

Checklists of Fauna Found in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines

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ABSTRACT

The checklist is the comprehensive reference necessary for the local government and concerned agencies to enact local policies on biodiversity conservation. This article provides information on the enumeration list of fauna species in Sitio Pajo, Barangay Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu. The ocular listing and documentation were conducted during the day from March to April 2020. Three transect stations with a distance of 100 meters were established where the fauna was randomly selected. A total of 100 species were listed composed of vertebrates with 4 classes, 18 orders, 33 families, and 42 species while invertebrates with 7 classes, 15 orders, 4 families, and 58 species. The vertebrates were composed of Class Aves with 24 species, Class Reptilia with 9 species, Class Mammalia with 8 species, and Class Amphibia with 2 species. While invertebrates were composed of Class Insecta with 49 species, 33 families, and 8 orders; Class Diplopoda composed of 4 species, 4 families, and 3 orders; Class Arachnida, Chilopoda, Gastropoda, Oligochaeta, and Malacostrata with only 1 species, 1 family, and 1 order each. This short endeavor was limited to no collection of samples, no abiotic factors recorded, and no consideration of habitat factors. This listing of fauna was new to science and a new record in the city of Toledo.

INTRODUCTION

The Philippines is considered one of the hotspots or centers of biodiversity (Mallari et al, 2001). For example, birds are already photographed and identified had their descriptions, voices, habitats, and distributions of the species are now the best field guides being used by the birdwatchers (Morten, 2000). The Important Bird Areas (IBA) of the Philippines are now recognized for conservation. The list of these areas was emphasized and accounted. The birds were categorized into critical, endangered, vulnerable, threatened, and endemism of the species. For example, in Tabunan, Cebu, the species of birds observed in 1990-2000 include Philippine Needletail (*Meamsia picina*), Rufous-lored kingfisher (*Todiramphus winchelli*), Streak-breasted bulbul (*Hypsipetes siquijorensis*), Philippine Leafbird (*Chloropsis flavipennis*), Black Shama (*Copsychus cebuensis*), and Cebu Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum quadricolor*) as threatened in the restricted areas (Mallari, et al, 2000).

Accordingly, 560 recognized bird species, 180 terrestrial mammals, and 250 reptiles (<http://www.tradechakra.com/economy/philippines/flora-and-fauna-in-philippines-264.php>). Out of 700 threatened species, 42 were land mammals, 127 birds, 24 reptiles, and 14 amphibians as endemic (<https://www.cbd.int/countries/profile?country=ph>). An estimated number of 185 birds, 100 mammals, 160 reptiles, 76 amphibians, 65 freshwater fishes, and 15,000 invertebrates are endemic species (<https://ateneoboxsite.wordpress.com/2021/12/01/philippine-flora-and-fauna-from-a-to-z/>). Terrestrial vertebrates with more than 52,177 described species, 50% are endemic composed of mammals (65%), birds (36%), reptiles (69%), and amphibians (81%) (<https://www.philchm.ph/status-of-philippine-biodiversity-2/endemism-2/>).

Hernandez and Borlaza (2025) emphasized that the Philippines is inhabited by more than 200 species of mammals, 50 species of bats, 100 plus species of birds, at least 2,000 species of fish (<https://www.britannica.com/place/Philippines/Plant-and-animal-life>). While Tavera (2016) shared 10 species of animals, namely; Giant clam (*Tridacna gigas*), Tamaraw or Dwarf buffalo (*Bubalus mindorensis*), Dwarf goby (*Pandaca pygmaea*), Sinarapan (*Mistichythys luzonensis*), Philippine mouse deer (*Tragulus nigricans*),

Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), Magellan birdwing (*Troides magellanus*), Palawan Calamian Hog deer (*Hyelaphus calamianensis*), Giant golden-crowned flying fox (*Acerodon jubatus*), Philippine tarsier (*Tarsius syrichta*), and Philippine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) (<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/flora-and-fauna-in-the-philippines/67202271>).

In Sicogon Island, Iloilo, Panay, 7 families composed of 21 species of herpetofauna were recorded, namely; 6 species of frogs, 1 toad, 4 skinks, 6 geckoes, 1 varanid, 3 species of snakes of which 9 species are endemic. A forest frog, *Platymantis* sp. and a dwarf gecko *Hemiphyllodactylus* sp. are possibly new species. For the birds, 62 species of birds are observed, including 12 Philippine endemic species like Philippine Hawk Owl (*Ninox philippensis*), Bicolored Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum bicolor*), Philippine Tailorbird (*Orthotomus castaneiceps*) and the Balicassiao (*Dicrurus balicassius*). About 14 species of mammals were also recorded namely; Common Island flying fox (*Pteropus hypomelanus*) and Little golden-mantled flying fox (*Pteropus pumilus*). Also included is the critically endangered Visayan warty pig (*Sus cebifrons*); and the Visayan leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis rabori*) (Pedregosa, et.al., 2006).

In Cebu, some terrestrial endemic species are Cebu hawk owl (*Ninox rumseyi*), Cebu small worm skink (*Brachymeles cebuensis*), Cebu flowerpecker (*Dicaeum quadricolor*), Kawasan paper kite butterfly (*Idea leuconoe jumaloni*), Bicknell's hoyia (*Hoya bicknelli*), Tabunan damselfly (*Risicnemis seidenschwarzi*), Black shama (*Copsychus cebuensis*) (<https://boholandcehubiodiversity.wordpress.com/2015/03/27/list-of-endemic-species-in-cebu/>). The Tabunan damselfly, *Risicnemis* sp., Black shama known as Siloy in local name, Uling Goby (*Sicyopus cebuensis*), small fish found in Naga River Basin known to live in salt water, Cebu hawk (*Ninox rumseyi*) thought to be extinct because of deforestation but rediscovered in the southern part of Cebu, Cebu small worm skinks with 3 fingers and 2 toes, Paper kite butterflies (*Idea leuconoe jumaloni*) in Tabon River, Badian, Dalaguete Forest Parches and Nug-as, Alcoy; Cebu flowerpecker (*Dicaeum quadricolor*), a small bird found in Mount Lantoy Argao thought to be extinct but was rediscovered (<https://sugbo.ph/2023/wildlife-only-in-cebu/>).

In Mt. Lantoy, Cebu Island, Philippines, a total of 872 individual terrestrial snails were composed of 25 species, 15 genera, and 9 families. 7 families belonging to the air-breathing pulmonated group were studied. These are Bradybaenidae, Camaenidae, Trochomorphidae, Achatinidae, Ariophantidae, Helicarionidae, and Helicinidae of the Order Stylommatophora. 2 Families were under the prosobranch group, Order Caenogastropoda namely; Cyclophoridae with 5 species and Pupinidae. Family Cyclophoridae is composed of 5 species, the highest, followed by Bradybaenidae, Camaenidae, Helicinidae with 4 species. The Trochomorphidae and Helicarionidae with 3 species, Pupinidae with 2 species while the Achatinidae and Ariophantidae with 1 species each. 3 species are endemic, 10 species are new record species, and 4 are rare (Rosales, et.al., 2020).

Mangal faunal community in Malhiao, Badian, Cebu was assessed. Results indicated that mangroves-associated fauna includes 3 species of birds (e.g. *Egretta garzetta*, *Todiramphus chloris*, and *Cinnyris jugularis*), 4 species of fishes (*Strongylura* sp., *Peiophthalmus gracilis*, *Pomacentrus coelestis* and *Chrysiptera unimaculata*), 4 species of sponges (e.g. *Svenzeas* p., *Halicondria* sp., *Amphimedon* sp., and *Spongias* p.), 1 species of jellyfish (e.g. *Cassiopeia andromeda*) 9 species of echinoderms (e.g. *Linckia laevigata*, *Clypeaster* sp., *Diadema setosum*, *Echinometra mathaei*, *Archaster typicus*, *Protoreaster nodosus*, *Ophiocoma scolopendrina*, *Synapta maculata*, and *Holothuria scabra*), 3 species of insects (*Apteronomodius* sp., *Odites* sp., *Polyrachis* sp.), 2 species of spiders (e.g. *Hersilia savignyi*, *Tetragnatha* sp.), 6 species of mollusks (e.g. *Crassostrea* sp., *Onchidium* sp., *Nerita articulata*, *Anadara* sp., *Canarium labiatus*, and *Littoraria filose*), 4 species of crustaceans (e.g. *Episesarma* sp., *Pagurus bernhardus*, *Uca* sp., and *Rhinolambrus* sp.) and 1 species of mangrove skink (e.g. *Emoia atrocostata*) (Valenzuela, et a., 2013).

In the coastal area of Badian, Cebu, Philippines, a total of 824 seawater bugs/15,000 square meters were studied. Results indicated that seawater bugs are composed of 4 families, 8 genera, 11 species, and 2 not yet identified at species level. The seawater bugs are *Halobates calyptus*, *Halobates hayanus*, *Halobates proavus*, *Pseudohalobates inobonto*, and *Stenobates sangihi* of the Family Gerridae; *Haloveloides femoralis*, *Halovelvia esakii*, *Halovelvia malaya*, *Halovelvia bergrothii*, *Xenobates* sp 1, and *Xenobates* sp.2 of the Family Veliidae; *Hermatobates marchii* of the Family Hermatobatidae and *Corralocoris marksae* of the Family Omaniidae, respectively (Bendanillo, et al., 2016; <https://www.sciepub.com/JAS/abstract/5754>).

Insects, spiders, and other terrestrial arthropods are given importance to their descriptions, body systems,

behavior, life history, habitats, occurrence, taxonomic keys, and abundance of species that are now used for beginners, enthusiasts, students, and researchers (McGavin, 2000). There are common insects considered pests on trees such as the branch twig borers, metallic wood-boring, long-horned beetles, bark beetles, and many others with their taxa, descriptions, distribution, and damage on hosts (Center for Forest Pest Management and Research- Department of Environment and Natural Resources. 1995)

Recognition or identification of fauna or animal species is now very easy since we have so many platforms to use such as websites or blogs aside from scientific articles published in different journals as the best venue to get information about the status of animals. The study was conducted for the first time. The lockdown due to Covid 19 was the reason why documentation and check-listing were conducted to identify and classify the fauna into class, order, family, genus, and species level and to know if they are common, endemic or exotic species in the area. The output would give important information about the species for protection and conservation purposes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted in Sitio Pajo, Barangay Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu. The area is located approximately 1km from the coastal area with geographical coordinates of 10°21'25.8" North, 123°37'23.6" East. The recorded average temperature ranged from 23°C to 31°C with a monthly average of 30°C, average precipitation ranged from 49mm to 205mm with a yearly volume of 1,639 mm, and rainfall ranged from 13.1mm to 28.4mm with a total volume of 252.7mm. As of 2015, Sitio Ibo has a population of 3,699 individuals or more than a hundred households living in the community. Farming, fishing, charcoal making, firewood gathering, and working in private or government agencies are types of livelihoods in the area. Throughout the years, people utilized these resources for food, shelter, medicines, and other socio-economic purposes.

The documentation and check-listing were conducted on March 20-21, 23-28, and April 6-8, 2020. A transect line of about 100 meters was established in 3 stations as shown in Figure 1. The positive (+) and negative (-) signs were used to indicate their presence and absence during listing, and documented and undocumented as shown in Table 1. The faunal species photographed or documented and undocumented were shown in Plate 1. It was recorded during daytime and the species encountered were listed first using local name or common name.

The faunal species were photographed using a digital camera brand Sony (E 3.5-5.8/PZ 16-50-OSS), and classified using books, field guides, and the internet as references. There was no collection of species undertaken. No individual counts were, but only a listing was provided. The fauna species were taxonomically classified into Class, Order, Family, Genus, and species as much as possible. The fauna was categorized as domesticated or wildlife animals. Some species were not photographed but still recorded.

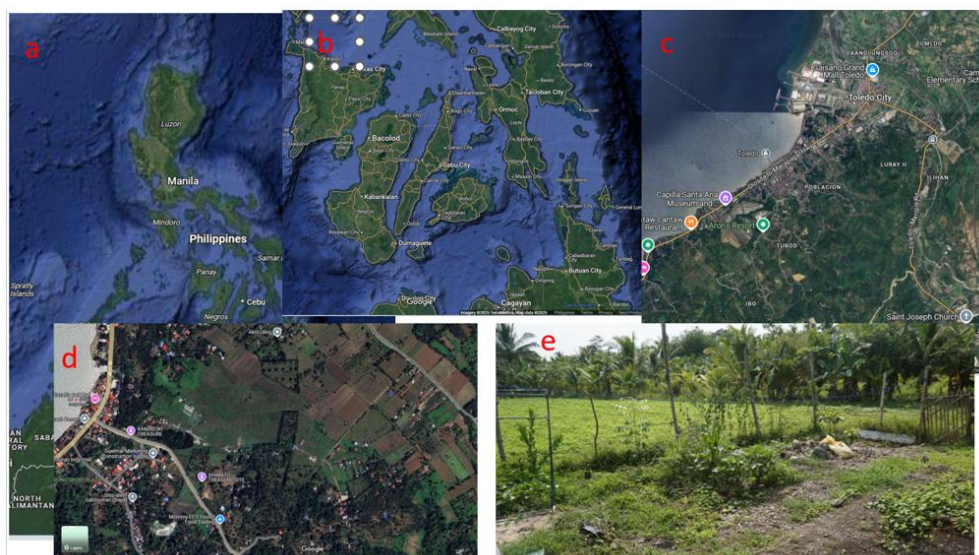


Figure 1. Google map of the study area; a. Philippines, b. Visayas, c. Toledo City, d. Pajo, Ibo, e) (<https://www.google.com/maps>)

RESULTS

The fauna listed was classified into class, order, family, genus, and species level. They were categorized into animals with backbones called vertebrates and animals without backbones called invertebrates. Results indicated that a total of 58 species, 40 families, 15 orders, and 7 classes were identified and classified. As observed many species present in station 1 with 77 as compared to station 2 with 72, and station 3 with 68 species (Table 1). The vertebrates were composed of 4 classes, 18 orders, 33 families, and 43 species as compared to invertebrates with 7 classes, 15 orders, 4 families, and 58 species as the highest listed (Figure 2). The documented species is shown in Plate 1.

In the case of vertebrates, it was composed of Class Aves with 24 species as the highest, then followed by Class Reptilia with 9 species, Class Mammalia with 8 species, and Class Amphibia with 2 species (Figure 3). For the invertebrates, it was composed of Class Insecta with 49 species as the highest, 33 families, 8 orders, then Class Diplopoda with 4 species, 4 families, and 3 orders, Class Arachnida, Class Chilopoda, Class Malacostraca and Class Oligochaeta with 1 species, 1 family and 1 order each (Figure 4). For the orders under Class Insecta, Diptera was the highest with 18 species, then followed by Hymenoptera with 12 species, Lepidoptera with 9 species, Coleoptera with 7 species and 5 species and below for the Orthoptera, Odonata, Hemiptera, and Isoptera. The number of families constitutes 7 to 9 while the rest was below 5 (Figure 5).

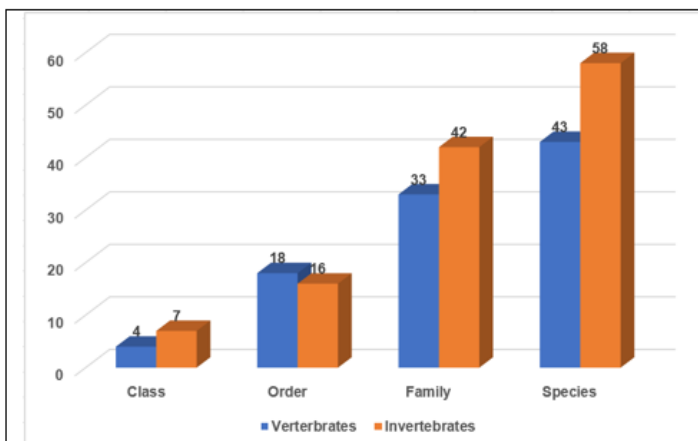


Figure 2. Total number of classes, orders, families, and species of vertebrates and invertebrate animals found in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines.

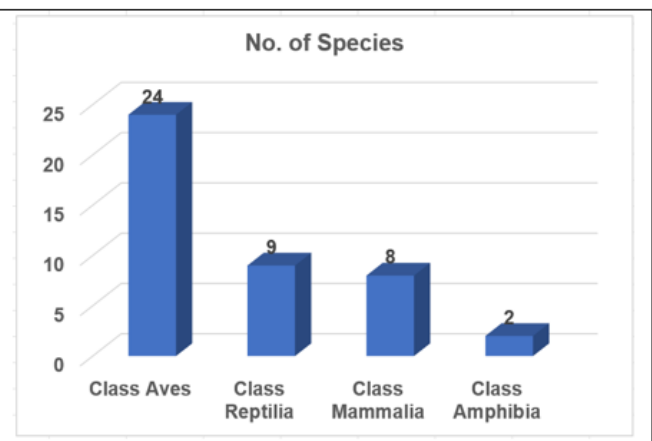


Figure 3. Total number of species under the different classes of vertebrates found in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines.

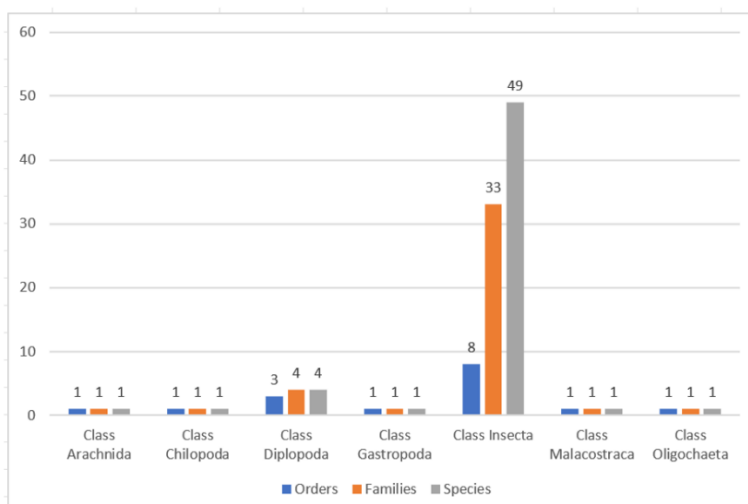


Figure 4. Total number of orders, families and species under the different classes of invertebrates found in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines.

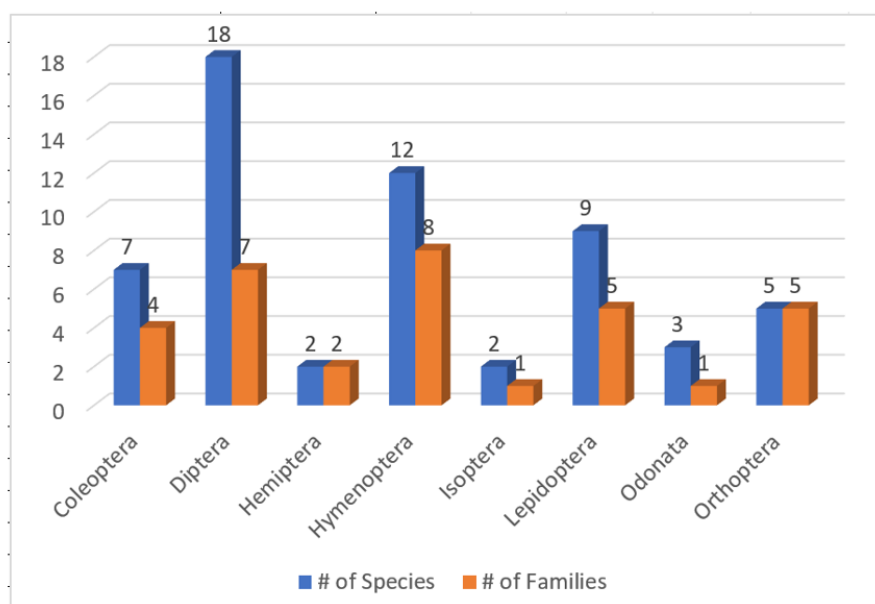


Figure 5. Total number of species and families classified under Class Insecta found in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu.

DISCUSSION

It was observed that mobile animals like birds under Class Aves are hard to photograph because they are immediately flown when about to take photos. Chickens such as roosters and hens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) are the domesticated birds identified. The rooster is used for cockfighting while hens are for egg laying, and sold as food. The Parakeets (*Agapornis fischeri*) or “Lovebirds” are used as pets and placed inside the cage probably to attract or entertain visitors. Woodchat shrike (*Lanius senator*) has an amazing color as compared to other species because the head is black. Buff-banded rail (*Gallirallus torquatus*) came out late in the afternoon from the bushes to find food in the grassland areas. Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) was seen near the cow herding. Frogmouth (*Batrachostomus septimus*) or night jar (*Caprimulgus indicus*) are aggressive when threatened. This bird is traditionally recognized as “ungo or abat” because of the mouth that would open when disturbed or threatened and the eyes turned red when focused by the flashlight. People were afraid caused panic and ran very fast. Woodchat shrike (*Lanius senator*) has an amazing color as compared to other species because the head is black (Figure 4). Buff-banded rail (*Gallirallus torquatus*) would come out late in the afternoon to find food in the grassland areas. Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) is seen near the cow herding. Most of these species of birds were mentioned by Mallari, et al. (2001) except the exotic as pets and domesticated animals.

The other birds like Cougal (*Centropus melanops*) and kingfisher (*Halcyon chloris*) were recognized by their vocalization, loud while perching on the branches of trees. Swiftleft (*Cypsiurus parvus*) was seen during the day feeding flying insects. Palm swift (*Dicrusus balicassius*) was found in Buri or Buli palm (*Corypha utan*). These birds were pinched and made holes in the trunk of the palm as their nests. The holes below were older than near the foliage. The height of Buri palm is about 40 meters and more than 30 years old. Chestnut munia (*Lonchura mallaca*), Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), and Zebra doves (*Geopelia striata*) were observed in the grassland area or ground to seek food. The Falcon (*Microhierax* sp.) at one time was noticed about to catch the chicks on the ground but failed due to the hen protection against the Falcon. The Oriental magpie robin (*Copsychus saularis*) was very entertaining because of its fan-tail fanning behavior when about to land on the ground or branches of the trees. Sunbird (*Aethopyga* sp.) was noticed on coconut trees and other fruit trees feeding on nectars of the flowers.

The only five domesticated animals identified under Class Mammalia were the following namely; Dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*), cats (*Felis catus*), pigs (*Sus scrofa domesticus*), goats (*Capra aegagrus hircus*), Cows (*Bos taurus*), and carabaos (*Bubalus bubalis carabanesis*) except the horses. Dogs and cats were very common as friendly pets. Pigs, goats, horses, cows, and carabaos were raised as alternative sources of livelihood for the family to increase their income. Pigs and goats were either sold live or as meat during fiesta, weddings, and

birthdays except the cows and carabaos but used in farming for tilling their land. The Civet cat (*Viverra zibetha*) was not documented but was seen by the local people based on personal interviews. The local people hunted these civet cats by using traps made of screen bait since these animals were nocturnal in nature, predators of chickens. Reptiles are nocturnal but no animals were documented but found according to the people in the community. Bats were observed during the night while fruit bat was seen feeding on fruits of *Aratiles* (*Ziziphus jujuba*) while insect bats were observed prey on flying insects. For Class Amphibia, 2 species under Order Anura, the exotic and invasive Asiatic painted frog (*Kaloula pulchra*) and Bullfrog (*Rhinella marina*) probably not endemic in Cebu.

The Earthworm (*Lumbricus terrestris*) under Class Oligochaeta and Phylum Annelida was observed on the ground surface and probably came out due to dry soil since it was summer at the time. The arthropods under Phylum Arthropoda comprised the land snail, land crab, centipede, millipede, spiders, and insects. Land snail (*Lissachatina fulica*) was seen on the surface near the water- well. Land crab (*Cardisoma carniflex*) was sited that night through baiting and trap inside the cage, cooked and eaten since it is edible. The Cylinder millipede (*Eurymeresmus* sp.) was seen crawling in coralline rocks and dry leaves while the Flat millipede (*Orthomorpha coarctata*) and Centipede (*Scolopendra gigantea*) were seen moving in dried leaves of herbs and grasses. Orb spider (*Argiope* sp.) was cited in the shrub constructing its owned web.

The makahiya or shameplant (*Mimosa pudica*) was visited by Dwarf bees (*Apis cerana*) and Sweat bee (*Thyreus wallacei*) to collect pollen for food. Beetles under Order Coleoptera cited were the Rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*), June beetle (*Cotinis nitida*), Chaffer beetle (*Cetonia* sp.), Soldier beetle (*Cantharis pellucida*), Carabid beetle (*Brachinus* sp.), Pumpkin beetle (*Aulacophora similis*) and Leaf beetle (*Plagioderma versicolora*). June beetle was cited under the leaf of Talisay tree while Rhinoceros beetle was attracted by light of the bulb in the house. Chaffer beetle and soldier beetle are diurnal while carabid beetle, pumpkin beetle, and leaf beetle are nocturnal. These nocturnal beetles are pests of squash and eggplant except carabid beetles as predators.

Butterflies under Order Lepidoptera cited were Brown butterfly (*Aphantopus hyperanthus*), Tiny grass blue (*Chilades lajus*), White lineblue (*Nacaduba* sp.), and bagworm. Swallow-tailed butterflies are the *Menelaides polytes*, *Troides rhadamantus* and *Papilio rumanzuvia*, yellow butterflies are the *Eurema hecabe* & *Eurema blanda*, Brush-footed butterflies are the *Aphantopus hypercanthus* and *Ideopsis juvena* and Lycaenids are the *Chilades lajus* and *Nacaduba* sp.). These species are diurnal and very hard to take pictures using digital camera because of their high mobility unless they are in a steady position.

Termites under Order Isoptera were the Milk termite (*Captotermis vastator*) found on the trunk of an old mango tree (*Mangifera indica*) and Mound termite (*Macrotermis gilvus*) found on the ground. Bugs under Order Hemiptera were Squash bug (*Gonocerus acuteangulatus*) and Cotton stainer/Red bugs (*Dysdercus cingulatus*) attacking okra and cotton plant. Flies under Order Diptera are the Stilt-legged fly (*Micropeza* sp.), Flesh fly (*Sarcophaga* sp.), Stomoxys fly (*Stomoxys* sp.), Blowfly or Screw worm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) and Picture-winged fly (*Euxesta* sp.). Mosquito (*Culex* sp.) is very common and Hoverfly (*Syrphus* sp.) is a pollen eater while the rest species are blood or flesh-eating dipteran flies. They are very mobile and sometimes seen visiting the flowers in the morning.

The species under Order Hymenoptera were the native honeybee (*Apis cerana*), Paper wasp (*Polistes* sp.), Vespid wasp (*Vespula* sp.), Carpenter bee (*Xylocopa* sp.), Spike ant (*Polyrachis* sp.), Sting wasp (*Polistes* sp.) and Parasitoid wasp or Ichneumonid wasp (*Charops brachypterum*). The other species are Blue-banded bee (*Armigella* sp.), Giant honeybee (*Apis dorsata brevilegula*), Stingless bee (*Tetragonula biroi*), Sweat bee (*Thyreus wallacei*) and Braconid wasp (*Ectromorpha* sp.). The blue-banded bee, giant honeybee, stingless bee and sweat bee are seen early in the morning collecting pollen as their food in their colonies. They are mostly cited in site 1 including the Spike leaf ant (*Polyrachis* sp.) and red ant (*Solenopsis* sp.).

Species of insects cited under Order Orthoptera were the Short-horned grasshopper (*Chortoicetes* sp.), Forktailed-bush katydid (*Scudderia* sp.), Field cricket (*Gryllus gryllus*), Mole cricket (*Gryllotalpa* sp.) and Praying mantis (*Stagmomantis religiosa*). Short-horned grasshoppers and fork-tailed bush katydids were cited in shrubs, herbs, and grasses while the praying mantis was in coconut flowers probably waiting to catch its' prey. Field cricket and mole cricket are nocturnal and cited during the night attracted by the light of the bulb in the

house. Order Odonata is composed of *Neurothemis ramburi*, *Brachydiplax* sp., and *Orthetrum luzonicum*. These dragonflies are diurnal and very good hunters of their prey on air. They are found in all sites. Only *N. ramburi* was photographed.

As observed that 47 insect species listed in Pajo, Ibo as compared to only 3 species of insects, namely; *Apteronomodius* sp., *Odites* sp., *Polyrachis* sp., including 2 species of spiders such as *Hersilia savignyi*, *Tetragnatha* sp., in Malhiao, Badian (Valenzuela, et al. 2013). Since most of the fauna are terrestrial in nature and so aquatic or marine species were not observed (Bendanillo, et al., 2013). Some endemic species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds were mentioned by (Mallari, et al, 2000; Valenzuela, et al., 2013; Pedregosa, et.al., 2006; Rosales, et.al., 2020; Hernandez and Borlaza, 2025;). The most important was the presence of some endangered species such as Python (*Python reticularis*), Monitor lizard (*Varanus olivaceus*), Buff-banded rail (*Gallirallus torquatus*), Long-tailed shrike (*Lanius cristatus*), Falcon (*Microhierax* sp.), Red-keeled flowerpecker (*Dicaeum austral*) and Orange-bellied flower (*Dicaeum trigonostigma*) that were cited in the study area.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, 100 species were listed composed of vertebrates with 4 classes, 18 orders, 33 families, and 42 species while invertebrates with 7 classes, 15 orders, 4 families, and 58 species. The vertebrates were composed of Class Aves with 24 species, Class Reptilia with 9 species, Class Mammalia with 8 species, and Class Amphibia with 2 species. While invertebrates were composed of Class Insecta with 49 species, 33 families, and 8 orders; Class Diplopoda composed of 4 species, 4 families, and 3 orders; Class Arachnida, Chilopoda, Gastropoda, Oligochaeta, and Malacostrata with only 1 species, 1 family, and 1 order each, respectively. Invertebrates had 58 species while vertebrates had 42 species documented. Insects are the most dominant invertebrates while birds are the most dominant vertebrates, and 7 species are domesticated animals. It is recommended that the unclassified species should be studied further. Further study to determine the diversity and ecological status of the animals is also needed. A good information drive should be organized for the protection and conservation of the faunal species. The listing of fauna with classification would give biological value to the people of Pajo, Ibo.

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Table 1. Checklist of species of fauna documented in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu as of March to June 2020

VERTEBRATES									
Common Name	Scientific name	Family	Order	Class	S 1	S 2	S 3	D/U	Status
White duck “Pato”	Cairina moschata domestica	Anatidae	Anseriformes	Aves	+	+		U	C
Swift left	Cypsiurus parvus	Apodidae	Apodiformes	“	+	+	+	U	C
Palm swift	Dicrusus balicassius	“	“	“	+			U	C
Frogmouth	Batrachostomus septimus	Podargidae	Caprimulgiformes	“		+	+	U	E
Night Jar	Caprimulgus indicus	Caprimulgidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Zebra dove	Geopelia striata	Columbidae	Columbiformes	“		+	+	U	C
Kingfisher	Halcyon chloris	Alcedinidae	Coraciiformes	“	+	+	+	U	C
Black faced coucal	Centropus melanops	Cuculidae	Cuculiformes	“	+	+	+	U	C
Cuckoo	Cuculus sp.	Cuculidae	“	“		+	+	U	C
Hens/Rooster	Gallus gallus domesticus	Phasianidae	Galliformes	“	+	+	+	D	C

Buff-banded rail	Gallirallus torquatus	Rallidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Falcon	Microhierax sp.	Falconidae	Falconiformes	“	+	+	+	U	C
Red-keeled flowerpecker	Dicaeum austral	Dicaeidae	Passeriformes	“	+	+	+	U	C
Orange-bellied flower	Dicaeum trigonostigma	“	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Chestnut munia	Lonchura mallaca	Estrildidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Brown shrike	Lanius sp.	Laniidae	“	“	+			U	C
Oriental magpie robin	Copsychus saularis	Muscicapidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Sunbird	Aethopyga sp.	Nectariniidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Sunbird	Nectarinia jugularis	“	“	“		+	+	U	C
Eurasian tree sparrow	Passer montanus	Passeridae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Pied fantail	Rhipidura sp.	Rhipiduridae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Heron	Ardea purpurea	Ardeidae	Pelecaniformes	“	+	+		D	C
Parakeet/Lovebirds	Agapornis fischeri	Psittaculidae	Psittaciformes	“		+		D	E
Philippine trogon	Harpactes ardens	Trogonidae	Trogoniformes	“	+			U	C
Cows	Bos Taurus	Bovidae	Artiodactyla	Mammalia	+	+	+	D	C
Carabaos	Bubalus bubalis carabanesis	“	“	“	+			D	C
Goats	Capra aegagrus hircus	“	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Pigs	Sus scrofa domesticus	Suidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Dogs	Canis lupus familiaris	Canidae	Carnivora	“	+	+	+	D	C
Cats	Felis catus	Felidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Insect bat	Roussetous sp.	Pteropodidae	Chiroptera	“	+	+	+	U	C
Fruit bat	Cynopterus sp.	“	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
House lizard	Hemidactylus sp.	Geckonidae	Squamata	Reptilia					C
Flying lizard	Draco volans	Agamidae	“	“			+	U	C
Sailfin lizard	Hydrosaurus	“	“	“			+	U	C

	postulosus								
Monitor lizard	Varanus v. (olivaceous)	“	“	“		+	+	U	C
Cobra	Naja philippensis	Elapidae	“	“	+			U	C
Gecko	Gecko gecko	Gekkonidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Python	Python reticularis	Pythonidae	“	“		+	+	U	C
Skink	Tiliqua sp.	Scincidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Blind snake	Indotyphlops sp.	Typhlopidae	“	“	+			U	C
Asiatic painted frog	Kaloula pulchra	Microhylidae	Anura	Amphibia	+	+		D	E
Bullfrog	Rhinella marina	Dicroglossidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	E
INVERTEBRATES									
Common Name	Scientific Names	Families	Orders	Classes					
Earthworm	Lumbricus terrestris	Lumbricidae	Opisthopora	Oligochaeta	+	+	+	D	C
Orb spider	Argiope sp.	Argiopidae	Araneae	Arachnida		+	+	D	C
Centipede	Scolopendra gigantea	Scolopendridae	Scolopendromorph a	Chilopoda	+			U	C
Flat millipede	Eurymerodesmus sp.	Eurymerodesmida e	Polydesma	Diplopoda	+	+	+	D	C
Flat millipede	Orthomorpha coarctata	Xystodesmidae	“	“		+	+	D	C
Cylinder millipede	Julus sp.	Julidae	Julida	“	+	+	+	D	C
Spirostrepid	Spirostreptus sp.	Spirostreptidae	Spirostreptida	“		+	+	D	C
Land snail	Lissachatina fulica	Achatinidae	Stylommatophora	Gastropoda	+	+	+	D	C
Land crab	Cardisoma carniflex	Gecarcinidae	Decapoda	Malacostrac a			+	D	C
Shorthorned grasshopper	Chortoicetes sp.	Acrididae	Orthoptera	Insecta	+	+	+	D	C
Field cricket	Gryllus gryllus	Gryllidae	“	“	+			D	C
Mole cricket	Gryllotalpa sp.	Gryllotalpidae	“	“	+			U	C
Praying mantis	Stagmomantis religiosa	Mantidae	“	“	+			D	C
Forktailed bush katy	Scudderia sp.	Tettigoniidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C

Blue-banded bee	Armigella sp.	Anthoporidae	Hymenoptera	“	+		+	U	C
Giant honeybee	Apis dorsata brevilegula	Apidae	“	“	+			U	C
Native honeybee	Apis cerana	“	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Stingless bee	Tetragonula biroi	“	“	“	+			D	C
Braconid wasp	Ecthromorpha sp.	Braconidae	“	“	+			U	C
Red ant	Solenopsis sp.	Formicidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Spike leaf ant	Polyrachis sp.	“	“	“		+	+	D	C
Sweat bee	Thyreus wallacei	Halictidae	“	“	+	+		U	C
Parasitoid wasp	Charops brachypterum	Ichneumonidae	“	“	+			U	C
Paper wasp	Polistes sp.	Vespidae	“	“	+	+		D	C
Vespid wasp	Vespula sp.	Xylocopidae	“	“		+	+	D	C
Carpenter bee	Xylocopa sp.	“	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Blowfly	Calliphora sp.	Calliphoridae	Diptera	“	+	+	+	D	C
Screwworm-fly	Cochliomyia hominivorax	“	“	“		+		U	C
Mosquito	Culex sp.	Culicidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Stilt-legged fly	Micropeza sp.	Micropezidae	“	“		+	+	D	C
Stomoxys fly	Stomoxys sp.	Muscidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Flesh fly	Sarcophaga sp.	Sarcophagidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Hoverfly	Syrphus sp.	Syrphidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Picture-winged fly	Euxesta sp.	Ulidiidae	“	“	+			D	C
Rhinoceros beetle	Oryctes rhinoceros	Scarabaeidae	Coleoptera	“	+			D	C
June beetle	Cotinis nitida	“	“	“	+			D	C
Chaffer beetle	Cetonia sp.	“	“	“		+	+	D	C
Soldier beetle	Cantharis pellucida	Cantharidae	“	“	+			U	C
Carabid beetle	Brachinus sp.	Carabidae	“	“	+			U	C
Pumpkin beetle	Aulacophora similis	Chrysomelidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Leaf beetle	Plagioderma versicolora	“	“	“	+	+	+	D	C

Skimmer dragonfly	Neurothemis ramburi	Libellulidae	Odonata	“	+	+	+	D	C
Skimmer dragonfly	Brachydiplax sp	“	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Skimmer dragonfly	Orthetrum luzonicum	“	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Tiny grass blue	Chilades lajus	Lycaenidae	Lepidoptera	“	+	+		U	C
White line blue	Nacaduba sp.	“	“	“	+	+		D	C
Brown butterfly	Aphantopus hypercanthus	Nymphalidae	“	“		+	+	D	C
Brush-footed butterfly	Ideopsis juvena	“	“	“			+	D	C
Swallow butterfly	Menelaides polytes	Papilionidae	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Swallow butterfly	Troides rhadamantus	“	“	“			+	U	C
Swallow-tailed	Papilio rumanzuvia	“	“	“	+	+		U	C
Yellow butterfly	Eurema hecabe	Pieridae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Yellow butterfly	Eurema blanda	“	“	“	+	+	+	U	C
Bagworm/caseworm	Cryothelia sp.	Psychidae	“	“	+			D	C
Cotton stainer	Dysdercus cingulatus	Pyrrhocoridae	Hemiptera	“	+	+	+	D	C
Stink bug	Gonocerus acutecingulatus	Reduviidae	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
Milk termite	Captotermis vastator	Termitidae	Isoptera	“		+	+	D	C
Mound termite	Macrotermis gilvus	“	“	“	+	+	+	D	C
TOTAL	58	42	16	7	77	72	68	50/48	

Plate 1. Fauna (Animals) documented in Pajo, Ibo, Toledo City, Cebu as of Mapalate r to Jun 2020



Fig. 1. Duck, *Cairina moschata domestica* (Anatidae Anseriformes Aves)



Fig. 2. Chicken, *Gallus gallus domesticus* (Phasianidae Galliformes Aves)



Fig. 3. Buff-banded rail, *Gallirallus torquatus* (Rallidae Gruiformes Aves)



Fig. 4. Long-tailed shrike, *Lanius cristatus* ssp. (Laniidae Passeriformes Aves)



Fig. 5. Heron, *Ardea purpurea* (Ardeidae Pelecaniformes Aves)



Fig. 6. Parakeets, *Agapornis fischeri* (Psittaculidae Psittaciformes Aves)



Fig. 7. Eurasian tree sparrow, *Passer montanus* (Passeridae Passeriformes Aves)



Fig. 8. Cow, *Bos Taurus* (Bovidae Artiodactyla Mammalia)



Fig. 9. Carabao, *Bubalus bubalis carabanesis* (Bovidae Artiodactyla Mammalia)

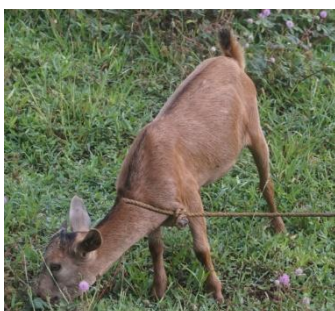


Fig. 10. Goat, *Capra aegagrus hircus* (Bovidae Artiodactyla Mammalia)



Fig. 11. Pig, *Sus scrofa domesticus* (Suidae Artiodactyla Mammalia)



Fig. 12. Dog, *Canis lupus familiaris* (Canidae Carnivora Mammalia)



Fig. 13. Cat, *Felis catus domesticus* (Felidae Carnivora Mammalia)

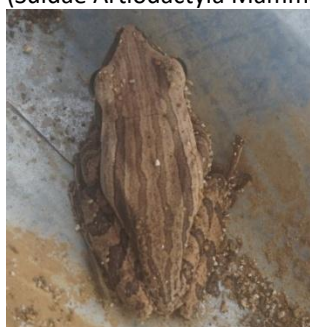


Fig. 14. Asiatic painted frog, *Kaloula pulchra* (Microhylidae Anura Amphibia)

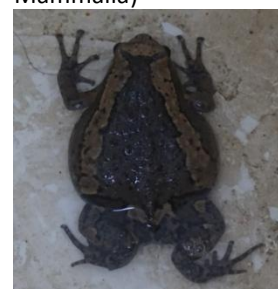


Fig. 15. Painted frog, *Kaloula* sp. (Microhylidae Anura Amphibia)



Fig. 16. Asian grass frog or Field frog, *Fejervarya limnocharis* (Dicroglossidae Anura Amphibia)



Fig. 17. Bullfrog, *Rhinella marina* (Dicroglossidae Anura Amphibia)



Fig. 18. Monitor lizard, *Varanus olivaceous* (Varaniidae Squamata Reptilia)



Fig. 19. Land snail, *Achatina fulica* (Achatinidae Stylommatophora Gastropoda)



Fig. 20. Land crab, *Cardisoma carniflex* (Gecarcinidae Decapoda Malacostraca)



Fig. 21. Cylinder millipede, *Scolopendra morsitans* (Scolopendridae Scolopendromorpha Diplopoda)



Fig. 22. Spirostreptid (millipede) *Spirostreptus* sp. (Spirostreptidae Spirostreptida Diplopoda)



Fig. 23. Flat millipede *Eurymerodesmus* sp. (Taken from Flickr/License, creator & copyright/Bryan E. Reynolds)



Fig. 24. Black and yellow flat millipede, *Orthomorpha coarctata* (Xystodesmidae Polydesma Diplopoda)

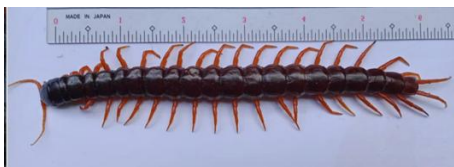


Fig. 25. Centipede, *Scolopendra gigantea* (Scolopendridae Scolopendromorpha Chilopoda)



Fig. 26. Earthworm, *Lumbricus terrestris* (Lumbricidae Opisthopora Oligochaeta)



Fig. 27. Orb spider *Argiope* sp. 1 (Argiopidae Araneae Arachnida)



Fig. 28. Orb spider *Argiope* sp. 2



Fig. 29. Orb spider



Fig. 30. Orb spider *Argiope* sp. 4

(Argiopidae Araneae Arachnida)



Fig. 31. Shorthorned grasshopper
Chortoicetes sp. (Acrididae Orthoptera)

Argiope sp. 3
(Argiopidae Araneae Arachnida)



Fig. 32. Short-horned grasshopper,
Spharagemon sp. (Acrididae:
Orthoptera)

(Argiopidae Araneae Arachnida)



Fig. 33. Fork-tailed bush
katydid, *Scudderia* sp.
(Tettigoniidae Orthoptera)



Fig. Leaf katydid, *Mecopoda* sp.
(Tettigoniidae Orthoptera)



Fig. Katydid, *Conocephalus* sp.
(Tettigoniidae Orthoptera)



Fig. 34. Field cricket
Gryllus gryllus
(Gryllidae Orthoptera)

Fig. 35. Mole cricket
Gryllotalpa sp.
(Gryllotalpidae Orthoptera)



Fig. 36. Praying mantis
Stagmomantis religiosa
(Mantidae Orthoptera)



Fig. 37. Blue-banded bee, *Armigella* sp.
(Anthoporidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 38. Giant honeybee
Apis dorsata brevilegula
(Apidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 39. Native honeybee
Apis cerana (Apidae
Hymenoptera)



Fig. 40. Stingless bee
Tetragonula biroi

Fig. 41. Sweat bee

Fig. 42. Carpenter bee

(Apidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 43. Ant, *Oecophylla* sp.
(Formicidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 46. Ant, *Diacamma* sp.
(Formicidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 49. Vespid wasp
Vespula sp. (Vespidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 52. Stomoxy fly
Stomoxys sp.
(Muscidae Diptera)



Fig. 55. Hoverfly, *Syrphus* sp.
(Syrphidae Diptera)

Thyreus wallacei
(Halictidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 44. Spike leaf ant
Polyrachis sp.
(Formicidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 47. Paper wasp
Polistes sp.
(Vespidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 50. Blowfly
Calliphora excellans
(Calliphoridae Diptera)



Fig. 53. Flesh fly
Sarcophaga sp. (Sarcophagidae Diptera)



Fig. 56. Stilt-legged fly
Micropeza sp.
(Micropezidae Diptera)

Xylocopa sp.
(Xylocopidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 45. Red ant
Solenopsis sp.
(Formicidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 48. Paper wasp
Polistes sp. 2
(Vespidae Hymenoptera)



Fig. 51. Screw worm-fly
Cochliomyia hominivorax
(Calliphoridae Diptera)



Fig. 54. Picture-winged fly
Euxesta sp. (Ulidiidae Diptera)



Fig. 57. Mosquito
Aedes albopictus
(Culicidae Diptera)



Fig. 58 Robberfly, *Promachus* sp. (Tabanidae Diptera)



Fig. 59. Cotton stainer *Dysdercus cingulatus* (Pyrrhocoridae Hemiptera)



Fig. 60. Stink bug *Gonocerus acutecingulatus* (Reduviidae Hemiptera)



Fig. 61. Stink bug *Gonocerus* sp. (Reduviidae Hemiptera)



Fig. 62. Red bug, *Dysdercus* sp. (Pyrrhocoridae Hemiptera)



Fig. 63. Treehopper, *Tartessus ferrugineus* (Cicadellidae Hemiptera)



Fig. 64. Moth-like planthopper, *Ricania speculum* (Ricaniidae Hemiptera)



Fig. 65. Milk termite *Captotermis vastator* (Termitidae Isoptera)



Fig. 66. Mound termite *Macrotermis gilvus* (Termitidae Isoptera)



Fig. 67. Rhinoceros beetle *Oryctes rhinoceros* (Scarabaeidae Coleoptera)

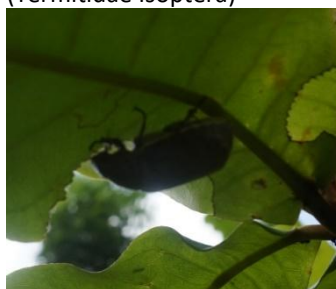


Fig. 68. June beetle *Cotinis nitida* (Scarabaeidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 69. Chaffer beetle *Cetonia* sp. (Scarabaeidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 70. Soldier beetle *Cantharis pellucid* (Cantharidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 71. (Chrysomelidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 72. Leaf beetle *Plagioderma versicolora* (Chrysomelidae Coleoptera)

Fig. 73. Carabid beetle, *Brachinus* sp.
(Carabidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 76. Crimson or skimmer dragonfly
Neurothemis ramburi
(Libellulidae Odonata)

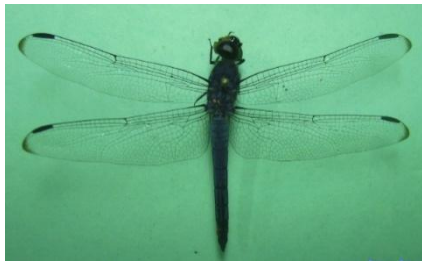


Fig. 79. Skimmer dragonfly
Brachydiplax sp
(Libellulidae Odonata)

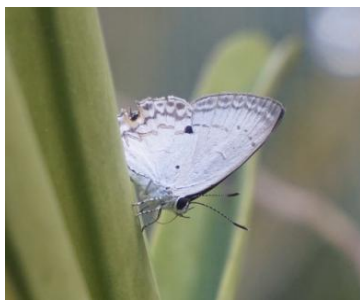


Fig. 82. White line blue
Nacaduba sp.
(Lycaenidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 85. Brush-footed butterfly
Ideopsis juvena
(Nymphalidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 74. Ladybird beetle, *Epilachna philippinensis*,
(Coccinelidae Coleoptera)



Fig. 77. Skimmer dragonfly
Brachydiplax sp
(Libellulidae Odonata)



Fig. 80. Tiny grass blue
Chilades lajus
(Lycaenidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 83. Brown butterfly
Aphantopus hyperanthus
(Nymphalidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 86. Swallow butterfly
Menelaides polytes lebedouria
(Papilionidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 75. Firefly, *Pteroptyx* sp.
(Lampyridae Coleoptera)



Fig. 78. Skimmer dragonfly
Orthetrum luzonicum
(Libellulidae Odonata)



Fig. 81. White line blue
Jamides sp.
(Lycaenidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 84. White butterfly, *Pieris rapae*
(Pieridae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 87. Birdwing butterfly
Troides rhadamantus
(Papilionidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 88. Yellow butterfly
Eurema hecabe
(Pieridae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 89. Swallow-tailed butterfly
Graphium agammemnon
(Papilionidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 90. Bagworm/caseworm
(Psychida Lepidoptera)



Fig. 91. Rustic butterfly
Cupha erymanthis
(Nymphalidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 92. Swallow-tailed, *Papilio demoleus*
(Larvae) (Papilionidae Lepidoptera)

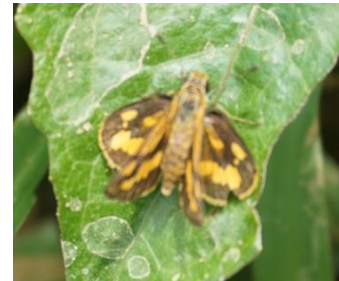


Fig. 93. Grass skipper,
Potanthus omaha
(Hesperiidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 94. Owlet moth, *Grammodes stolid*
(Erebidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 95. Snouted tiger moth, *Asota egens*
(Erebidae Lepidoptera)



Fig. 96. Wasp moth, *Amata huebneri* (Syntomini sp.)
(Erebidae: Lepidoptera)



Fig. 97. Snouted tiger moth, *Asota* sp.
(Erebidae Lepidoptera)