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BOOK REVIEW

VINOKUROV N.N. & KANYUKOVA E.V.: POLUZHESHTKOKRYLYE NASEKOMYE (HETEROPTERA) SIBIRI (Heteroptera of Siberia). Nauka, Novosibirsk, 1995, 238 pp. (in Russian).

It has been extremely difficult to routinely identify the true bugs of Siberia since no comprehensive manual exists, yet the fauna contains a number of endemics and many taxa penetrating into this vast area from the Middle Asia, and the Mongolian and Far East provinces of the Palaearctic region. This book admirably fills the gap, covering fully all the 760 species known so far to occur in this vast area.

Its format is comparable to that of the series *Die Tierwelt Deutschlands*: a concise introduction, keys

to the taxa accompanied by all the necessary illustrations, and a complete bibliography (particularly important for a Western reader, since most recent information has been published in Russian and is often not easily accessible). The authors are to be congratulated by what they have done. My usually critical approach to book reviews fails – I cannot find any faults; perhaps I would only wish that the biomonomical information appended to most of the species be expanded. What I would strongly recommend is the translation of the book into a language using the Latin alphabet.

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