

The dates of publication of A. G. DAHLBOM's
Hymenoptera Europaea, vol. 1

Daty opublikowania dzieła A. G. DAHLBOMA *Hymenoptera Europaea*, vol. 1

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DAHLBOM's landmark book on the *Sphecidae* was published in three fascicles and the title page bears the compound date 1843–1845. BOHART and MENKE (1963, p. 98) outlined the pagination and contents of the parts and demonstrated that the first appeared in 1843, but they were unable to clarify the publication dates for the second and third parts. By searching through contemporary journals for reviews and notices of DAHLBOM's work, I have been able to establish that fascicle II appeared in 1844 and III in 1845. The British Museum (Natural History) possesses a copy of the book that still has the original wrappers for each of the three fascicles. Dr. I. H. H. YARROW kindly sent me a summary of the information contained on these wrappers and it confirms the above dates. An annotated breakdown of the book is given below.

Fascicle I: 1843 — pages 1–172 ("*Sphecidae*, *Ampulicidae*, *Pompilidae*, *Larridae*, *Nyssonidae*").

The front wrapper is dated 1843 and on page xxvi of his book, DAHLBOM cites this date for fascicle I. This fascicle was reviewed by C. T. VON SIEBOLD in the February 1844 issue of *Entomologische Zeitung Stettin* 5(2): 35–36. The date "3 Januar. 1844" appears at the end of von SIEBOLD's signed article demonstrating that he certainly must have received fascicle I the previous year.

The BM copy of fascicle I contains pages 1–172 and this pagination is confirmed in a review in *Isis*, von OKEN, 1845(3): columns 232–234.

Fascicle II: 1844, June — pages 173–352 (“*Bembicidae*, *Philanthidae*, *Mellinidae*, *Pemphredonidae*, *Crabronidae*”).

The back wrapper of fascicle I in the BM copy announces that fascicle II will be published at the beginning of the summer of 1844, and the date “6 Junii 1844” is found on the inside of the wrappers of fascicle II. On page 140 of vol. 1, no. 6 of *Ofver. Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akad. Forhandl.*, Stockholm, which was published June 22, 1844, is the notation that fascicles I–II of DAHLBOM’s work have been received at the society’s library. This corroborates that part 2 appeared in June of 1844.

The BM copy of fascicle II contains pages 173–352 and this pagination is confirmed in *Isis*, von OKEN, 1845 (12): columns 938–939.

Fascicle III: 1845, probably July, but not later than September — pages 353–528, (continuation of *Crabronidae* = pages 353–426 and “*Supplementum I*” = pages 427–528), i–xvi (“*Ratio Operis*”, etc.), 4 folded pages of tables, and 1 plate. Before binding the volume, fascicle III was intended to be broken up. Following page 528 in the BM copy are the plate, the title page for the book, a dedication page, a table of contents page and corrigenda, pages i–xvi, the folded tables, and finally the unnumbered title page “VI, *Adumbrationes submonographicae Sphecierum*...”.

The front wrapper of the BM copy is dated 1844–1845, but an announcement inside the wrappers of fascicle II states that fascicle III will appear in the summer of 1845. In *Entomologische Zeitung Stettin* 6 (9) published in September, 1845, C. A. DOHRN (p. 274) of the *Entomologisches Verein*, Stettin, noted the receipt of fascicle III at the society’s library. On page 273, DOHRN also says that DAHLBOM visited the society’s collection in late July. It is possible that DAHLBOM brought part three with him and personally gave it to the society.

The foregoing establishes without doubt that most of DAHLBOM’s book was published before St. FARGEAU’s important 1845 book “*Histoire Naturelle des Insectes, Hyménoptères*”, vol. 3, which also dealt with the *Sphecidae*. However, there is the problem of determining priority between St. FARGEAU’s book and fascicle III of DAHLBOM. According to P. VERHOEFF (1948, p. 183) the “*Histoire*”, vol. 3, was deposited in the French National Library on July 12, 1845. The book probably came off the press at least a few days prior to that date. The last page of DAHLBOM’s “*Ratio Operis*” (xvi) bears the date “24 Junii 1845” after the byline, and it would seem probable that at least 3 or 4 weeks would have been required to set fascicle III in type after that date. Thus it is highly probable that St.

FARGEAU’s book preceded DAHLBOM’s fascicle III by at least a week.

The most extensive review of DAHLBOM’s book is that of M. SPINOLA (1844).

STRESZCZENIE

Ukazanie się wymienionego w tytule dzieła stanowiło ważne wydarzenie w rozwoju hymenopterologii, dlatego też zachodzi konieczność dokładnego ustalenia dat pojawienia się poszczególnych jego zeszytów. Analizując samo dzieło i współcześnie drukowane o nim recenzje, autor dowiódł, że zeszyt I ukazał się w r. 1843, zeszyt II w r. 1844, zeszyt III, wstęp i tablice w r. 1845. Ten ostatni zeszyt ukazał się najprawdopodobniej o kilka tygodni później od 3 tomu dzieła S. FARGEAU “*Histoire naturelle des insectes, Hyménoptères*”. Jest to ważne stwierdzenie ze względu na priorytet w zakresie nomenklatury.

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