

BEES IN THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM COLLECTION\*

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*Family* COLLETIDÆ.

*Genus* GONIOCOLLETES *Cockerell*.

1907. *Goniocolletes* Cockerell, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., xxiii, p. 231.

*Orthotype*.—*G. morsus* Cockerell, 1907.

GONIOCOLLETES MORSUS *Cockerell*.

1907. *Goniocolletes morsus* Cockerell, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., xxiii, p. 231. ♂. New South Wales.

*Hab*.—S. Australia. 2 ♂.

*Genus* PARACOLLETES *Smith*.

1853. *Paracolletes* Smith, Cat. Hym. B.M., pt. 1, p. 6.

I have included a series handed to me by Mr. A. J. Nicholson, of the University of Sydney, as it is more convenient to have the two lots dealt with in one place. Nicholson collected on four days in W. Australia, and obtained about 15 species of this group; not one of them identical with any species sent from the Australian Museum. This shows the extraordinary richness and variety of the fauna.

PARACOLLETES AMABILIS (*Smith*).

1879. *Lamprocolletes amabilis* Smith, Descr. New Sp. Hym., B.M., p. 9. ♀. Australia.

*Hab*.—Berowra, near Hawkesbury River, N.S.W., Dec. 11, 1923. 1 ♀ (T. G. Campbell).

PARACOLLETES AMABILIS *var. rufipes var. nov.*

A male, with the same data, is less than 8 mm. long; head dark blue green, but middle of front yellowish-green, clypeus black; antennæ entirely black; thorax dark blue-green; hair of head and

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\* References supplied by A. Musgrave, Australian Museum, Sydney.