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### J. Złotorzycka: Nadrodzina Philopteroidea: rodzina Philopteridae.

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The next volume from the series Keys for identification of Polish insects published by the Polish Entomological Society is devoted to the family Philopteridae. It is arranged in a similar manner as the previous parts. The introductory systematical survey of the superfamily Philopteroidea is followed by a key to its 9 families and by a systematical survey of the individual taxa of the family Philopteridae up to the level of subspecies, including the synonymy. The core of the book constitute keys for determination (pp. 15—117). They include a concise characterization of the family, key to subfamilies and, within their framework, a key to genera. The most important characters and keys to lower taxa are given for each genus. Brief data on morphology, hosts and geo-

graphical distribution of individual species are given in the key. It also comprises the species so far undetected in Poland, but possible to occur there. A total of 29 genera and 181 species and subspecies are recorded. The text is suitably complemented by numerous illustrations. At the end of the book there is a list of Latin names of parasites and hosts. In the systematical section of the book, the author adheres to her concept of small genera, which is not, however, accepted by all contemporary taxonomists dealing with this group. The publication is of high value also for other countries of central Europe and in a useful manner fills in a gap in the present determination literature.

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