

Fig. 39. A-B. *Tetralonia macrognatha* (Gerstaecker): A. Female; B. Male; *Tetraloniella braunsiana* (Friese): C. Female; D. Male.

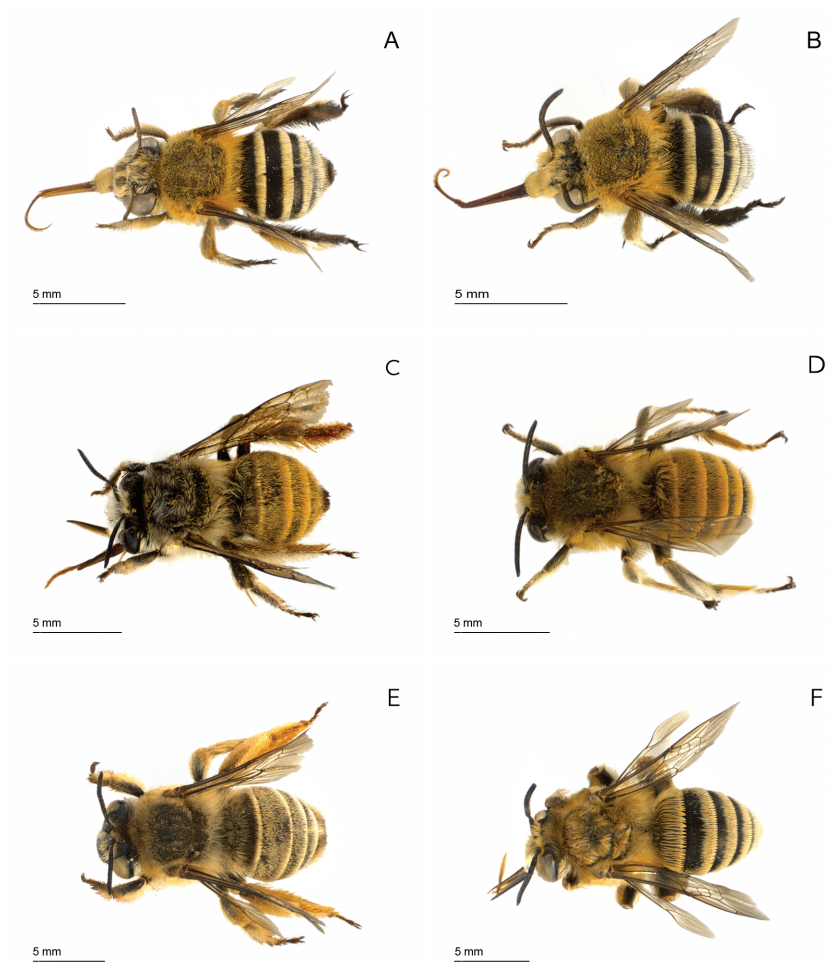


Fig. 40. A-B. *Amegilla calens* (Lepeletier). A. Female; B. Male; C-D. *Anthophora vestita* Smith: C. Female; D. Male E-F; *Pachymelus festivus* (Dours); E. Female; F. Male.

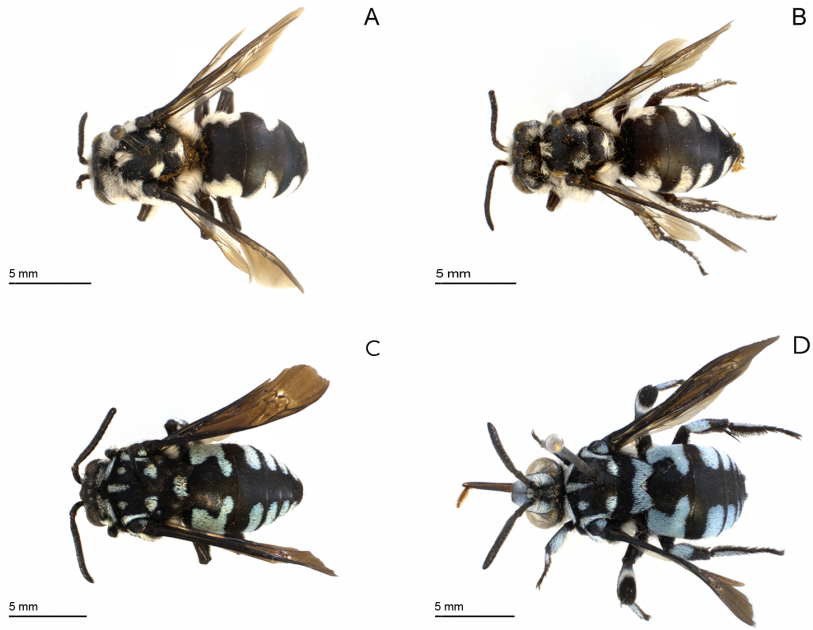


Fig. 41. A-B. *Afromelecta fulvohirta* (Cameron). A. Female. B. Male; C-D. *Thyreus pictus* (Smith); C. Female; D. Male.

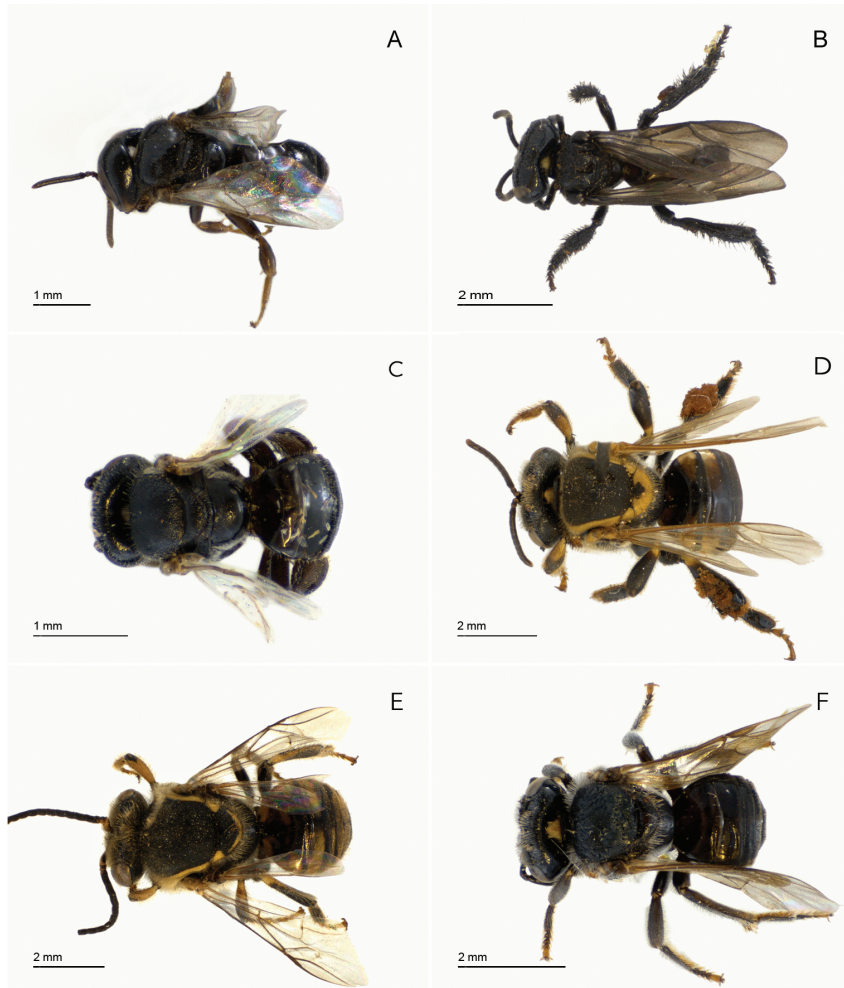


Fig. 42. A. *Cleptotrigona cubiceps* (Friese), worker; B. *Dactylurina staudingeri* (Gribodo), worker; C. *Hypotrigona gribodoi* (Magretti), worker; D-E. *Meliponula beccarii* (Gribodo); D. Worker. E. Male; F. *Plebeina denoiti* (Vachal), worker.

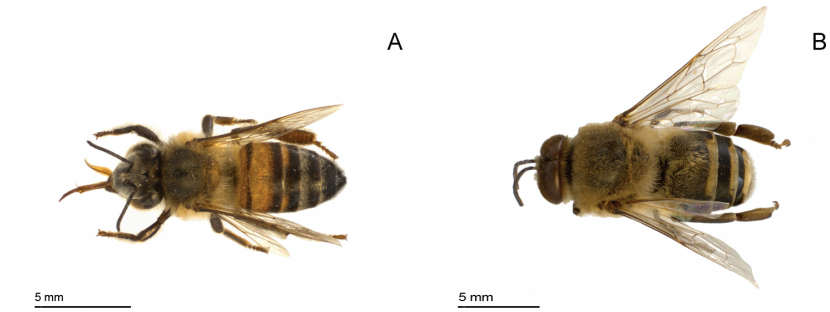


Fig. 43. A-B. *Apis mellifera* Linnaeus. A. Worker; B. Male.

9. Conclusion

Understanding the interactions between organisms is key to the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable management. Gaining knowledge on ecosystem interactions involved identifying the organisms involved. Although the identification is important for recording data and communicating information, it also unlocks information on the species concerned. For example the identity of a bee will enable the researcher to find out much about its nesting biology and/or host plant preferences. Similarly, in bee/plant interactions the plant's identity is also important. The sooner one identifies the species involved the greater the probability of a worthwhile project reaching completion.

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