehb. f.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Stenocarpus phyllodineus</i> S. Moore	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3317, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Normandia neocaledonica</i> Hook. f.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Leptostylis petiolata</i> Vink		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Corchorus</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Agatea longipedicellata</i> (Baker f.) Guillaumin & Thorne	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 320, NOU	♀ 1/1 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i> L.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3246, MO	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Bidens pilosa</i> L.		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/1
<i>Conyza</i> Less. sp. indet., cf. <i>C. bonariensis</i> (L.) Cronquist		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Calendula</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i> (L.) DC.	(2 ♀ [1 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3267A, MO	♀ 3/4 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Tridax procumbens</i> L.		♀ 3/13 (2/12 p)	–
<i>Tridax</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/11 (1/6 p)	♂ 1/2
<i>Youngia japonica</i> (L.) DC.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Lepidium virginicum</i> L.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i> L.		♀ 4/4 (3/4 p)	♂ 5/5
<i>Euphorbia lophogona</i> Lam.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Crotalaria</i> L. sp. indet.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 445, NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit	(19 ♀ [15 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3237, MO	♀ 4/30 (4/24 p)	–
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i> C. Wright	(5 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3776, MO	♀ 2/6 p	–
<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm. f.		♀ 1/5 (1/4 p)	♂ 1/3

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
		introduced	
		introduced	Onagraceae
		introduced	Papaveraceae
		introduced	Solanaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Verbenaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Zygophyllaceae
<i>Homalictus cocos</i> Pauly & Munzinger, 2003	New Caledonia, St. Louis, 1 ♀, 17 Aug. 1940, <i>F. X. Williams s.n.</i> , IRD	native	Araliaceae
		native	Arecaceae
		introduced	Anacardiaceae
			Euphorbiaceae
			Verbenaceae
			Araliaceae
<i>Homalictus risbeci</i> (Cockerell, 1929)	New Caledonia, Nepoui Valley, 10 ♀, July 1940, <i>F. X. Williams</i> <i>s.n.</i> , IRD	native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Asteraceae
		native	Cunoniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
		native	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae
		native	(= Mimosaceae)
		native	Goodeniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	Laxmanniaceae (treated as Agavaceae in Jaffré et al., 2001, 2004)
		native	Liliaceae
		native	Linaceae
		native	
		native	Malpighiaceae
		native	Malvaceae
		native	Melastomataceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Onagraceae
		native	Proteaceae
		native	

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> L.		♀ 7/7	–
<i>Bougainvillea</i> Comm. ex Juss. sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Argemone mexicana</i> L.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3255, MO	♀ 2/16 (2/9 p)	–
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 609, NOU	♀ 2/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Solanum torvum</i> Sw.		♀ 1/9 (1/6 p)	–
<i>Solanum</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Duranta repens</i> L.		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/1
<i>Stachytarpheta indica</i> (L.) Vahl		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/8
<i>Verbena</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/11 (1/7 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Tribulus cistoides</i> L.		♀ 9/15 (6/12 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Meryta</i> J. R. Forst. & G. Forst. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>		♀ 2/2	–
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>		♀ 2/3 (2/2 p)	♂ 2/12
<i>Poinsettia</i> Graham sp. indet.		♀ 3/3	♂ 1/1
<i>Verbena</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Polyscias sessiliflora</i> Marais subsp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Polyscias</i> sp. indet.		♀ 2/6 (2/5 p)	♂ 2/9
genus and sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Blumea lacera</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Geissois</i> sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Pancheria alaternoides</i> Brongn. & Gris	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2818, NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Pancheria billardierei</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Pancheria phylliraeoides</i> Brongn. & Gris ex Guillaumin	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3339, MO	♀ 1/6 p	–
<i>Pancheria</i> Brongn. & Gris sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i>	(2 ♀) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3272, MO; (1 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 959, NOU	♀ 2/3 p	–
<i>Hibbertia pancheri</i> (Brongn. & Gris) Briq.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Hibbertia</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Dracophyllum verticillatum</i> Labill.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2957, NOU	♀ 0/2	♂ 4/4
<i>Acacia spirorbis</i>		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Scaevola beckii</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Scaevola cylindrica</i> Schltr. & K. Krause		–	♂ 1/2
<i>Scaevola montana</i>	(1 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3260; (1 ♀, 1 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3779, MO	♀ 1/1	♂ 3/3
<i>Scaevola</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cordyline</i> Comm. ex R. Br. sp. indet.		–	♂ 2/2
<i>Rhuacophila javanica</i> Blume	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 3046, NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Hugonia penicillanthemum</i> Baill. ex Pancher & Sebert	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3270, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Tristellateia australasiae</i> A. Rich.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Melochia odorata</i> L. f.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3267, MO	♀ 2/5 (1/2 p)	♂ 2/3
<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> L. subsp. <i>malabathricum</i>		♀ 4/4	♂ 1/1
<i>Cloezia floribunda</i> Brongn. & Gris		–	♂ 2/2
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>		♀ 4/11 (3/10 p)	♂ 3/36
<i>Metrosideros operculata</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3786, MO	♀ 1/3 p	–
<i>Sannantha leratii</i>		♀ 3/3 (1/1 p)	♂ 13/24
<i>Syzygium</i> P. Browne ex Gaertn. sp. indet.		♀ 1/2 (1/1 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Tristaniopsis calobuxus</i> Brongn. & Gris		♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/1
<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i> subsp. <i>octovalvis</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3785, MO	♀ 2/2	♂ 1/1
<i>Grevillea</i> R. Br. ex Knight sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Stenocarpus phyllodineus</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3317, MO	♀ 1/2	♂ 1/1

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
		native	Rhizophoraceae
		native	Rubiaceae
		native	Sapindaceae
		native	
		native	Surianaceae
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	Brassicaceae
		introduced	Fabaceae, Caesalpinioideae (= Caesalpiniaceae)
		introduced	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)
		introduced	
		introduced	Fabaceae, Papilionoideae
		introduced	Lythraceae
		introduced	Rutaceae
		introduced	Verbenaceae
<i>Homalictus</i> Cockerell sp. indet. 4	New Caledonia, Mt. Panie Trail, 3 ♀, 2 ♂, 8–9 Feb. 1963, <i>C. M.</i> <i>Yoshimoto s.n.</i> , IRD	native	Cunoniaceae
		native	Dilleniaceae
		native	
		native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
		native	
		native	Goodeniaceae
		native	Loganiaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	
		native	Rubiaceae
		native	
		native	Rutaceae
		native or introduced	Asteraceae
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 5	New Caledonia, Hienghene, 2 ♀, 25 Nov. 1958, <i>C. R. Joyce s.n.</i> , IRD		—
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 6	New Caledonia, Mou, 3 ♀, 25 Dec. 1979, <i>B. J. Donovan s.n.</i> , BJD; Houailou, near tower, 1 ♂, 25 Dec. 1979, <i>G. McPherson</i> <i>s.n.</i> , BJD	native	Arecaceae
		native	Boraginaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 7	New Caledonia, Mts. des Koghis, 3 ♂, Jan. 1969, <i>N. L. H. Krauss</i> <i>s.n.</i> , BPBM		—
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 8	New Caledonia, Thi River Valley, 1 ♀, 6 Nov. 1940, <i>F. X.</i> <i>Williams s.n.</i> , IRD	native	Araliaceae
		native	
		native	Myodocarpaceae
		native	Rhamnaceae
		native	
		introduced	Sapindaceae
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	Sapindaceae
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 9	New Caledonia, Mt. Koghi, 1 ♀, Dec. 1963, <i>R. Straatman s.n.</i> , BPBM	native	Araliaceae
			Arecaceae
			Cunoniaceae
			Myrtaceae

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
<i>Rhizophora apiculata</i> Blume	<i>J. Munzinger 2959</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Normandia neocaledonica</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Cupaniopsis myrmoctona</i> Radlk.	<i>J. Munzinger 4219</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Guioa villosa</i> Radlk.		♀ 2/3 p	–
<i>Suriana maritima</i> L.	<i>G. McPherson 3245</i> , MO	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i> Cav.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Brassica</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 2/4 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Cassia fistula</i> L.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>		♀ 7/21 (7/20 p)	–
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3776</i> , MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Crotalaria</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> L.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Citrus</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/8 p	–
<i>Stachytarpheta</i> Vahl sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Pancheria robusta</i> Guillaumin	<i>G. McPherson 3277D</i> , MO	♀ 2/4 p	–
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 959</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Hibbertia trachyphylla</i> Schltr.		–	♂ 1/3
<i>Dracophyllum involucreatum</i> Brongn. & Gris		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Scaevola beckii</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Geniostoma densiflorum</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3268</i> , MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Metrosideros operculata</i> var. <i>francii</i> J. W. Dawson		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Metrosideros punctata</i> J. W. Dawson		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Normandia neocaledonica</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Psychotria rupicola</i> (Baill.) Schltr.	<i>G. McPherson 3277A</i> , MO	♀ 1/3 p	–
<i>Zanthoxylum</i> L. sp. indet.	<i>J. Munzinger 2567</i> , NOU	–	♂ 1/1
sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
–		–	–
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>		♀ 1/3 p	–
<i>Heliotropium foertherianum</i> Diane & Hilger		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Sannantha leratii</i>		–	♂ 1/1
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<i>Polyscias sessiliflora</i> subsp. indet.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Polyscias</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/5 p	–
<i>Myodocarpus</i> Brongn. & Gris sp. indet.	<i>P. Lowry 6509</i> , MO	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Alphitonia neocaledonica</i> (Schltr.) Guillaumin	<i>J. Munzinger 2006</i> , NOU	♀ 4/4	–
<i>Guioa villosa</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Ageratum</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Litchi chinensis</i>		♀ 2/3	–
<i>Polyscias sessiliflora</i> subsp. indet.		♀ 1/4 p	–
<i>Schefflera vieillardii</i> Baill.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cyphokentia cerifera</i> (H. E. Moore) Pintaud & W. J. Baker		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cunonia balansae</i> Brongn. & Gris	<i>J. Munzinger 2520</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Geissois racemosa</i> Labill.	<i>J. Munzinger 2680</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Metrosideros</i> Banks ex Gaertn. sp. indet.		♀ 1/6 p	–

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 10	New Caledonia, Col de Roussettes, 1 ♀, 4–6 Feb. 1963, <i>G. Kuschel</i> <i>s.n.</i> , BPBM		–
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 11	New Caledonia, Île.Mouac, 1 ♂, 19 Oct. 1958, <i>C. R. Joyce s.n.</i> , IRD		–
<i>Lasioglossum polygoni</i> (Cockerell, 1929), subsp. indet. 1, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Col d'Amieu, 21 July 1977, <i>A. Delobeli s.n.</i> , ♀ holotype and 2 ♀ paratypes, MNHNP	native	Araliaceae
		native	Arecaceae
		native	Cunoniaceae
		native	Dilleniaceae
		native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
		native	Melastomataceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	Phellinaceae
		introduced	Sapindaceae
		introduced	Verbenaceae
<i>Lasioglossum polygoni</i> subsp. indet. 2, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Haute-Ni, 1 ♀, 23 Oct. 2004, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP	native	Araliaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	Cunoniaceae
		native	Dilleniaceae
		native	Elaeocarpaceae
		native	
		native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
		native	Goodeniaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	Sapindaceae
		native	
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)
<i>Lasioglossum polygoni</i> subsp. indet. 3, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Bourail, 27 May 1927, <i>T. D. A. Cockerell s.n.</i> , 1 ♀ holotype, MNHNP	introduced	Sapindaceae
		native	Asteraceae
		native	Elaeocarpaceae
		native	Violaceae
		introduced	Malvaceae Polygonaceae
<i>Lasioglossum</i> Curtis sp. indet. 4, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Forêt de Sailles, 1 ♀, 9 Dec. 2001, <i>J. Munzinger</i> <i>s.n.</i> , MNHNP		Solanaceae
		native	Apocynaceae
			Araliaceae
			Dilleniaceae
			Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 5, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Mt. Khogis, 22 Dec. 1992, <i>M. E. Irwin & D. W.</i> <i>Webb s.n.</i> , INHS-96,625 (1 ♀), INHS-96,607 (1 ♂)		Liliaceae
			Phellinaceae
			–

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
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<i>Polyscias dioica</i> (Vieill. ex Pancher & Sebert) Harms	<i>J. Munzinger 1732</i> , NOU	♀ 3/3	–
<i>Cyphokentia cerifera</i>		♀ 2/2	–
<i>Geissois racemosa</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 2680</i> , NOU	♀ 4/4	–
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i>	(1 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger 959</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2	–
<i>Dracophyllum ramosum</i> Pancher ex Brongn. & Gris	<i>J. Munzinger 2043</i> , NOU	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> subsp. <i>malabathricum</i>		♀ 13/13 (1/14 p)	–
<i>Myrtastrum rufopunctatum</i> (Pancher ex Brongn. & Gris) Burret		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Phelline lucida</i> Vieill. ex Baill.	<i>J. Munzinger 2502</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2	–
<i>Litchi chinensis</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Lantana</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/3	–
<i>Polyscias dioica</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 1732</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Polyscias sessiliflora</i> subsp. indet.		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Polyscias</i> sp. indet.		♀ 3/12 (3/11 p)	–
<i>Pancheria sebertii</i> Guillaumin		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Hibbertia nana</i> Däniker		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Elaeocarpus dognyensis</i> Guillaumin		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Elaeocarpus speciosus</i> Brongn. & Gris.	<i>J. Munzinger 3058</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2	–
<i>Styphelia</i> cf. <i>cymbulae</i> Spreng.	<i>J. Munzinger 2495</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Scaevola beckii</i>		♀ 2/3 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Syzygium quadrangulare</i>		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Cupaniopsis oedipoda</i> Radlk.	<i>G. McPherson 3227</i> , MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Cupaniopsis</i> Radlk. sp. indet.	<i>G. McPherson 2744</i> , MO	♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Guioa villosa</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3238</i> , MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> L.		♀ 4/19 p	–
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3237</i> , MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Litchi chinensis</i>		♀ 3/9 (1/3 p)	–
<i>Blumea lacera</i>		♀ 1/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Elaeocarpus angustifolius</i>		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Agatea longipedicellata</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 396</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Sida acuta</i>		♀ 1/22 (1/20 p)	–
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i> Hook. & Arn.		♀ 2/2	–
<i>Polygonum</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Solanum torvum</i>		♀ 1/4 (1/3 p)	–
<i>Parsonsia</i> R. Br. sp. indet.	<i>J. Munzinger 4051</i> , NOU	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Polyscias dioica</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 1732</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2	–
<i>Hibbertia nana</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 1649</i> , NOU	♀ 2/2	–
<i>Dracophyllum involucreatum</i>	<i>F. Tronchet 609</i> , NOU	♀ 3/3	–
<i>Rhuacophila javanica</i>	<i>Th. Le Borgne 39</i> , NOU	♀ 3/3	–
<i>Phelline lucida</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 2502</i> , NOU	♀ 1/1	–
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Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 6, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Upper Vallée La Ni, 2 ♀, 2 Nov. 1992, <i>M. E.</i> <i>Irwin & D. W. Webb s.n.</i> , INHS- 96,626, INHS-96,627		–
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 7, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Vallée de la Tchamba, 1 ♀, 26 July 2005, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP	native	Melastomataceae
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 8, subg. <i>Chilalictus</i>	New Caledonia, Ni Valle, 1 ♀, 2 Nov. 1992, <i>M. E. Irwin & D. W.</i> <i>Webb s.n.</i> , INHS-96,642		–
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 9, from an undescribed subgenus	New Caledonia, Haute-Ni, 1 ♀, 23 Oct. 2004, <i>J. Munzinger s.n.</i> , MNHNP	native	Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae)
<i>Lasioglossum sulthicum</i> (Smith, 1853), subg. <i>Parasphcodes</i> Smith	Australia, Mt. Kogis, 1 ♀, 30 Oct. 1992, <i>M. E. Irwin & D. W.</i> <i>Webb s.n.</i> , INHS-96,695		–
Nomiinae			
<i>Austronomia cheesmanae</i> (Michener, 1965)	New Caledonia, Lifu, Cape des Pins, 18 Nov. 1950, <i>L. E.</i> <i>Cheesman s.n.</i> (1 ♀), holotype, BMNH	native	Myoporaceae
<i>Austronomia sicheli</i> (Vachal, 1897)	New Caledonia, 1 ♀, s.d., <i>J.</i> <i>Sichel s.n.</i> , MNHNP	native native native native native native native native native native native	Apocynaceae Araliaceae Celastraceae Combretaceae Connaraceae Cunoniaceae Dilleniaceae Ericaceae (incl. Epacridaceae) Escalloniaceae Fabaceae, Caesalpinioideae Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae) Goodeniaceae
		native	Joinvilleaceae

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
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<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> subsp. <i>malabathricum</i>		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/1
-		-	-
<i>Styphelia</i> cf. <i>cymbulae</i>	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2495, NOU	♀ 1/1	-
-		-	-
<i>Myoporum crassifolium</i> G. Forst.		♀ 1/1	-
<i>Parsonsia crebriflora</i> Baill.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 1733, NOU	♀ 6/6	-
<i>Polyscias sessiliflora</i> subsp. indet.		♀ 1/5 p	-
<i>Polyscias</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/5 (1/3 p)	-
sp. indet. 1		♀ 1/2	-
<i>Peripterygia marginata</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3284, MO	♀ 1/1	-
<i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i> Willd.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2668, NOU	-	♂ 2/2
sp. indet. 1		♀ 2/3 p	-
<i>Codia discolor</i> (Brongn. & Gris)	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2651, NOU	♀ 2/2 p	-
Guillaumin			
<i>Hibbertia bouletii</i> Veillon		?1/1	?1/1
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i>	(4 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3272, MO; (4 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 959; (1 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 2527, NOU	♀ 6/9 (6/6 p)	-
<i>Hibbertia pancheri</i>		♀ 1/1	-
<i>Hibbertia pulchella</i>		♀ 2/2	-
<i>Hibbertia</i> sp. indet.	(2 ♀ p) <i>J. C. Bradford</i> 1116, MO	♀ 3/9 (3/7 p)	-
<i>Dracophyllum verticillatum</i>		♀ 0/1	-
<i>Styphelia pancheri</i> (Brongn. & Gris) F. Muell.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 395, NOU	♀ 1/1	-
<i>Styphelia</i> cf. <i>cymbulae</i>	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 2495, NOU	♀ 2/2	-
<i>Argophyllum montanum</i> Schltr.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3269, MO	♀ 1/1 p	-
<i>Cassia fistula</i>		♀ 1/3 p	-
<i>Cassia</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 3/4 (3/3 p)	-
<i>Storckiella pancheri</i> Baill.		♀ 1/1 p	-
<i>Storckiella</i> Seem. sp. indet.		♀ 2/4 (2/3 p)	-
<i>Acacia spirorbis</i>		♀ 2/2 p	♂ 1/1
<i>Scaevola beckii</i>		♀ 2/3 (1/1 p)	-
<i>Scaevola cylindrica</i>	(1 ♀, 1 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 2300, MO	♀ 2/2	♂ 2/3
<i>Scaevola erosa</i> Guillaumin ex I. H. Müll.		♀ 1/1	-
<i>Scaevola montana</i>	(1 ♀) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3260, MO; (9 ♀) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3281, MO; (1 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3779, MO; (1 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 4725, NOU	♀ 5/12	♂ 2/2
<i>Joinvillea</i> Gaudich. ex Brongn. & Gris sp. indet.		♀ 1/2 p	-

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
		native	Loganiaceae
		native	Malpighiaceae
		native	Melastomataceae
		native	
		native	Myodocarpaceae
		native	Myrsinaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
		native	
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		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Proteaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Rhamnaceae
		native	Rubiaceae
		native	Sapindaceae
		native	
		native	Violaceae
		introduced	Anacardiaceae
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	Euphorbiaceae
		introduced	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)
		introduced	
		introduced	Fabaceae, Papilionoideae
		introduced	Lamiaceae
		introduced	Myrtaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Phrymaceae
		introduced	Sapindaceae
		introduced	Solanaceae
		introduced	
		introduced	Verbenaceae
		native or introduced	Convolvulaceae
<i>Austronomia</i> (L.) Link sp. indet. 3	New Caledonia, Mt. Do, 1 ♀, 15 Dec. 2000, <i>B. J. Donovan s.n.</i> , BJD	introduced	Fabaceae, Papilionoideae
<i>Austronomia</i> sp. indet. 4	New Caledonia, Loyalty Islands, Lifu Island, 1 ♀, 26–27 Mar. 1968, <i>J. L. Gressit & T. C. Maa s.n.</i> , BPBM		–

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
<i>Geniostoma densiflorum</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3282, MO</i>	♀ 1/3	–
<i>Tristellateia australasiae</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Melastoma denticulatum</i> Labill.		♀ 2/5 (1/3 p)	–
<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> subsp. <i>malabathricum</i>		♀ 4/5 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Myodocarpus fraxinifolius</i>		♀ 2/1 (2/2 p)	♂ 1/3
<i>Tapeinosperma oblongifolium</i> Mez	<i>J. Munzinger 1954, NOU</i>		
<i>Cloezia artensis</i> (Montrouz.) P. S. Green	(3 ♀, 4 ♂) <i>G. McPherson 3258, MO</i>	♀ 1/3	♂ 3/5
<i>Cloezia</i> Brongn. & Gris sp. indet.		♀ 1/4	♂ 1/1
<i>Melaleuca gnidioides</i> Brongn. & Gris		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>		♀ 3/4 (2/3 p)	♂ 3/8
<i>Myrtastrum rufopunctatum</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Myrtus</i> L. sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/73
<i>Sannantha leratii</i>		♀ 9/14	♂ 3/17
<i>Sannantha</i> Peter G. Wilson sp. indet.	<i>J. Munzinger 456, NOU</i>	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Syzygium lateriflorum</i> Brongn. & Gris		♀ 3/12 (1/3 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Syzygium quadrangulare</i>		♀ 1/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Tristaniopsis calobuxus</i>		♀ 2/5	♂ 3/10
<i>Tristaniopsis glauca</i> Brongn. & Gris		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Tristaniopsis vieillardii</i> Brongn. & Gris	<i>J. Munzinger 4679, NOU</i>	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Uromyrtus emarginata</i> (Panch. ex Brongn. & Gris) Burret	<i>J. Munzinger 394, NOU</i>	♀ 1/1	–
sp. indet. 1		♀ 1/1 p	–
sp. indet. 2	<i>J. C. Bradford 1115, MO</i>	♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Grevillea exul</i> Lindl.	<i>G. McPherson 3271, MO</i>	♀ 2/8 (2/4 p)	–
<i>Stenocarpus milnei</i> Hook.	<i>G. McPherson 3285, MO</i>	♀ 2/14 (1/1 p)	♂ 2/4
<i>Stenocarpus umbelliferus</i> Druce		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Stenocarpus</i> R. Br. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/6
<i>Alphitonia neocaledonica</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 2006, NOU</i>	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Normandia neocaledonica</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3221, MO</i>	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Guioa villosa</i>		♀ 2/2 p	–
<i>Storthocalyx pancheri</i> (Baill.) Radlk.	<i>J. Munzinger 2053, NOU</i>	? 1/1	? 1/1
<i>Agatea longipedicellata</i>	<i>J. Munzinger 320, NOU</i>	♀ 20/20 p	♂ 11/11
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>	(3 ♀ [1 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson 3241, MO</i>	♀ 5/9 (3/3 p)	♂ 1/8
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>		♀ 3/17 (3/13 p)	–
<i>Poinsettia</i> sp. indet.		♀ 2/2	♂ 1/1
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>		♀ 5/12 p	–
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	<i>G. McPherson 3776, MO</i>	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Senna occidentalis</i> (L.) Link		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Mentha</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/2	–
<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.		♀ 1/8 (1/5 p)	–
<i>Syzygium jambolanum</i> (Lam.) DC.		♀ 1/2	–
<i>Mimulus</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Litchi chinensis</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	(1 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson 3766B, MO</i>	♀ 3/12 p	–
sp. indet. 1		♀ 2/13 p	–
<i>Stachytarpheta indica</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Ipomoea</i> L. sp. indet.		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Senna occidentalis</i>		♀ 1/1	–

Table 1. Continued.

Bee family, subfamily, tribe, genus, and species	Insect voucher information	Plant origin	Plant family
<i>Austronomia</i> sp. indet. 5	New Caledonia, Mt. Koghis, 1 ♂, 22 Dec. 1992, <i>M. Irwin</i> & <i>D.</i> <i>W. Webb</i> s.n., INHS		—
Megachilidae			
Megachilinae			
Lithurgini			
<i>Lithurgus scabrosus</i> (Smith, 1859), subg. <i>Lithurgus</i> Berthold	Ile Aru, Indonesia, Noumea, 1 ♂, July 1900, <i>J. J. Walker</i> s.n., MNHNP	native	Convolvulaceae
		native or introduced	Convolvulaceae
Megachilini			
<i>Megachile laticeps</i> Smith, 1853, subg. <i>Aetho-</i> <i>megachile</i> Engel & Baker	Iles Phillipines, Noumea, 1 ♀, July 1957, <i>J. Rageau</i> s.n., MNHNP	native	Convolvulaceae
		native	Myrtaceae
<i>Megachile rambutan</i> Cheesman, 1936, subg. <i>Callomegachile</i> Michener	Vanuatu, Noumea, 1 ♂, Aug. 1900, <i>J. J. Walker</i> s.n., MNHNP	introduced	Verbenaceae
<i>Megachile umbripenne</i> Smith, 1853, subg. <i>Callomegachile</i>	Nepal, Noumea, 2 ♀, 15 Oct. 1980, <i>B. J. Donovan</i> s.n., BJD	native	Proteaceae
		introduced	Asteraceae
		introduced	Fabaceae, Papilionoideae
		introduced	Polygonaceae
		introduced	Verbenaceae
<i>Megachile albomarginata</i> Smith, 1879, subg. <i>Eutricharaea</i> Thomson	New Caledonia, Mt. Mou, 1 ♀, 12 Mar. 1914, <i>P. D. Montague</i> 541, MNHN	native	Apocynaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	Araliaceae
		native	Connaraceae
		native	Dilleniaceae
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	
		native	Goodeniaceae
		native	
native	Myrtaceae		
native	Proteaceae		
native	Violaceae		
native			
introduced	Asteraceae		
introduced			
introduced			
introduced			
introduced	Fabaceae, Mimosoideae (= Mimosaceae)		
introduced			
introduced	Lamiaceae		
introduced	Myrtaceae		
introduced			
introduced	Tiliaceae		
introduced	Verbenaceae		
introduced			

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
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<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R. Br.		♀ 2/2	♂ 2/2
<i>Ipomoea</i> sp. indet.		♀ 2/4 (1/2 p)	♂ 1/8
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/7
<i>Sannantha pinifolia</i> (Labill.) Peter G. Wilson [= <i>Babingtonia pinifolia</i> (Labill.) A. R. Bean]		♀ 0/1	–
<i>Duranta repens</i>		–	♂ 0/2
–	–	–	–
<i>Stenocarpus</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/7 (1/4 p)	♂ 1/3
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>		–	♂ 2/8
<i>Cytisus cajan</i> L.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3240, MO	♀ 1/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>		–	♂ 3/3
<i>Duranta repens</i>		–	♂ 2/2
<i>Parsonsia crebriflora</i>	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 1733, NOU	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Rauvolfia semperflorens</i> (Müll. Arg.) Schltr. sp. indet.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3235, MO	♀ 1/1 ♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/2 –
<i>Tieghemopanax</i> R. Vig. sp. indet. sp. indet. 1	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3787, MO	♀ 1/1 p ♀ 1/1 p	– –
<i>Hibbertia podocarpifolia</i>		♀ 1/2 p	–
<i>Hibbertia lucens</i>	(2 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 959, NOU; (1 ♀) <i>J. Munzinger</i> 2527, NOU	♀ 4/5 (2/5 p)	–
<i>Hibbertia</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Scaevola beckii</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Scaevola erosa</i>		♀ 2/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Scaevola montana</i>	(2 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3236, MO; (1 ♀ 3 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3779, MO	♀ 1/1 p	♂ 3/5
<i>Syzygium lateriflorum</i>		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Stenocarpus</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Agatea longipedicellata</i>	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 320, 396, NOU	♀ 8/8	♂ 1/1
<i>Agatea rufotomentosa</i> (Baker f.) J. Munzinger	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 370, 371, NOU	♀ 2/2 (1/2 p)	–
<i>Ageratum</i> sp. indet.		♀ 2/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Bidens</i> L. sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Cosmos</i> Cav. sp. indet.		♀ 1/3	–
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Albizia Durazz.</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/6 (1/5 p)	–
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	(1 ♀ p) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3237, MO	♀ 2/4 p	–
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3776, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i> L.	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3267C, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Psidium guajava</i>		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Callistemon</i> R. Br. sp. indet.		♀ 0/1	–
<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i> Jacq.		♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Duranta repens</i>		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Stachytarpheta indica</i>	(3 ♀ [1 ♀ p] 2 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3249, MO	♀ 2/4 (1/1 p)	♂ 5/8

Table 1. Continued, Extended.

Plant species	Plant voucher information	Bee collection data	
		♀	♂
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<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> L.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Melodinus</i> J. R. Forst. & G. Forst. sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Rauwolfia semperflorens</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3235, MO	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>		♀ 6/10 (2/3 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>		–	♂ 2/2
<i>Tetracera billardieri</i> Martelli	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 861, NOU	♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/1
<i>Cleistanthus stipitatus</i> (Baill.) Müll. Arg.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Desmodium incanum</i> DC.	<i>J. C. Bradford</i> 1074, MO	♀ 1/1 p	–
<i>Scaevola sericea</i> Vahl		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Premna serratifolia</i> L.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Metrosideros operculata</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3786, MO	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Sannantha</i> sp. indet. (sensu <i>Babingtonia</i>)		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i> subsp. <i>octovalvis</i>	(3 ♀ [1 ♀ p] 1 ♂) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3785, MO	♀ 1/3 (1/1 p)	♂ 3/3
<i>Santalum austrocaledonicum</i> Vieill.	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 4518, NOU	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Suriana maritima</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3245, MO	–	♂ 2/4
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3246, MO	♀ 1/1	♂ 1/2
<i>Bidens</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i>		♀ 1/1	♂ 1/1
<i>Cosmos</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/3	♂ 1/1
<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i> (L.) Pruski	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 405, NOU	–	♂ 2/2
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	(6 ♀ [3 ♀ p]) <i>G. McPherson</i> 3247, MO	♀ 6/10 (2/3 p)	♂ 1/1
<i>Poinsettia</i> sp. indet.		–	♂ 1/2
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3237, MO	♀ 1/1 p	♂ 1/1
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	<i>G. McPherson</i> 3776, MO	♀ 1/2 (1/1 p)	–
<i>Psidium guajava</i>		♀ 1/5 p	–
<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i> (Walter) Kuntze		♀ 2/2	–
<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i>		♀ 2/6 (2/4 p)	–
<i>Stachytarpheta australis</i> Moldenke	<i>P. Lauri</i> 128, NOU	–	♂ 1/1
<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>		–	♂ 1/1
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sp. indet. 1		–	♂ 1/1
<i>Nephrodesmus ferrugineus</i> Däniker	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 3011, NOU	♀ 1/1	–
<i>Homalium betulifolium</i> Däniker		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Dianella</i> sp. indet.		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Agatea rufotomentosa</i>	<i>J. Munzinger</i> 371, NOU	♀ 3/3	♂ 1/1
<i>Stachytarpheta australis</i>		♀ 1/1	–
<i>Stachytarpheta cayennensis</i> (Rich.) Vahl		♀ 2/2	–

Abbreviations: BJD, Personal collection of Bary J. Donovan; IRD, Institut de Research pour Développement.

Table 2. Plant families and the number of native and introduced plant genera and species visited by female bees.

Plant families	Number of plant genera	Number of plant species	Number of bee species with females visiting	Number of bee species with females carrying pollen	Number of plant species from which pollen was carried
Native plants					
Aizoaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Apocynaceae	3	4	3	2	2
Araliaceae	4	7	8	6	4
Arecaceae	2	2	5	1+1?	1+1?
Asteraceae	2	2	4	2	2
Boraginaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Celastraceae	1	1	2	0	0
Connaraceae	1	1	2	2	1
Convolvulaceae	1	1	2	0	0
Cunoniaceae	4	9	7	4+1?	4+1?
Dilleniaceae	2	10	9	6+1?	5+2?
Elaeocarpaceae	1	2	1	0	0
Ericaceae	2	3	7	1	1
Escalloniaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Euphorbiaceae	1	2	2	0	0
Fabaceae	5	7	5*	4*	6
Caesalpiinoidea	2	4	1	1	4
Mimosoideae	1	1	3	3	1
Papilionoideae	2	2	2	11	1
Flacourtiaceae	1	1	1	1	0
Goodeniaceae	1	5	6	5	4
Joinvilleaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Labiatae	1	1	1	0	0
Liliaceae	2	2	3	0	0
Linaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Loganiaceae	1	1	3	1	1
Malpighiaceae	2	2	3	2	2
Malvaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Melastomataceae	1	2	4	2	2
Myodocarpaceae	1	2	1	1	1
Myoporaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Myrsinaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Myrtaceae	8	21	9	6+1?	11
Onagraceae	1	1	3	2	1
Orchidaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Phellinaceae	1	1	2	0	0
Proteaceae	2	5	5	3	4
Rhamnaceae	1	1	2	0	0
Rhizophoraceae	1	1	1	0	0
Rubiaceae	2	2	4	3	2
Sapindaceae	2	4	4	4	4
Surianaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Tiliaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Violaceae	1	2	5	3	2
Introduced plants					
Amaranthaceae	2	2	2	1	1
Anacardiaceae	1	1	2	2	1
Asteraceae	8	12	7	6	6
Brassicaceae	2	2	2	1	1
Euphorbiaceae	2	3	3	1	2
Fabaceae	8	8	8*	7*	6
Caesalpiinoidea	2	2	2	1	1
Mimosoideae	3	3	6	6	3
Papilionoideae	3	3	4	2	2

Table 2. Continued.

Plant families	Number of plant genera	Number of plant species	Number of bee species with females visiting	Number of bee species with females carrying pollen	Number of plant species from which pollen was carried
Lamiaceae	2	2	2	1	1
Lythraceae	1	1	1	1	1
Malvaceae	1	2	2	2	2
Myrtaceae	3	3	3	3	1
Phrymaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Poaceae	1	1	1	0	0
Polygonaceae	2	2	1	0	0
Rutaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Sapindaceae	1	1	4	2+1?	1+1?
Solanaceae	1	3	3	3	3
Tiliaceae	1	1	2	2	1
Verbenaceae	4	7	7	2	2
Zygophyllaceae	1	1	1	1	1
Native or introduced plants (status uncertain)					
Asteraceae	1	1	1	0	0
Convolvulaceae	1	1	2	2	1

? Refers to bee species that carry pollen internally. For example, 4 + 1? means that females of four species were carrying pollen and females of one species were possibly carrying pollen internally.

* Indicates that in these columns, the numbers for the subfamilies of Fabaceae do not match the totals for Fabaceae as a whole. This is because some species of bees visit more than one subfamily.

the 28 recorded by Donovan (1983) and the 21 of Pauly and Munzinger (2003), there is uncertainty as to the number of bee species that might be truly native and the number that might have colonized the country in historic times through agencies of human transport. But if all 43 species are considered, with 3051 species of flowering plants thought to be native to New Caledonia (Morat et al., 2012), the ratio of species of bees to flowering plants is about 1:71. This is extremely low compared to Australia, which lies 1200 km to the west, where the ratio is about 1:7 (Donovan, 1983). However, for New Zealand, which is about 1600 km to the southeast, a recent assessment of 28 native species of bees (Donovan, 2007), and 1612 native species of flowering plants (Allen, 1961; Moore & Edgar, 1976) gives a ratio of 1:57, which suggests that the comparative relationships of native bees and plants of the two island countries may be rather similar.

Apart from *Lithurgus scabrosus* Smith, which is found only on *Ipomoea pes-caprae* (L.) R. Br. (Pauly & Munzinger, 2003), there appear to be no obvious specializations of any species of bees to foraging on particular flowers, and indeed the ability of the most common species of bees to forage on at least some introduced flowers suggests that their foraging habits are quite plastic. For the uncommon species of bees, the data are too few to allow judgments.

The 116 native species of flowering plants visited by the females of New Caledonian native bees are just 3.8% of the 3051 native species of flowering plants. However, because of height from the ground, the density of foliage, and ruggedness of the landscape, many flowers are difficult to reach with insect collecting equipment, and if access were better there is no doubt that bees would be shown to visit many more flowers. Another major point is that for 20 species of bees there are no records of females associated with flowers. A primary reason for the lack of records is that for several species of bees only one or a few males were collected. Also, if females were collected and especially if very few were collected, there may be no flower records. Only half a dozen species of bees can be considered to be common and perhaps occasionally numerous, of which the primary species are listed in Table 3. A survey of flower visitors at 31 sites over Grande Terre by Kato and Kawakita (2004) found that for 541 individual Apoidea, 89.8% were the introduced honey bee *Apis mellifera*, followed by the Halictidae (6%) and Megachilidae (3%). Colletid bees were not seen. Moreover, honey bees were found in all vegetation types, at every altitude and locality. Kato and Kawakita (2004) concluded that native bees must have been abundant and played an important role in pollination before the immigration of honey bees. They suggest that native bees are now endangered

Table 3. Species of bees with females visiting native and introduced plant families, genera, and species, ranked by the highest number of plant species visited, or for those with equal scores, thereafter as listed in Table 1. Question marks refer to pollen possibly carried internally; P refers to the kleptoparasitic bees of *Lasioglossum*, an undescribed subgenus in which pollen is not collected by females.

Species of bee	Numbers of visited plants			Number of plant species from which pollen was carried
	Families	Genera	Species	
Visitors to native plants				
<i>Austronomia sicheli</i>	22	32	53	29
<i>Homalictus risbeci</i>	18	24	30	15
<i>Homalictus aponi</i>	18	19	27	15
<i>Lasioglossum polygona</i>	12	16	21	9
<i>Megachile albomarginata</i>	7	8	14	10
<i>Megachile australis</i>	9	10	10	4
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 4	7	8	9	8
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 9	4	6	6	2
<i>Euhesma</i> sp. indet. 1	3	3	5	5?
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 8	4	4	5	3
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 4	5	5	5	0
<i>Megachile aurantiaca</i>	4	4	4	0
<i>Homalictus cocos</i>	2	2	2	0
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 6	2	2	2	1
<i>Megachile laticeps</i>	2	2	2	0
<i>Leioproctus pacificus</i>	1	1	1	0
<i>Palaeorhiza flavomellea</i>	1	1	1	1?
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 7	1	1	1	0
<i>Lasioglossum</i> sp. indet. 9	1	1	1	P
<i>Lithurgus scabrosus</i>	1	1	1	0
<i>Megachile umbripenne</i>	1	1	1	1
Visitors to introduced plants				
<i>Homalictus aponi</i>	9	19	24	14
<i>Austronomia sicheli</i>	10	13	14	8
<i>Megachile australis</i>	7	10	11	5
<i>Megachile albomarginata</i>	6	10	10	8
<i>Homalictus risbeci</i>	6	9	9	6
<i>Lasioglossum polygona</i>	6	7	7	5
<i>Homalictus cocos</i>	3	3	3	1
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 8	2	2	2	1
<i>Ceratina dentipes</i>	1	1	2	0
<i>Euryglossina</i> sp. indet. 1	1	1	1	1?
<i>Austronomia</i> sp. indet. 3	1	1	1	0
<i>Megachile umbripenne</i>	1	1	1	1
Visitors to native or introduced plants (status uncertain)				
<i>Homalictus</i> sp. indet. 4	4	1	1	0
<i>Austronomia sicheli</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Lithurgus scabrosus</i>	1	1	1	1

because of competitive pressure from honey bees, and that original plant-pollinator interactions have been altered.

Although direct evidence of competitive interactions between native bees and honey bees has not yet been documented, our findings that most species of native bees are very uncommon strongly support the opinions of Kato and Kawakita (2004). Because honey bees forage for nectar and pollen whenever weather allows them to, and they are extremely

polylectic, native bees in tropical New Caledonia are faced with continuous competitive foraging pressure from this introduced bee. Unless honey bee numbers are reduced, perhaps by the future occurrence of the mite *Varroa destructor* Anderson & Trueman, the survival of most of the native species of bees in New Caledonia may be uncertain, which would forever obscure the original relationships between them and the native flora.

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