

Directory of Indian insect, spider and mite taxonomists

This is a compilation of Indian insect / spider / mite taxonomists willing to offer identification services free or on payment. This is not a complete list of all practicing Indian taxonomists and only those who positively responded to our request to offer their services have been included. Those who have not been included in this directory but are willing to join us in this endeavour may kindly contact us.

Note:

1. Those seeking the services of taxonomists listed here are requested to obtain their consent before dispatch of specimens.
2. The right to retain specimens is the prerogative of the concerned taxonomist.

Sl. No.	Name	Contact address/email/phone/fax	Taxon/Taxa	Terms and conditions
Insecta: Coleoptera				
1.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com Mobile: 9960629667	Cassidinae and Cerambycidae	Gratis
2.	Dr. Kumar Ghorpadé	Scientist Emeritus and Honorary Research Associate in Systematic Entomology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharward-580005, Karnataka. Postal addresses : "Ayushmaan", # 27B-45, near Kariyamma Temple, Shantiniketan Nagar, Kelgeri Road, Dharward-580008 (INDIA). OR : P.O. Box 221, K. C. Park Post Office, Dharward-580008, Karnataka, India. Mobile: 9845218198	Coccinellidae (especially Epilachnini), Cicindelidae, some other families	On payment (rates dependant on taxon/taxa)
3.	Dr. K. Veenakumari	Principal Scientist, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No.	Scarabaeinae	Gratis

		2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: veenaprashi@rediffmail.com, veenamraj@rediffmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 325		
4.	Dr. K.D. Prathapan	Professor, Dept of Entomology, College of Agriculture, Vellayani P.O., Trivandrum-695522, Kerala. Email: prathapan.kd@kau.in, prathapankd@gmail.com Mobile: 9446053297	Chrysomelidae especially Alticini and Hispini	Gratis
5.	Dr. K. Sreedevi	Senior Scientist, Division of Entomology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa campus, New Delhi - 110012. Email: kolla.sreedevi@gmail.com Mobile: 9911606683	Scarabaeidae (Particularly Melolonthinae and Rutelinae); Cerambycidae	Gratis
6.	Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan	Senior Fellow & Programme Leader, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore-560064, India. Email: priyan@atree.org Ph: 080-23635555 Mobile: 9449057364	Dung beetles (Scarabaeinae)	Gratis
7.	Seena Narayanan K.	Senior Research Associate, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore-560064, India. Email: seena.narayanan@atree.org Mobile: 9611397437	Scarabaeinae	Gratis
Diptera				

8.	Dr. Kumar Ghorpadé	Scientist Emeritus and Honorary Research Associate in Systematic Entomology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharward-580005, Karnataka. Postal addresses : "Ayushmaan", # 27B-45, near Kariyamma Temple, Shantiniketan Nagar, Kelgeri Road, Dharward-580008 (INDIA). OR : P.O. Box 221, K. C. Park Post Office, Dharward-580008, Karnataka, India. Mobile: 9845218198	Syrphidae, Sciomyzidae; other Brachycera, some Acalyptratae and Calyptratae	On payment (rates dependant on taxon/taxa)
9.	Dr. Meenakshi Bharti	Department of Zoology & Environmental Sciences, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002, Punjab. Email: adubharti@gmail.com Mobile: 8591210810	Calliphoridae (blow flies) and Muscidae (house flies)	Gratis
10.	Dr. K. J. David	Scientist , Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: davidento@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 331	Tephritidae of the Indian region	Gratis
11.	Mr. Anooj S.S.	Scientist , Division of Entomology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-10012. Email: anooj227@gmail.com Mobile: 9990527633	Syrphidae (hover flies)	Gratis
Ephemeroptera				
12.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of	Mayflies	Gratis (subject to changes in institutional policy)

		Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com Mobile: 9088039540		
Hemiptera				
13.	Dr. C.A. Viraktamath	Professor (Emeritus), Department of Entomology, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore- 560065. Email: viraktamath@rediffmail.com Mobile: 9448960851	Auchenorrhyncha: Cicadellidae	Gratis
14.	Prof. Samiran Chakrabarti	Emeritus Professor and Retired Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani; Res. 32/B, Green Park, Belghoria, Kolkata-700056, India. Email: chakrabarti32b@gmail.com Mobile: 9432323192	Aphididae	Gratis
15.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com Mobile: 9960629667	Pentatomoidea, Coreoidea and Reduviidae	Gratis
16.	Dr. Sunil Joshi	Principal Scientist , Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: sunjoshi.pdbc@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 331 Mobile: 9686541925	Aphids (Aphididae) and Coccids (Pseudococcidae, Coccidae, Diaspididae)	Gratis
17.	Dr. R. Sundararaj	Scientist-G and Head, Forest and Wood Protection Division Institute of Wood Science & Technology, 18th Cross,	Aleyrodidae	Gratis

		Malleswaram, Bangalore- 560003. Email: rsundariwst@gmail.com, rsundararaj@icfre.org Ph: 080-22190154 Mobile: 9740433959		
18.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com Mobile: 9088039540	Aquatic Bugs	Gratis (subject to changes in institutional policy)
19.	Dr. N. M. Meshram	Scientist (SS), Division of Entomology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-12. Email: nmmeshram@gmail.com, nmmeshram_ento@iari.res.in Mobile: 8826198764	Cicadellidae (Leafhoppers)	Gratis
20.	Dr. Salini S.	Scientist, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: shalinis.nilavu@gmail.com, shalini.nbaii@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 331	Pentatomidae	Gratis
Hymenoptera				
21.	Dr. Mohammad Hayat	Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202002, Uttar Pradesh, India. Email: hayat.mohd44@gmail.com Mobile: 9412732021	Aphelinidae, Encyrtidae, Signiphoridae	Gratis

22.	Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj	Principal Scientist & Head Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: veenaprashi@rediffmail.com, veenapmraj@rediffmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 325	Trichogrammatidae	Gratis
23.	Dr. K. Veenakumari	Principal Scientist, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: veenaprashi@rediffmail.com, veenapmraj@rediffmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 325	Platygastridae	Gratis
24.	Dr. S. Manickavasagam	Professor of Entomology, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University, Chidambaram -608002, Tamil Nadu. Email: drmanicks2003@yahoo.co.in Mobile: 9443649583	Parasitic Chalcidoidea especially Encyrtidae, Aphelinidae, Mymaridae and Chalcididae	Gratis (report by email)
25.	Dr. P.M. Sureshan	Scientist-D & Officer in charge, Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghat Regional Centre, Jafferkhan colony, Kozhikode-673006, Kerala. Email: pmsuresh43@gmail.com, pmsuresh43@yahoo.com Mobile: 9400456032, 04952771324	Pteromalidae, Torymidae	Gratis (subject to the approval of Director, ZSI, Kolkata, if required)
26.	Dr. Himender Bharti	Ant Systematics and Molecular Biology Lab, Department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002, Punjab.	Formicidae (Ants)	Gratis

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27.	Dr. Ankita Gupta	Scientist (SS), Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: ankitagupta.nbaii@gmail.com Ph: 080 23511982 ext 336	Parasitic Hymenoptera: mainly Braconidae: Microgastrinae; Pteromalidae, Chalcididae, etc.	Gratis (Identification requests shall be entertained only for the specimens where prior consent before the dispatch of specimens has been obtained)
28.	Dr. Rajmohana K.	Scientist D and Officer-in-Charge Miscellaneous Insect Order section, Zoological Survey of India, M Block, New Alipore-700053, Kolkata. Email: mohana.skumar@gmail.com Mobile: 9446303216	Platygastridae, Diapriidae and Ceraphronidae	Gratis (status may change once ZSI decides levying identification fees)
29.	Dr. Debjani Dey	Principal Scientist, Division of Entomology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012. Email: ddeyiari@hotmail.com, ddey@iari.res.in Ph: 011-25842042 Mobile: 9818351283	Hymenoptera	Gratis
30.	Dr. Girish Kumar P.	Sr. Zoological Assistant , Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghats Regional Centre, Jaferkhan Colony, Eranhipalam P.O., Kozhikode-673006, Kerala. Email: kpgiris@gmail.com, drpgirishkumar@gmail.com Mobile: 8129400867	Vespidae, Scoliidae and Eucharitidae	Gratis
31.	Dr. Santhosh Shreevihar	Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Malabar Christian College, Calicut, Kerala-673001.	Bethylidae (Chrysididae); Eulophidae and Eupelmidae (Chalcidoidea)	Gratis

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32.	Dr. Shahid Biz Zeya	Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202002, Uttar Pradesh, India. Email: drsbz1966@gmail.com Mobile: 9690236032, 9058356547	Indian Mymaridae, Encyrtidae (Chalcidoidea)	Gratis
33.	Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan	Senior Fellow & Programme Leader, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore - 560064, India. Email: priyan@atree.org Ph: 080-23635555 Mobile: 9449057364	Ants (Formicidae), Fig insects (Agaonidae etc.)	Gratis
34.	Dr. A. Rameshkumar	Research Associate, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P.B. No. 2491, H.A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Bengaluru- 560024, Karnataka. Email: drrameshtrichy@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 325	Indian Mymaridae, Encyrtidae (Chalcidoidea)	Gratis
Isoptera				
35.	Dr. C. M. Kalleshwara swamy	Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences (UAHS), Navile, Shivamogga-577225, Karnataka. Email: kalleshwara@gmail.com, kalleshwara@yahoo.com Mobile: 9449537578	Termites	Gratis
Lepidoptera				

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37.	Dr. Ajai Srivastava	Principal Scientist, Rice and Wheat Research Centre, Malan-176047, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, India. Email: ajai_mustard@rediffmail.com Mobile: 9418247272	Ophiderinae: Noctuidae	Gratis
38.	Dr. Krushnamegh Kunte	Reader (Assistant Professor), National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, GKVK campus, Bellary Road, Bengaluru-560065, India. Email: krushnamegh@ncbs.res.in, krushnamegh@ifoundbutterflies.org Ph: +91 80 23666085 extn 6086 Mobile: 9483525925	Lepidoptera (Butterflies)	No identification service, but can be contacted for free consultation
39.	Mr. Peter Smetacek	Butterfly research centre, Jones Estate, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand-263136, India. Email: petersmetacek@gmail.com Mobile: 8938896403	Lepidoptera	Gratis for students ₹ 100 per species for institutions
40.	Dr. P.R. Shashank	Scientist, Division of Entomology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi-110012. Email: shashank@iari.res.in, spathour@gmail.com	Lepidoptera (Moths)	Gratis

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41.	Dr. Rajesh Kumar	Scientist-C, Entomology Section, Central Muga Eri Research & Training Institute, Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, Lahdoigarh-785700, Jorhat, Assam, India. Email: rajeshentocmerti.csb@nic.in, rajesh.ento@gmail.com Ph: 0376-2350026 extn 47 Mobile: 8011066646	Arctiidae, Bombycidae, Noctuidae, Saturniidae, Sphingidae, Tortricidae and Zygaenidae	Gratis
42.	Dr. Sachin Arjun Gurule	Assistant Professor, P.G. Dept. of Zoology, K.T.H.M. College, Nashik-422002, Maharashtra, India. Residential Address : 498, Malhar Gate, Raviwar Peth, Near Rungtha High school, Nashik-422001, (MS) India. Email: sachin.gurule@yahoo.com, sachingurule@rediffmail.com Mobile: 9764215025, 7798761221	Indian moths	Gratis
Mantodea				
43.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com Mobile: 9960629667	Mantodea	Gratis
44.	Dr. P.M. Sureshan	Scientist D & Officer in charge, Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghat Regional Centre, Jafferkhan colony, Kozhikode-673006, Kerala. Email: pmsuresh43@gmail.com, pmsuresh43@yahoo.com Mobile: 9400456032, 04952771324	Mantodea	Gratis (subject to the approval of Director, ZSI, Kolkata, if required)
Odonata				

45.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com Mobile: 9088039540	Dragonflies and Damselflies	Gratis (subject to changes in institutional policy)
46.	Mr. Anooj S.S.	Scientist, Division of Entomology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-10012. Email: anooj227@gmail.com Mobile: 9990527633	Dragonflies and Damselflies	Gratis
Orthoptera				
47.	Dr. Rajamani Swaminathan	Department of Entomology, Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Maharnana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur-313001, Rajasthan. Residence: No. 5, Shiv Badi, Kharol Colony, Udaipur-313004, Rajasthan. Email: udaiswami57@gmail.com, tumbi_russia@yahoo.com Ph: 0294-2418866(O), 0294-2454293(R) Mobile: 9950964908	Acrididae, Pyrgomorphidae, Tettigonidae and Tetrigidae	Gratis (subject to changes in ICAR policy)
Thysanoptera				
48.	Dr. Kaomud Tyagi	Centre for DNA Taxonomy, Molecular Systematics Division, Zoological Survey of India, M-Block, New Alipore, Kolkata-700053, West Bengal. Email: kumud.tyagi5@gmail.com	Thysanoptera	Gratis (status may change once ZSI decides levying identification fees)

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49.	Ms. Rachana R.R.	Scientist, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P.B. No. 2491, H.A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Bengaluru- 560024, Karnataka. Email: vavarachana@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 325	Thysanoptera	Gratis
Insecta: Apterygote				
50.	Dr. M. Raghuraman	Assistant Professor & PI, Network Project on Insect Biosystematics, Department of Entomology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005. Email: raghu_iari@yahoo.com Ph: 9451939903	Collembola	Gratis
Arachnida: Acari				
51.	Prof. Samiran Chakrabarti	Emeritus Professor and Retired Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani. Res. 32/B, Green Park, Belghoria, Kolkata- 700056, India. Email: chakrabarti32b@gmail.com Mobile: 9432323192	Eriophyoidea (Acari)	Gratis (subject to conditions; to be specified when contacted)
Arachnida: Araneae				
52.	Dr. M. Sampath Kumar	Scientist, Division of Insect Systematics, ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H.A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Bengaluru- 560024, Karnataka. Email: m.kumar1@icar.gov.in, ento_sam@yahoo.co.in	Spiders	Gratis

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