

in the following pages, about 90 only are known as yet to occur north of the Mexican boundary and about 150 in South America, thus leaving nearly 1930 species peculiar to our region. This number will of course be very greatly reduced when the northern part of South America is more thoroughly explored, and a comparison can be made of the types of some of the Central-American species with those of North America. In Henshaw's "List of the Coleoptera of America north of Mexico" (1885), and its Supplement (1887), 553 species of the eleven families of Phytophaga dealt with here are enumerated, about one fourth of the total number of the Central-American forms. It will thus be seen that Central America has an exceedingly rich and peculiar Phytophagous fauna, the affinities of which are much greater with South America than with America north of Mexico.

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