

THE DATES OF WALKER,  
*INSECTA SAUNDERSIANA* . . . DIPTERA

Walker's portion of *Insecta Saundersiana* . . . , the Diptera, was published in five continuous paged parts between 1850 and 1856. These parts have been traditionally dated as follows: Pt. I, pp. [i], 1-76, pls. 1-2, 1850; Pt. II, pp. 77-156, pls. III-IV, 1851; Pt. III, pp. 157-252, pls. V-VI & Pt. IV, pp. 253-414, pls. VII-VIII, 1852; and Pt. V., pp. [ii], 415-474, 1856. (Horn & Schenkling, 1929. Index Literature Entomol. ser. I. p. 1284; 1913. Cat. Books Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.). 4:1811; and Stone et al., 1965. Catalogue of Diptera of America North of Mexico, USDA Agric. Hdbk. 276. Pp. 1461-1462). The source for this dating is not given but probably stems from Hagen (1863. Bibliotheca Entomol. 2:254). Hagen gave dates for all parts except Part IV and this is the part which has been incorrectly dated as 1852, the same date as Part III. Most copies of this book have been bound without the covers (wrappers) with which each part was issued. I have recently acquired a copy with the covers bound-in. The cover for Part IV is dated 1853, a date which is also on plates VII-VIII. This change in publication date, while affecting the dates for about 300 species, will probably not affect the stability of nomenclature because no other major works on exotic Diptera were published in 1852-1853.

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