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Quaternary Insects: Reconstructing the Ecosystems of the Past

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Insects are the largest group of living organisms, and they play a significant role in all terrestrial ecosystems, including lakes and rivers, bogs, wetlands, etc. The quaternary period is the time of dramatic climate changes; fossil records have helped us to reconstruct these changes and the environmental response to them. Insects lived in various and often non-analogous environments, such as periglacial landscapes in the middle latitudes of Europe or steppe-tundra in northern Siberia. Insects also accompanied humans throughout history, and archaeoentomology can tell us a lot about the lives of our ancestors. Quaternary insect research has to date been relegated to the margins of the science mainstream, with the study of bug fragments being unfairly dismissed as “practically useless” and “exotic” when this could not be further from the truth.[...]

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