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AnthWest, occurrence records for wool carder bees of the genus Anthidium (Hymenoptera, Megachilidae, Anthidiini) in the Western Hemisphere

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Abstract

This paper describes AnthWest, a large dataset that represents one of the outcomes of a comprehensive, broadly comparative study on the diversity, biology, biogeography, and evolution of *Anthidium* Fabricius in the Western Hemisphere. In this dataset a total of 22,648 adult occurrence records comprising 9657 unique events are documented for 92 species of *Anthidium*, including the invasive range of two introduced species from Eurasia, *A. oblongatum* (Illiger) and *A. manicatum* (Linnaeus). The geospatial coverage of the dataset extends from northern Canada and Alaska to southern Argentina, and from below sea level in Death Valley, California, USA, to 4700 m a.s.l. in Tucumán, Argentina. The majority of records in the

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dataset correspond to information recorded from individual specimens examined by the authors during this project and deposited in 60 biodiversity collections located in Africa, Europe, North and South America. A fraction (4.8%) of the occurrence records were taken from the literature, largely California records from a taxonomic treatment with some additional records for the two introduced species. The temporal scale of the dataset represents collection events recorded between 1886 and 2012. The dataset was developed employing SQL server 2008 r2. For each specimen, the following information is generally provided: scientific name including identification qualifier when species status is uncertain (e.g. "Questionable Determination" for 0.4% of the specimens), sex, temporal and geospatial details, coordinates, data collector, host plants, associated organisms, name of identifier, historic identification, historic identifier, taxonomic value (i.e., type specimen, voucher, etc.), and repository. For a small portion of the database records, bees associated with threatened or endangered plants (~ 0.08% of total records) as well as specimens collected as part of unpublished biological inventories (~17%), georeferencing is presented only to nearest degree and the information on floral host, locality, elevation, month, and day has been withheld. This database can potentially be used in species distribution and niche modeling studies, as well as in assessments of pollinator status and pollination services. For native pollinators, this large dataset of occurrence records is the first to be simultaneously developed during a species-level systematic study.

Keywords

Anthophila, Apoidea, bees, invasive species, North America, South America, pollinators, biodiversity, floral hosts

Project details

Project title: Wool carder bees of the genus *Anthidium* (Hymenoptera: Megachilidae, Anthidiini) in the Western Hemisphere

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Study area description: The database covers a wide range of ecosystems found in both North and South America, from -62° to 79° in latitude and -174° to -22° in longitude. A large portion of the records in North America are from xeric regions (Great Basin, Colorado Plateau, Mojave, Sonoran, and Chihuahuan Deserts) and Mediterranean California, while those from South America are mostly from the xeric regions on the flanks of the Andes (Figs 1, 2). No records for *Anthidium* are known from the Caribbean islands. Much of the data set comes from general bee collecting. Additional material in western United States comes from multi-year intensive, systematic bee faunal studies in protected landscapes.

While the majority of species of *Anthidium* occupy a small number of ecoregions (< 5), some species such as *A. tenuiflorae* Cockerell are widespread, occurring in as many as 41 ecoregions. Many *Anthidium* have distributions that include critical, endangered, or vulnerable, as well as relatively stable or intact, ecoregions (Table 1) based on WWF (World Wild Fund for Nature) designations (Olson and Dinerstein 2002). Known distributions for 16 species are largely or entirely within critical or endangered ecoregions with at least 90% of collection records from such designated areas. An additional 22



Figure 1. Collecting intensity of *Anthidium* by ecoregion in the Western Hemisphere. Number of collection events defined as unique date and latitude and longitude combinations per each WWF ecoregion (Olson et al. 2001). The 10 ecoregions with the highest number of events were: Great Basin shrub steppe, 1199; California coastal sage and chaparral, 930; Colorado Plateau shrublands, 782; California interior chaparral and woodlands, 768; Chihuahuan desert, 648; Mojave desert, 348; Sierra Nevada forests, 317; Chilean matorral, 314; Colorado Rockies forests, 303; and California Central Valley grasslands, 296.

species had at least 90% of collection records from within vulnerable ecoregions. Few native *Anthidium* spanned both Nearctic and Neotropic Realms (8.8%).

Design description: The purpose of this dataset is to make available data associated with bees of the genus *Anthidium* in the Western Hemisphere. The dataset was devel-



Figure 2. Collection intensity across decades by WWF Biomes and Realms. The following biomes comprised less than 3% each and were combined: Tropical and Subtropical Coniferous Forests, Tropical and Subtropical Dry Broadleaf Forests, Tropical and Subtropical Moist Broadleaf Forests, Tropical and Subtropical Grasslands, Savannas and Shrublands, Mangroves, Boreal Forests/Taiga, Rock and Ice, Tundra, and Flooded Grasslands and Savannas.

oped during the course of a species-level revision of the genus (Gonzalez and Griswold 2013). Most records come from specimens deposited in the first author's host institution or acquired on loan from multiple bee depositories, primarily in North America, but some from South American and European institutions (Fig. 3). Permitting issues limited access to some South American institutions. All such specimens were identified by V.H. Gonzalez and/or T. Griswold. Additional California records from Grigarick and Stange (1968) were captured for all species whose taxonomic concept was not modified in Gonzalez and Griswold (2013). Subsequent to identification, individual specimens were processed by a team of assistants at the USDA-ARS Bee Biology & Systematics Laboratory (BBSL). Individual specimens were entered into the US National Pollinating Insects Database (USNPID) using data entry forms where each specimen received a unique identifier (see below). These forms used authority files for bees, locations, collectors and plants. Where locations were not already georeferenced in the database they were georeferenced using Google Earth[™] (http://earth.google.com/) or GEOlocate (http://www.museum.tulane.edu/geolocate/). Georeferencing used the form of decimal latitude and longitude in the WGS84 datum. Where georeferencing in the form of UTMs; township, range and section; or degree-minute-seconds was present

Table 1. Distribution and relative abundance of species of *Anthidium* by ecoregions in the Western Hemisphere. For a particular species, abundance on WWF designated ecoregion status was estimated as the percentage of specimen records occurring in those ecoregions over the total number of specimen records of that species.

	# of Ecoregions	# of specimens	Ecoregion Status		
Species			Critical or	Vulnerable (%)	Relatively Stable
			Endangered (%)	Vullierable (70)	or Intact (%)
A. adelphum	3	48	2	2	96
A. adriani	3	19	100	0	0
A. alsinai	1	1	0	100	0
A. andinum	4	10	20	80	0
A. anurospilum	3	22	0	18	82
A. atacamense	4	18	6	17	78
A. atrifrons	26	985	42	19	39
A. atripes	16	471	6	38	56
A. atripoides	3	127	0	0	100
A. aymara	4	13	23	69	8
A. aztecum	3	11	100	0	0
A. banningense	19	370	65	13	22
A. cafayate	3	4	0	100	0
A. calchaqui	3	8	0	100	0
A. chamelense	4	17	100	0	0
A. chilense	8	947	96	1	3
A. chubuti	6	15	67	0	33
A. clypeodentatum	25	177	45	18	37
A. cochimi	11	88	7	47	47
A. cockerelli	13	1169	1	6	93
A. collectum	16	730	47	50	4
A. colliguayanum	3	54	96	0	4
A. cuzcoense	2	8	88	13	0
A. dammersi	7	333	0	4	95
A. danieli	2	8	88	0	13
A. danunciae	1	5	0	100	0
A. decaspilum	5	34	24	3	74
A. deceptum	5	112	0	86	14
A. duomarginatum	6	210	8	0	92
A. edwardsii	15	369	63	31	6
A. edwini	3	13	92	0	8
A. emarginatum	14	505	40	7	53
A. espinosai	5	47	15	2	83
A. formosum	19	167	51	15	34
A. friesei	8	183	4	91	4
A. funereum	12	174	15	39	46
A. gayi	7	502	93	2	5
A. hallinani	9	137	93	7	0
A. igori	1	5	0	100	0
A. illustre	16	539	42	42	16

	# of Ecoregions	# of specimens	Ecoregion Status		
Species			Critical or Endangered (%)	Vulnerable (%)	Relatively Stable or Intact (%)
A. insignissimum	2	13	31	69	0
A. jocosum	14	422	15	15	69
A. kolla	2	9	0	100	0
A. labergei	2	38	0	95	5
A. larocai	1	1	0	100	0
A. latum	5	11	27	73	0
A. luizae	1	1	0	100	0
A. maculifrons	39	522	80	19	1
A. maculosum	35	1356	55	24	22
A. macushi	4	32	0	94	6
A. manicatum	23	635	53	3	44
A. mapuche	4	44	89	0	11
A. masunariae	1	2	100	0	0
A. meloi	1	5	0	100	0
A. michenerorum	4	16	94	0	6
A. mormonum	32	1612	51	15	35
A. multispinosum	1	1	0	100	0
A. neffi	1	1	100	0	0
A. nigerrimum	4	6	17	50	33
A. oblongatum	7	163	96	4	0
A. paitense	1	7	0	100	0
A. pallidiclypeum	8	181	14	34	52
A. palliventre	9	396	66	32	2
A. palmarum	17	984	7	12	81
A. parkeri	11	187	93	7	0
A. paroselae	9	563	0	3	97
A. penai	2	26	100	0	0
A. peruvianum	3	23	0	91	9
A. placitum	22	1034	30	19	51
A. platyfrons	1	3	0	0	100
A. porterae	18	982	41	31	27
A. psoraleae	7	17	88	0	12
A. quetzalcoatli	7	38	95	0	5
A. rafaeli	2	9	0	100	0
A. rodecki	6	411	21	1	79
A. rodriguezi	14	74	96	4	0
A. rozeni	1	1	0	100	0
A. rubripes	11	76	9	70	21
A. sanguinicaudum	4	8	13	88	0
A. schwarzi	9	104	12	61	28
A. sertanicola	1	1	0	100	0
A. sonorense	10	77	3	12	86
A. sparsipunctatum	4	90	3	97	0
A. spatulatum	2	41	2	0	98
A. tarsoi	1	2	0	100	0

			Ecoregion Status		
Species	# of Ecoregions	# of specimens	Critical or Endangered (%)	Vulnerable (%)	Relatively Stable or Intact (%)
A. tenuiflorae	41	1189	37	22	42
A. toro	2	65	0	22	78
A. utahense	29	2409	39	49	12
A. vigintiduopunctatum	9	41	24	76	0
A. vigintipunctatum	4	30	3	97	0
A. weyrauchi	1	11	0	100	0



Figure 3. Location of 60 insect collections with number of specimens of Anthidium examined.

on the specimen label, these were transformed, but the original label georeferencing was captured in the location authority files. Records were analyzed geospatially using ArcGIS and WWF Biotic Regions. Twenty-two records (<0.1%) were excluded from biotic regions analysis due to questionable identification and/or label data.

Databasing processes for the USNPID have evolved over the 25 years since initiation. Processing, originally considered as too costly, has since been incorporated into the databasing process. Verbatim label data capture originally only for holotypes, was expanded first to loaned specimens and now to all retro-active data capture. When validity of entry fields is questioned, verbatim information is queried before pulling the specimen from the collection, saving both time and potential handling hazards. Addition of that tracking data (*e.g.* date of record entry, date of record modification, logging of entry person) and use of authority tables were essential to data quality, yet amounted to negligible additional data capture costs.

The data underpinning the analysis reported in this paper are deposited at GBIF, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, http://ipt.pensoft.net/ipt/re-source.do?r=anthidium.

Taxonomic coverage

General taxonomic coverage description: The coverage of this dataset includes all 92 species of the bee genus *Anthidium* known to occur in the Western Hemisphere, including two that are introduced. *Anthidium* belongs to the tribe Anthidiini and is among the most diverse genera of the family Megachilidae. Based on the materials used in nest construction, anthidiines are broadly classed into two groups, carder bees and resin bees. While resin bees are generically diverse in the Western Hemisphere, *Anthidium* is the sole representative of carder bees in the Americas. As such this dataset documents all of a functional bee group for the Americas. The greatest number of data records are for two widespread western North American species, *A. utahense* Swenk (2409 records) and *A. mormonum* Cresson (1615 records) (Fig. 4).



Figure 4. Percentage of specimen records per species of *Anthidium* in the AnthWest database. The category "Others" correspond to remaining species with specimen records accounting for less than 2%. All individual species shown except *A. chilense* are Nearctic.

Table 2. Species of *Anthidium* of the Western Hemisphere recorded from rare, threaten or endangered plants.

Plant species	Bee species	# of records
Asteraceae		
	A. mormonum	3
Erigeron rhizomatus Cronquist	A. duomarginatum	3
	A. maculosum	1
Cactaceae		
Sclerocactus mesae-verdae (Boissev. ex Hill & Salisb.) L.D. Benson	A. emarginatum	1
Pediocactus sileri (Boissev. ex Hill & Salisb.) L.D. Benson	A. emarginatum	1
Fabaceae		
Astragalus humillimus A. Gray	A. dammersi	2
Dalea formosa Torr.	A. palmarum	7

The species with the least number of records are *A. alsinai* Urban, *A. isabelae* Urban, *A. larocai* Urban, *A. luizae* Urban, *A. multispinosum* Gonzalez & Griswold, *A. neffi* Gonzalez & Griswold, and *A. rozeni* Urban, each represented by a single data record. Though these species are rare in collections, there is no knowledge whether they are rare in nature, though at least for *A. multispinosum*, it is likely that it has a restricted distribution. No *Anthidium* in the Western Hemisphere have formally been listed as threatened or endangered.

Anthidium are occasionally associated with rare, threaten or endangered plants. Only a handful of such associations with state and/or federally listed plant bee records are included in the dataset (Table 2). Published records provide georeference only to the nearest degree, and floral host, month and day fields will have information hidden.

All specimens in this dataset have been reviewed by the authors or are easily determined taxa that have been reviewed by experts in bee taxonomy (*e.g.*, John Ascher, for some AMNH material; A. A. Grigarick and L. A. Stange for California records in Grigarick and Stange 1968). Records with questionable determinations, label information or data have been withheld.

Taxonomic ranks

Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Arthropoda Class: Insecta Order: Hymenoptera Family: Megachilidae Genus: Anthidium Common names: wool carder bees

Spatial coverage

General spatial coverage: This dataset includes species occurrences of bees in the genus *Anthidium* across the entire Western Hemisphere, from Alaska to southern Chile and southern Argentina, and from below sea level in Death Valley, California, USA, to 4700 m a.s.l. in Tucumán, Argentina. Within North America coverage is most complete for temperate regions, though diminishing diversity correlated with declining latitude cannot be ignored.

Coordinates

62° to 79° latitude and -174° to -22° longitude

Temporal coverage

Records in AnthWest span more than a century, from May 1886 to February 2012. The majority of the records are from the past four decades (Fig. 2). In temperate North America, here restricted to Canada and the United States, *Anthidium* is most active during the late spring and summer months; the majority of the records are for May through August. In alpine regions (> 3000m) the season is narrowed to May through September, but largely June through August, peaking in July.

Datasets

Dataset description: AnthWest is a result of a broadly comparative study on the diversity, biology, biogeography, and evolution of bees in the genus Anthidium in the Western Hemisphere. The dataset includes 22,648 occurrence records for 92 species of Anth*idium*, including two introduced species from Eurasia. Each record consists of the species name, locality, collector's name, collection date, latitude, longitude, host plants, associated organisms, name of identifier, taxonomic value (*i.e.*, type specimen, voucher, etc.), and repository. When coordinates for collection sites were not provided on the label, they were extracted using Google Earth™ (http://earth.google.com/) or GEOlocate (http:// www.museum.tulane.edu/geolocate/). To guarantee the high quality of the data, most records in the dataset correspond to individual specimens examined by the authors during this project, representing 60 biodiversity collections in Europe, Africa, North and South America (Fig. 3). A small fraction (4.8%) of the occurrence records were extracted from the literature. Only literature records for which there was a high degree of certainty in the identification were included. The vast majority of these published records were taken from the rigorous study of California Anthidiini by Grigarick and Stange (1968). Their records were included for all Anthidium species except A. atripes and A. emarginatum,

which in Gonzalez and Griswold (2013) are recognized as species complexes. The balance, 30 records of the introduced *A. manicatum* and *A. oblongatum* (Miller et al. 2002, Maier 2009, Tonietto and Ascher 2008), were included because these are distinctive species that could not be confused with any native species nor with each other.

As with most other bees, floral resources are essential for reproductive success of *Anthidium*. Floral records indicate a broad array of floral visitation based on the quarter (24%) of AnthWest records that include floral visits. While visitation includes 56 plant families and over 100 species, Fabaceae and Boraginaceae dominated the dataset, together accounting for 75% of the records (Fig. 5).

Analysis of plant records at the generic level similarly shows the dominance of Fabaceae and Boraginaceae; all top ten floral associations belong to these two families, but *Phacelia*, the most visited genus belongs not to Fabaceae but to Boraginaceae (Fig. 6).

Records for 34 name-bearing types of Anthidium are also included in the database.

Study extent: Because this dataset was developed as part of research that was focused on taxonomic revisionary work, sampling was not the focus of efforts; rather the data represents the aggregate of what we know about the distribution and behavior of *Anthidium* from existing material. Carder bees are diurnal, and are only active when temperatures are well above freezing and only during the growing season when floral resources are potentially available.



Figure 5. Plant families visited by *Anthidium* in the Western Hemisphere. Only families represented by at least 2% of the total 5358 floral visitation records in the database are shown.



Phacelia, BORAGINACEAE, 22%



Sampling description: Specimen records captured in AnthWest are the result of: 1) non-systematic collections usually as part of general entomological collecting events or ones focused on bees in general; 2) standardized biodiversity surveys conducted by the USDA Pollinating Insects Research Unit using a combination of net and pan traps; 3) trap nest studies; and 4) specimens resulting from studies on pollination and reproductive biology of threatened or endangered plants.

Quality control: All individual specimens included in this dataset were examined during the course of the taxonomic revision using distribution maps and raw data following standardized protocols (Figs 7, 8). Records with questionable data on original insect labels were included in the dataset but distinguishable by notes in the DWC field "Identification Qualifier". These records were excluded from published distribution maps in the species-level revision of the genus (Gonzalez and Griswold 2013). A small fraction (4.8%) of the occurrence records were taken from the literature (see above), largely California records from a taxonomic treatment with some additional records for the two introduced species (*Anthidium manicatum* and *A. oblongatum*). These records are highlighted in the Darwin Core [DWC] fields "Associated References" and "Occurrence Remarks" as well as a denoted with a "PUB" prefix in the catalog number.

Step description: Two separate work flows were employed for data capture, which differed fundamentally on where in the process material was determined by the revisionary authors. Retroactive data capture (Fig. 7) incorporated loaned specimens, publication records, and previously non-databased specimens in the U.S. National Pollinating Insects Collection, all of which follows after the identification process. Publication records were treated similarly to retroactive data capture except each re-



Figure 7. Flow chart for retroactive data capture of museum specimens.

cord represents a summation of males and females with identical collecting event data. Beginning in 2005, new specimen records (Fig. 8) were batch entered into the database for projects and opportunistic collection events alike. Specimen identification and subsequent update to the database occurred after record and event metadata had been entered. New specimen collections also had a work flow that resulted in a greater number of data quality checks by technicians and primary researchers.

Purpose: The purpose of this dataset is to make available data associated with bees of the genus *Anthidium* in the Western Hemisphere. The dataset was developed during the course of a species-level revision of the genus (Gonzalez and Griswold 2013). This dataset can potentially be used in species distribution and niche modeling studies, as well as in assessments of pollinator status and pollination services.



Figure 8. Flow chart for processing of new specimen samples.

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Collection Data: For all collections, including those not listed in the Global Registry of Biodiversity Repositories (www.grbio.org) the Institution code listed below is included in the DWC field "owner Institution Code".

AMNH	American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, USA
	[2574 records]
ARDU	M. Arduser, Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Charles, Missouri
	[32 records]
ASUT	Arizona State University, Frank M.H. Natural History Museum, Tempe,
	Arizona, USA [145 records]
BBNP	Big Bend National Park, Big Bend, Texas, USA [7 records]
BBSL	USDA-ARS Bee Biology and Systematic Laboratory, Logan, Utah, USA
	[11123 records]
BNHM	British Natural History Museum, London, UK [19 records]
BYUC	Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum, Arthropod Collection, Provo, Utah,
	USA [105 records]
CAES	Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, New Haven, Connecticut,
	USA [30 records]
CAS	California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California, USA [637 records]
CEET	Colección de Insectos Asociados a Plantas Cultivadas en la Frontera Sur,
	El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico [1 record]
CIDA	College of Idaho, Museum of Natural History, Caldwell, Idaho, USA
	[25 records]
CNC	Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids & Nematodes, Ot-
	tawa, Ontario, Canada [5 records]
CTMI	Central Texas Melittological Institute, Austin, Texas, USA [34 records]
CUIC	Cornell University Insect Collection, Ithaca, New York, USA [33 records]
DEVA	Death Valley National Park, Furnace Creek, California, USA [11 records]
DZUP	Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba,
	Brazil [16 records]
EBCC	Estación de Biología Chamela, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico,
	San Patricio, Jalisco, Mexico [24 records]
EMEC	Essig Museum of Entomology, University of California, Berkeley, California,
	USA [1173 records]
FCDA	Fresno County Department of Agriculture, Fresno, California, USA [3 records]
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois, USA [7 records]
FSCA	Florida State Collection of Arthropods, Florida State University, Gaines-
	ville, Florida, USA [122 records]

GSENM	Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Kanab, Utah, USA [12 records]
HNH_ent	Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA [1 record]
INHS	Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois, USA [161 records]
LACM	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California,
	USA [1422 records]
MACN	Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales 'Bernardino Rivadavia', Buenos
	Aires, Argentina [36 records]
MEM	Mississippi Entomological Museum, Mississippi State University,
	Starkville, Mississippi, USA [6 records]
MEUC	Colección del Museo Entomológico Luis Peña, Departamento de Sanidad
	Vegetal, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile [1 record]
SS; RR	Snelling and G.I. Stage personal collections; USA [9 records]
MZUSP	Museu de Zoologia, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil [4 records]
NMNH	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.,
	USA [340 records]
NVDA	Nevada State Department of Agriculture, Reno, Nevada, USA [17 records]
NYBG	New York Botanical Garden, New York, New York, USA [1 record]
OSAC	Oregon State Arthropod Collection, Corvallis, Oregon, USA [580 records]
PCYU	Packer's Apoidea Collection at York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
	[239 records]
PHIL	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
	USA [32 records]
PINN	Pinnacles National Monument, Paicines, California, USA [6 records]
PMAE	Royal Alberta Museum, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada [12 records]
RUDZ	Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, [44 records]
SDNHM	San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, California, USA [94 records]
SDSU	Severin-McDaniel Insect Collection, South Dakota State University,
	Brookings, South Dakota, USA [48 records]
SEMC	Snow Entomological Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas,
	USA [246 records]
SFUC	Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada [1 record]
SWRS	Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Arizona, USA [7 records]
TAMU	Texas A&M University Insect Collection, College Station, Texas, USA
	[101 records]
UAAM	University of Arkansas Arthropod Museum, Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA
	[4 records]
UAIC	University of Arizona Insect Collection, Tucson, Arizona, USA [150 records]
UCDC	R.M. Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis,
LICE	California, USA [658 records]
UCF	University of Central Florida Collection of Arthropods, Department of
	Biology, Orlando, Florida, USA [61 Records]

UCMC	University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, Boulder, Colorado,
	USA [762 records]
UCMS	University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, USA [38 records]
UCR	University of California, Riverside, California, USA [298 records]
UGCA	University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA [68 records]
UNAB	Museo Entomológico, Departamento de Agronomía, Universidad Nacional
	de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia [1 record]
UNAM	Museo de Zoología Alfonso L. Herrera, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad
	Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico [33 records]
UNSM	University of Nebraska State Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA [111 records]
USON	Universidad de Sonora, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico [1 record]
WFBM	W.F. Barr Entomological Collection, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho,
	USA [639 records]
WSU	Maurice T. James Entomological Collection, Washington State University,
	Pullman, Washington, USA [110 records]
ZAVOR	Zavortink Private Collection, Davis, California, USA [14 records]

Specimen preservation method and curatorial units: Records represent pinned, dried adult individuals with attached label data stored in most cases in standard insect museum drawers preserved from dermestid damage by routine freezing of drawers at -20 C. Reviewed *Anthidium* specimens followed the basic process for Hymenoptera preservation and labeling outlined in Huber (1998). Newly collected BBSL specimens are given catalog numbers during initial labeling. Material sent for identification and loans were given unique catalog numbers after final identification and data entry.

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