

Systematic Catalogue of the Cryptophagidae of the Madeira Archipelago and Selvagens Islands (Coleoptera: Cucujoidea)¹

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Introduction

Since T. V. WOLLASTON 1847 visited for first time the Madeiran archipelago he and other entomologists collected a lot of beetles from there. WOLLASTON published a few longer and shorter papers (WOLLASTON 1854, 1857, 1864, 1871a, 1871b) about the beetles and described a lot of beetles including a few *Cryptophagidae*. Later, some other authors collected and published about *Cryptophagidae* from the Madeiran archipelago. One further species was described by BRUCE (1940), which is no longer a valid species. So, all three endemic species from the archipelago were described by WOLLASTON. For further information about the Atlantic see ASSING & SCHÜLKE (2006).

The Cryptophagidae on the Madeiras and Selvagens

Today we know 17 species of *Cryptophagidae* recorded from the Madeiran archipelago and no species from the Selvagens Islands. Three of these species are endemic (18 %), known only from Madeira proper. There is no endemic species known from the other islands. The other 14 species are widespread in Europe or in the Mediterranean Region, the most are widespread in the Palearctic Region, one species is cosmopolitan. There is no doubt that the most or all of the not-endemic species reached

¹ This contribution is dedicated to Dieter ERBER (1933–2004), who inspired me to this work.