

Bafut Insects

Bafut, 25-27/1/10
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N.B. These identifications were based on a preliminary workshop held in Bafut 24-27th January 2010. Bafut region has undergone severe ecological degradation and as a consequence, many plants and animals are now unfamiliar to people. As a consequence, identifications should be treated with caution.

Insects

Insects can rarely be identified to species and mostly names refer to orders or genera. Preserve the italics given under the Latin name.

English	Latin	P	IPA	O sg.	O pl.	Class	Comments
ant lion	Myrmeleontidae	20	nìsìŋnè				
bedbug	Cimicidae		ŋgwèèné (kúú)				
butterfly	Papilionidae		mbê mbèè mikùù				
caterpillar			àtʃɪʃùr				
cockroach	<i>Periplaneta americana</i>		àmbèmfùm fù'ù				
cocoon			bwéntàŋkikà'à				
cricket sp.		3	àʒààkākáŋ				green, some people eat it, all year round
cricket sp.			àntānè tímìfùrè, àlú'ù				edible, all year, green, jumps, lit. "insect without wings"
cricket sp.			ŋkwóŋ				digs holes, inedible
dragonfly	Odonata		nórisé		bì	1/2	
dung beetle	<i>Helicoprís</i> spp.		àntānìnā'ā				lit. "specialist in shuffling faeces"
earth worm			táfùgīnībūrè				
earwig	Dermaptera		àŋònémbèŋ				
firefly	Lampyridae		ʃómbèn				
giant water bug	<i>Belostoma spp.</i>		àntáámfēē				lit. "frightful thing of water"
grasshopper			mìkòò mīŋki	fīŋgwèné			edible green, seen in Oct-Dec, comes in swarms
grasshopper			fīŋgwèné				inedible
grasshopper			àŋgwènémbú				black face, edible, single, all year
grasshopper			àfīnsí				edible, brown, all year
grasshopper			m̄bū'ū s̄h̄tū				

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grasshopper			àntfãŋê				edible, brown, mostly dry season, single
grasshopper			àntfãŋê músĩŋ				edible, fat, dry season, 2 sets of wings, inside reddish
locust,	<i>Zonocerus</i>		àntãñ ò kwé' éfò				lit. "edible insect of secret society"
variegated	<i>variegatus</i>						
honey-bee	<i>Apis</i> spp.		nû				
hornet	Vespidae		júgímíbà				
housefly	<i>Musca domestica</i>		fĩĩndzĩ				
insect sp.			táfũgĩ ñkãñkãà				lit. "specialist in drawing in the dust", lives in the dust around the house; medicinal use
insect sp.			nĩmfóónĩnsyê				edible, lives in the ground, edible, smallish
insect sp.			àzĩnàsãásãà				moves on its back, some people eat it, small, whitish
insect sp.			fĩrẽsĩŋnè				good to eat, Oct-Nov, lives in tall grass on hills
insect sp.			sùtjĩ'ĩ				around houses, bush; makes tĩ'ĩ sound
insect sp.			àkùrèntĩ				bites
insect sp.			tjóká'á				woody insect, builds mud houses
jigger	<i>Tunga penetrans</i>		kúúkòrè				
locust		8	ŋgwèènè				
louse, flea, tick			ñtĩrè				appears to be a generic for all blood-sucking insects
mason wasp	<i>Belonogaster griseus</i>		mákómfèè				
mole cricket	<i>Gryllotalpa africana</i>		àntfĩnè				
mosquito	Culicidae		njà				
moth			tábá'ánjàm				
palm grub			ñbwéè				raphia palm
palm grub			kĩŋólú'ú				oil palm
praying mantis	<i>Dictyoptera</i> spp.		nĩŋyáçè				
sandfly	Phlebotomidae		fĩĩndzõð				
scale insect	Coccidae	13	ñdĩndóó				
shield bug	Pentatomidae	17	ñgārè				
spider			àŋgãã				
stem borer			ñkõ'õrè				
stick insect	Phasmidae	9	ànsðŋsðŋè nĩ kè'è nã nĩbwéé				'a. of clearing roofing grass'

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sweat bee			dòŋə				
termite	Hemiptera		ŋgò'ò ñtāà				edible, flying
tsetse fly	Glossinidae		áfùrə				perhaps also other biting flies such as the Tabanidae
water boatman	Corixidae		lésəŋki				lit. "water cleaner"
weevil, woodworm	Curculionidae		àbòò				
yam beetle			àntānījù'ù				

P. refers to plates in Boorman (1981)

Ants

English	IPA	O sg.	O pl.	Class	Comments
ant	ìlǎ	ìlǎ	mì	5/6	ant generic
ant	tàŋgàŋəjù'ù				big, stinks
ant sp.	góŋnə	góŋnə	bì	1/2	similar to soldier ant, does not bite, likes sugar
ant sp.	ìbùŋ	ìbùŋ	mì	1/2	predatory ant, very small, stinks, does not bite
ant sp.	ìlǎ'ù bāŋgyè	ìlǎ bāŋgyè	mì	5/6	smaller ants that don't bite, live in mounts and holes, black-brown
ant sp.	kùrisə	kùrisə	--	1	trees, black, hive, bites
ant sp.	kùrisə tānò'ò	kùrisə tānò'ò	--	1	trees, stinks, bites
ant sp.	m̀b̀enmb̀en	m̀b̀enmb̀en	--	1	black, small, bites
ant sp.	̀ǹb̀òŋə̀b̀òŋə̀	̀ǹb̀òŋə̀b̀òŋə̀	m̀	5/6	does not bite easily, reddish, stinks, rubbed with dust on ringworm
ant sp.	̀ǹs̀ə̀g̀ə̀ŋ̀g̀ò'ò	̀ǹs̀ə̀g̀ə̀ŋ̀g̀ò'ò	--	3	around termite hills, bites
ant sp.	̀ǹs̀ə̀g̀ìə̀	̀ǹs̀ə̀g̀ìə̀	--	3	around rotten wood, does not bite
ant sp.	támbèn	tambèn	bì	1/2	individuals, bites, small
ant sp.	tàŋgàŋəjù'ù	tàŋgàŋəyù'ù	bì	1/2	stinks, lives underground, big group, bites, black
ant sp.	tʃəká'á	tʃəka'a	bì	1/2	resembles termites
giant ant	̀ǹb̀òŋə̀b̀òŋə̀tə'ə̀				
soldier ant	ìlǎ'ù tǎŋgāŋ	ìlǎ tǎŋgāŋ	mì	5/6	large male ants, black, guards
ant					
sugar ant	dʒúétígə	dʒuɛtigə	bì	1/2	small ant, attracted to tapped palm wine, red
termite	̀ŋ̀g̀ò'ò	̀ŋ̀g̀ò'ò	--	9/10	termite generic

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termite sp.	ɲgɔ̀'ɔ̀nìtòò	ɲgɔ̀'ɔ̀nìtòò	--	9/10	termite hill; black termite
termite sp.	ɲgɔ̀'òtākò'ò	ɲgɔ̀'òtākò'ò	--	9/10	black termite, eaten: <i>mbùú tákò'ò</i> build fence around termite hill, cover it with plantain leafs and grass, build holes inside fence and line with plantain leafs, then drum with stick s from 7pm till 5am, in the morning ants will come out and fall into holes as they think it rained all night
weaver ant	kùrìsè dží	kùrìsè jí	--	1	“red biting ant”