

Abstract

The aim of my bachelor thesis is to review flower-insect interactions in those insect orders which are traditionally recognized as minor groups of insect pollinators. This means Coleoptera, Diptera, Hymenoptera and Lepidoptera orders are excluded.

The emphasis is on the occurrence of pollination relationship, but palynivory, nectarivory, flower herbivory and flowers as hunting-site are discussed too. Much of the research is just listing the species which were found on flowers without any deeper study of their relationship with the flower. These non-specified interactions are recognised as flower visitors. Most of this bachelor thesis is about the order of Thrips (Thysanoptera), because of the large number of pollinators in this order. On the other hand many other orders are only mentioned or they even are missing. There is little interaction by some orders, or the interactions are missing or they are unknown. Also fossil flower-insect interactions are mentioned too.

Key words

Pollination, Thrips, Cockroaches, Lacewings, True bugs, Scorpionflies, Earwigs, Orthoptera, Caddisflies