

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY¹C. Vincent,² D.K.McE. Kevan,³ M. Leclercq,⁴ and C.L. Meek⁵

Abstract. Following an introduction on the history and methodology of forensic entomology, a list of 329 papers dealing with this field is presented. This bibliography attempts to cover most of the papers and books published on forensic entomology up to 1983.

If a human corpse is left unburied, insects are among the first organisms to work upon it. Several so-called "waves" of insects and mites devour the body sequentially. This basic principle underlies the use of forensic entomology in estimating time of death.

Sarcophagous *Cyclorrhapha* were used experimentally by Francesco Redi (1668) to refute conclusively the theory of spontaneous generation. Nearly 200 years later, in Paris, Bergeret (1855) was the first to use insects as forensic indicators. Although various reviews of the subject were published in French by Mégnin (1894) and Leclercq (1969, 1978) and in English by Nuorteva (1977) and Smith (1973), there has hitherto been no attempt to review fully or to reassemble all literature resources. A selected bibliography on forensic entomology was recently published by Meek et al. (1983). The following bibliography presents a list of all publications known to us that deal wholly or in large part with the biology, ecology, and methods used in forensic entomology on a worldwide basis. Some papers of mainly historical interest are also included. A few of the references, marked by an asterisk (*), have not been seen in the original by any of the authors; they may thus be incomplete or inaccurate in certain respects.

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