

# ADDITIONS TO THE PUBLISHED FAUNA OF TRINIDAD

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The moths and beetles are two groups of Trinidad's fauna that are far from being well worked. These two groups are of paramount agricultural importance and the agricultural entomologist lives with the hope of seeing complete catalogues of them published. As a small contribution to this end the following additions to the published fauna of Trinidad are recorded :—

- (1) **Megalopyge tharops** Stoll.  
ORDER: LEPIDOPTERA  
FAMILY : MEGALOPYGIDAE  
The adult of this species was reared from larvae taken feeding on the leaves of pomme cythere (**Spondias dulcis**) at Centeno in 1972.
  
- (2) **Hylesia** sp. (probably **canitia** Stoll.)  
ORDER : LEPIDOPTERA  
FAMILY : SATURNIDAE  
The adults emerged from larvae collected from guava (**Psidium guajava**) at Centeno on 4 February, 1972. The larvae were feeding on the leaves.  
The only member of this genus appearing in any Trinidad faunal list so far is **H. mystica** Dyar which was included in the list of Lamont and Callan (1950).
  
- (3) **Megalostomia anachoreta** Lac.  
ORDER : COLEOPTERA  
FAMILY : CHRYSOMELIDAE  
This beetle infested a small planting of young sapodilla (**Malikara zapota**) at Centeno. The adults were taken feeding on the young leaves of the new growth on 8 March, 1972.

The determinations were done by the British Museum of Natural History. Specimens of these insects will be deposited in the insect museum of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

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