

TERRESTRIAL ARTHROPOD MONITORING PROGRAM METABARCODING REPORT – MONTREAL RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

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Results

A total of 1,467 different BINs (Barcode Index Numbers; a proxy for species) were encountered at Montreal River Provincial Park. Over half the BINs captured were flies (Diptera), followed by bees, ants and wasps (Hymenoptera), moths and butterflies (Lepidoptera), and beetles (Coleoptera; Figure 1).

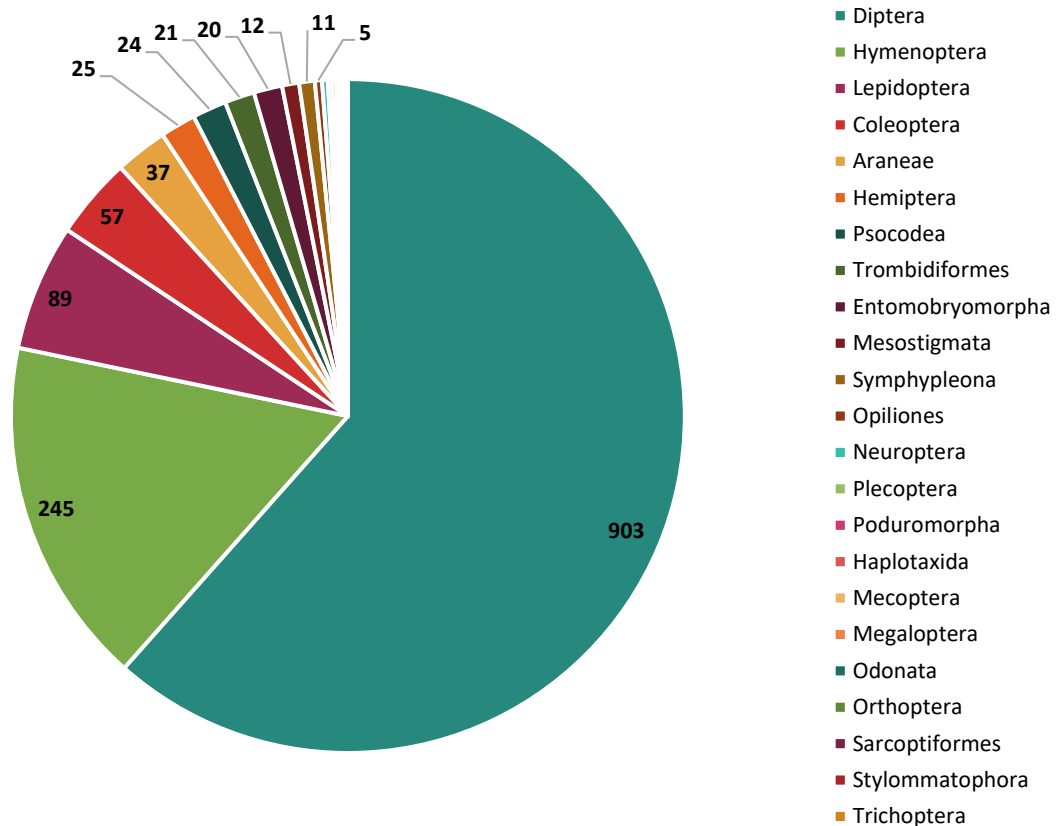


Figure 1. Taxonomic breakdown of BINs captured in the Malaise trap at Montreal River Provincial Park.

Species diversity and insect abundance varied throughout the collecting period; the period that captured the most BINs was not necessarily the largest sample collected (Figure 2). The peak of species diversity was obtained towards the middle of June.

In total, 342 species were named, representing 26% of the BINs. All BINs were assigned at least to family and 62% of the BINs were assigned to a genus. Specimens collected from this site represent 174 different families and 485 genera. A complete species list is attached separately.

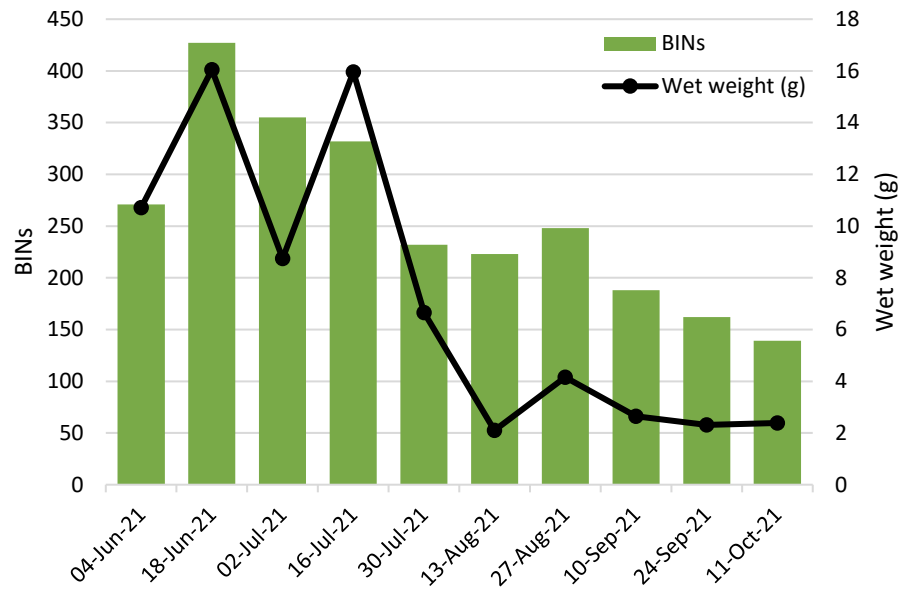


Figure 2. Species diversity (measured by BINs) and approximate insect abundance (measured by wet weight of sample) captured at the trap over the 2021 collecting period.