

## ***Anastrepha* species (Diptera: Tephritidae), their host plants and parasitoids (Hymenoptera) in the state of Roraima, Brazil: state of the art**

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### **Resumo**

**Espécies de *Anastrepha* (Diptera: Tephritidae), suas plantas hospedeiras e parasitoides (Hymenoptera) no estado de Roraima, Brasil: o estado da arte.** Esta revisão tem por objetivo atualizar as informações sobre as espécies de *Anastrepha* no estado de Roraima, com ênfase em sua distribuição, plantas hospedeiras e parasitoides. Atualmente estão registradas 25 espécies de *Anastrepha* e 27 espécies vegetais hospedeiras. *Anastrepha striata* e *A. obliqua* são as espécies mais amplamente distribuídas no estado. *Anastrepha obliqua* é a espécie mais polífaga, associada a 13 hospedeiros. Seis espécies de parasitoides estão registradas, sendo *Doryctobracon areolatus* o mais abundante e o que está associado ao maior número de espécies de *Anastrepha*.

**Palavras-chave:** Amazônia; Braconidae; Figitidae; Moscas-das-frutas

## Abstract

The aim of this review was to update the available information on *Anastrepha* species in the state of Roraima, Brazil, with emphasis on distribution, host plants and parasitoids. In total, 25 species of *Anastrepha* and 27 host plant species have been recorded to date in Roraima. *Anastrepha striata* and *A. obliqua* are widely distributed in the state. *Anastrepha obliqua* is the most polyphagous species, where it is associated with 13 hosts. Six species of parasitoids of *Anastrepha* have been reported in Roraima. Of these, *Doryctobracon areolatus* is the most abundant and has been associated with the largest number of *Anastrepha* species.

**Key words:** Amazon; Braconidae; Figitidae; Fruit flies

## Introduction

The state of Roraima is located in the extreme north of the Brazilian Amazon, occupying an area of 224,299 km<sup>2</sup> between latitudes 5°16'N and 1°25'S; and longitudes 58°55'W and 64°48'W (IBGE, 2010a), corresponding to 2.6% of the Brazilian territory and 5.3% of the Amazon biome (FUNCATE, 2006). It is the Brazilian state with the smallest number of municipalities (15), although some of them cover large territories, such as the municipality of Caracaraí (47,411 km<sup>2</sup>). Roraima has international borders with Venezuela and Guyana. Within Brazil, it borders the states of Amazonas and Pará.

In Roraima, there are three climate groups according to the Köppen classification system: Aw, Af, and Am. The Aw climate region corresponds to the savannas in central-eastern and northeastern Roraima. This type of climate is characterized by a marked, well-defined dry period, which is between the months of December and March. Mean annual rainfall in this region is  $1,655 \pm 408$  mm. Approximately 9% of this total occurs at the peak of the dry season (December-March), and 70% at the peak of the rainy season (May-August) (BARBOSA, 1997; ARAÚJO et al., 2001). The Af climate is observed in the forest systems of the extreme south and northwest parts of the state. These regions are predominantly covered by dense ombrophilous forests, with mean annual rainfall exceeding 2,000 mm. The Am type climate is found in the contiguous forests and grassland regions of the state, where mean annual rainfall ranges from 1,700 to 2,000 mm.]

Fruit farming is a very important source of revenue and employment in Roraima. The main fruit crops are

banana, papaya, orange, lime, pineapple, melon and watermelon (IBGE, 2010b). In addition to these crops, a wide variety of native and exotic fruit trees can be found in home orchards, many of which are known to be or are potential hosts of fruit flies (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011b).

Fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae) are among the most important pest species in the world, due to their direct economic impact and the severe quarantine restrictions enforced by many countries to prevent their entry into their territories (ALUJA, 1994; ALUJA; MANGAN, 2008). The family Tephritidae is composed of approximately 4,541 valid species grouped into 493 genera (NORRBOM, 2010). *Anastrepha* Schiner is considered the most economically relevant fruit fly genus in tropical America, with over 250 described species and the highest recorded number of pest species (NORRBOM, 2004a; 2004b; NORRBOM et al., 2014). To date, 120 species of *Anastrepha* have been reported in Brazil (ZUCCHI, 2008). Six of these are particularly important from an economic standpoint: *Anastrepha striata* Schiner, *A. obliqua* (Macquart), *A. fraterculus* (Wiedemann), *A. grandis* (Macquart), *A. pseudoparallela* (Loew), and *A. zenildae* Zucchi (URAMOTO; ZUCCHI, 2009).

The first survey of *Anastrepha* species in Roraima was conducted in the 1990s by Rafael (1991), who recorded three species at the time: *A. leptozena* Hendel, *A. hamata* (Loew), and *A. serpentina* (Wiedemann). In that study, the only reported host plant was *Pouteria caitito*, hosting *A. leptozena*. No parasitoid species were reported. In 2000, Malavasi and Zucchi (2000) published a book gathering all the available information on fruit flies in Brazil. In the chapter dedicated to northern Brazil,

Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000) reported that eight species of *Anastrepha*, only five species of host plants and no species of parasitoids had been registered in Roraima. In addition, only localized collection efforts had been conducted in the state, covering only four municipalities.

Starting in 2007, through the project known as the Amazonian Network for Research on Fruit Flies, coordinated and funded by the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), a new series of surveys was initiated with the goal of investigating the diversity of *Anastrepha* species, as well as their host plants and parasitoids in Roraima. When the project was completed, all available information on fruit flies in the Brazilian Amazon was consolidated in a book (SILVA et al., 2011b). In that work, Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011b) updated the number of *Anastrepha* species recorded in Roraima (17). New studies conducted after that time (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011a; 2012; 2013a; 2013b; ZUCCHI et al., 2011a; ADAIME et al., 2012; LIMA et al., 2012; TRASSATO et al., 2015) expanded the existing knowledge about fruit flies in Roraima, where 25 species

of *Anastrepha*, 27 species of host plants and six species of parasitoids have been reported to date.

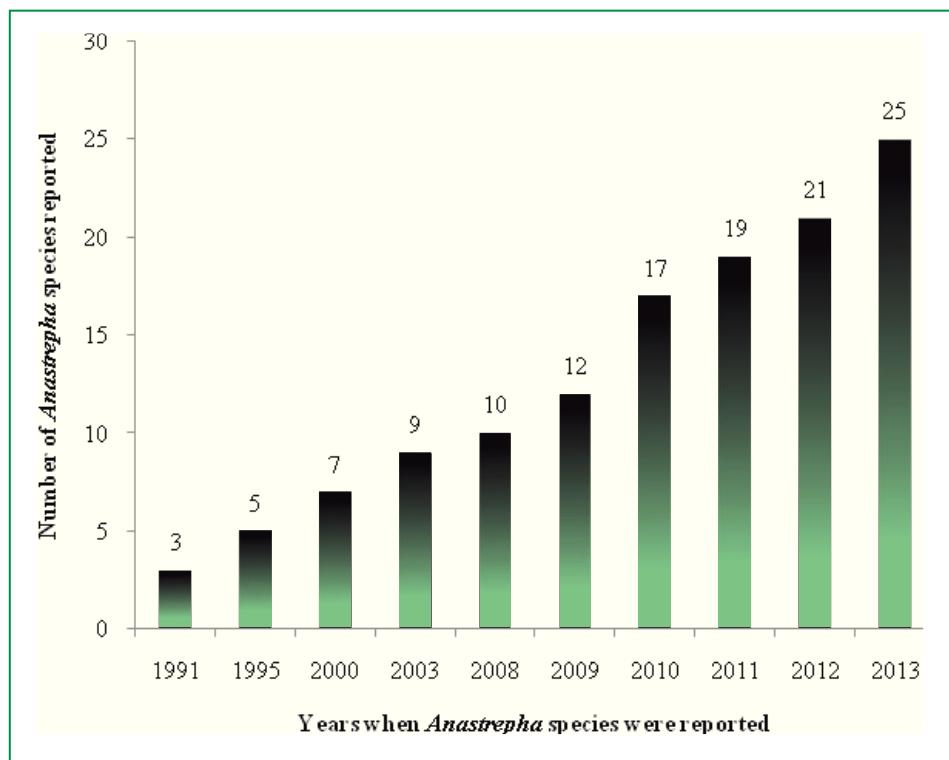
The aim of this review was to update current knowledge of *Anastrepha* species in Roraima, with emphasis on their distribution, host plants and parasitoids.

### **Anastrepha species richness and distribution**

As shown in Figure 1, the number of *Anastrepha* species recorded in Roraima since the earliest studies by Rafael (1991) has risen from three in 1991 to 25 today, with the recent publications by Lima et al. (2012) and Marsaro Júnior et al. (2013a; 2013b). This leap in the number of reported species was unquestionably the result of the surveys conducted during the Amazonian Network for Research on Fruit Flies project, initiated in 2007.

*Anastrepha striata* is the most widely distributed species in Roraima (Table 1). This species is very well adapted to conditions found in the state and can be collected both at low altitudes – such as the state capital

FIGURE 1: Cumulative curve of number of *Anastrepha* species recorded in Roraima, considering reports up to and including the respective years shown.



Boa Vista (approximately 100 m above sea level [masl]) – and at higher elevations, such as Pacaraima, located above 900 masl (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2012). According to Aluja (1994), the level of dominance of a species is influenced by ecological bases (host plant, richness and diversity) and by altitudinal gradients. In Mexico, for example, in mango orchards at 1,100 masl, 30% of all collected individuals were *A. ludens* (Loew), out of 14 species captured in traps. At lower altitudes (680 m), among 12 captured species, only 4% of individuals were *A. ludens*. Therefore, given that *A. striata* is well adapted to different altitudes in Roraima and provided that host plants are available, this species

may be present in every municipality in the state, and has indeed been reported in 13 of 14 municipalities already sampled. *Anastrepha striata* is also the most widely distributed species in the state of Amapá (SILVA et al., 2011a) and is present in every state of the Brazilian Amazon (ZUCCHI et al., 2011b).

*Anastrepha obliqua*, also widely distributed in Roraima, has been reported in 12 municipalities within the state (Table 1). This distribution can be explained by the polyphagous habits of the species, whose main hosts are fruits of Anacardiaceae and Myrtaceae, which are very common in Roraima, as shown by Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a). *Anastrepha obliqua* is also present in every

TABLE 1: *Anastrepha* species and their distribution in 14 municipalities of the state of Roraima.

Species*	Municipalities													
	BV	AM	PA	CC	BO	CA	NO	MU	IR	RO	SJ	SL	CR	UI
<i>Anastrepha amita</i> Zucchi, 1979			X <sup>a</sup>											
<i>Anastrepha antunesi</i> Lima, 1938	X <sup>b</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>											
<i>Anastrepha atrigona</i> Hendel, 1914	X <sup>b</sup>								X <sup>d</sup>					X <sup>e</sup>
<i>Anastrepha bahiensis</i> Lima, 1937	X <sup>f</sup>		X <sup>c</sup>		X <sup>c</sup>		X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>g</sup>						
<i>Anastrepha coronilli</i> Carrejo & González, 1993		X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>e</sup>					X <sup>c</sup>						
<i>Anastrepha distincta</i> Greene, 1934	X <sup>f</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>q</sup>	X <sup>h</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>			X <sup>r</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>			
<i>Anastrepha ethalea</i> (Walker, 1849)	X <sup>i</sup>													
<i>Anastrepha flavipennis</i> Greene, 1934	X <sup>f</sup>					X <sup>d</sup>								
<i>Anastrepha fractura</i> Stone, 1942	X <sup>b</sup>													
<i>Anastrepha fraterculus</i> (Wiedemann, 1830)	X <sup>b</sup>													
<i>Anastrepha hamata</i> (Loew, 1873)			X <sup>j</sup>											
<i>Anastrepha leptozona</i> Hendel, 1914	X <sup>b</sup>	X <sup>j</sup>												
<i>Anastrepha longicauda</i> Lima, 1934			X <sup>b</sup>											
<i>Anastrepha manihoti</i> Lima, 1934		X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>q</sup>				X <sup>c</sup>						
<i>Anastrepha montei</i> Lima, 1934				X <sup>c</sup>										
<i>Anastrepha obliqua</i> (Macquart, 1835)	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>q</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>g</sup>	X <sup>r</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	
<i>Anastrepha parishi</i> Stone, 1942	X <sup>k</sup>			X <sup>q</sup>				X <sup>p</sup>						
<i>Anastrepha rafaeli</i> Norrbom & Korytkowski, 2009		X <sup>l</sup>		X <sup>q</sup>										
<i>Anastrepha serpentina</i> (Wiedemann, 1830)	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>j</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>				X <sup>d</sup>							
<i>Anastrepha sororcula</i> Zucchi, 1979	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>		X <sup>f</sup>									
<i>Anastrepha striata</i> Schiner, 1868	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>h</sup>	X <sup>g</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>d</sup>	X <sup>r</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	X <sup>s</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>	
<i>Anastrepha turpiniae</i> Stone, 1942			X <sup>m</sup>											
<i>Anastrepha zenildae</i> Zucchi, 1979	X <sup>n</sup>			X <sup>f</sup>	X <sup>p</sup>		X <sup>p</sup>							
<i>Anastrepha zernyi</i> Lima, 1934	X <sup>f</sup>													
<i>Anastrepha zucchii</i> Norrbom, 1998			X <sup>o</sup>											
<b>Total species per municipality</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

AM: Amajari, BV: Boa Vista, BO: Bonfim, CA: Cantá, CC: Caracaraí, CR: Caroebe, IR: Iracema, MU: Mucajá, NO: Normandia, PA: Pacaraima, RO: Rorainópolis, SJ: São João da Baliza, SL: São Luiz, UI: Uiramutá. References: <sup>a</sup>Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010), <sup>b</sup>Marsaro Júnior et al. (2013a), <sup>c</sup>Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a), <sup>d</sup>Amorim (2003), <sup>e</sup>Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000), <sup>f</sup>Marsaro Júnior et al. (2012), <sup>g</sup>Silva Júnior et al. (2012), <sup>h</sup>Ronchi-Teles et al. (1995), <sup>i</sup>Marsaro Júnior et al. (2013b), <sup>j</sup>Rafael (1991), <sup>k</sup>Adaime et al. (2012), <sup>l</sup>Norr bom and Korytkowski (2009), <sup>m</sup>Lima et al. (2012), <sup>n</sup>Ronchi-Teles et al. (2008), <sup>o</sup>Norr bom (1998), <sup>p</sup>Silva et al. (2016a), <sup>q</sup>Silva et al. (2016b), <sup>r</sup>Silva Júnior et al. (2016a), <sup>s</sup>Silva Júnior et al. (2016b). \* Considering only the first report of each *Anastrepha* species in each municipality, collected from fruit or by trapping.

state within the area known as the “Legal Amazon.” It is able to adapt to a variety of biomes and occurs practically throughout Brazil, except in the state of Sergipe, where it has not been reported to date (ZUCCHI et al., 2011b).

Fruit fly surveys have been conducted in the central (Boa Vista and neighboring municipalities), northern, northeastern and southern regions of Roraima (Figure 2). The municipalities with the highest species richness are those where surveying has been most intense and frequent, including Boa Vista, Amajari and Pacaraima, whereas the lowest richness levels were found at locations where only localized collection efforts were made (Table 1; Figure 2).

FIGURE 2: Number of *Anastrepha* species recorded in municipalities of the state of Roraima.

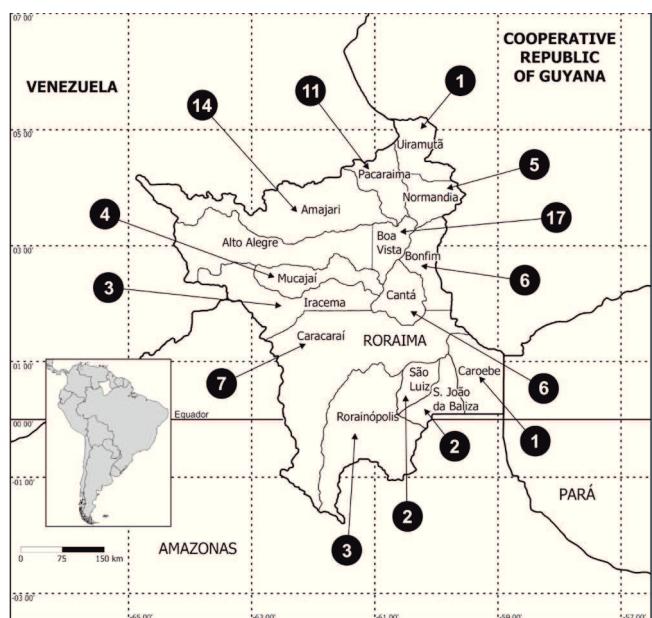


Figure 2 shows that surveys have been performed in 14 out of 15 municipalities in Roraima, and new information has recently been obtained regarding the distribution of *Anastrepha* species in municipalities located in the southern part of the state, expanding their known distribution ranges. However, for an accurate view of *Anastrepha* distribution and richness throughout the state of Roraima, new surveys should be completed in the less studied municipalities, and particularly in Alto Alegre, which has not been sampled to date.

The state capital Boa Vista has the highest known richness of *Anastrepha* (17 species), followed by

Amajari (14) and Pacaraima (11). The lowest richness levels are found in Caroibe and Uiramutã, with a single species each (Table 1). The high richness of *Anastrepha* species observed in Boa Vista is mainly due to the fact that the majority of surveys conducted in Roraima, with fruit sampling and McPhail traps, have focused mainly on the capital, as shown by the works of Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a; 2012; 2013a; 2013b) and Lima et al. (2012). The number of *Anastrepha* species in Boa Vista is likely to be even higher; the faunistic analysis conducted in this municipality by Marsaro Júnior et al. (2012) showed that the observed species richness was lower than expected, since the cumulative species curves indicated moderate growth, suggesting that the collection effort was not sufficient to produce an accurate description of species richness in Boa Vista. This shows that surveying should be continued in all municipalities in Roraima, to improve the accuracy of available data on *Anastrepha* species richness throughout the state.

## Host plants of *Anastrepha*

The state of Roraima features a wide diversity of native and exotic fruit trees, many of which are known to be or are potential hosts of *Anastrepha* (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011b). To date, 27 plant species have been reported as hosts of *Anastrepha* spp., across 12 botanical families (Table 2).

Families Myrtaceae and Anacardiaceae account for over 50% of all known hosts of *Anastrepha* in Roraima (Figure 3). *Anastrepha obliqua* is the most polyphagous *Anastrepha*, having been associated with 13 host plants from four botanical families (Table 2). However, *Anastrepha obliqua* has a marked preference for Anacardiaceae and Myrtaceae hosts, and the main host plant of this species is *Spondias* spp. (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011a; 2011b). In Roraima, *S. mombin* has shown one of the highest rates of infestation by *A. obliqua*, with up to 345 puparia/kg of fruit (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011a).

In a report by Marsaro Júnior et al. (2012), *Anastrepha obliqua* was considered a dominant species in the municipalities of Bonfim and Pacaraima, and super-dominant in Boa Vista. It is also believed to be

the most abundant fruit fly in the state of Tocantins (BOMFIM et al., 2007) and the most relevant in the state of Amazonas (RONCHI-TELES; SILVA, 2005).

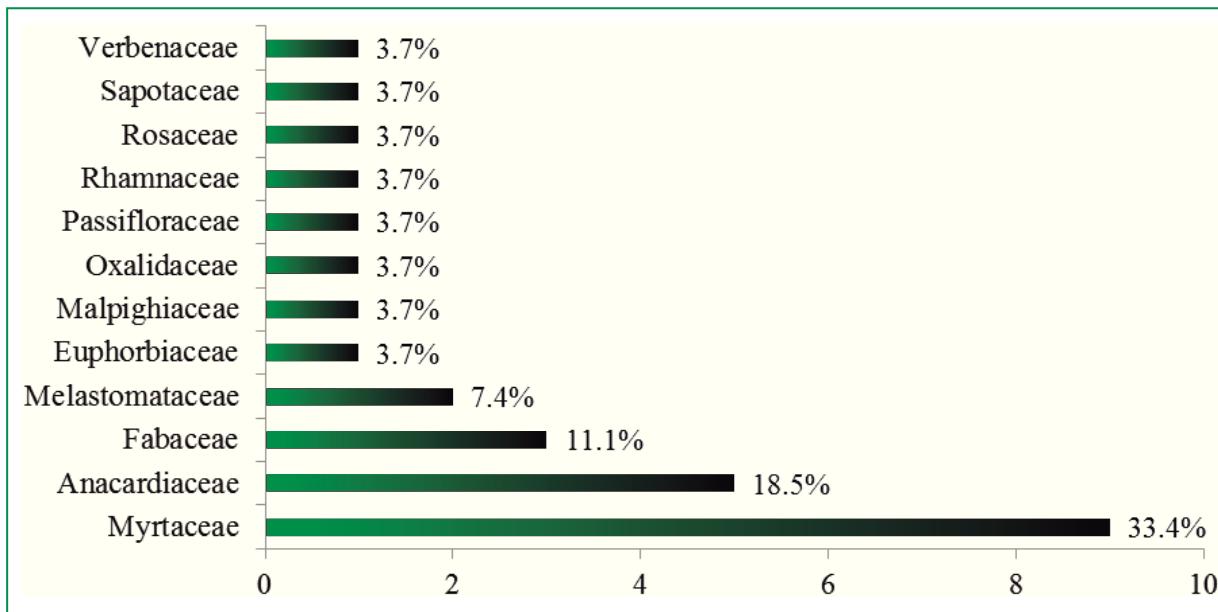
*Anastrepha striata* is the second most polyphagous *Anastrepha* species in Roraima, having been associated with 10 host plant species from five botanical families (Table 2). However, it has a strong preference for Myrtaceae host plants, with *Psidium guajava* as its main

host (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011a; 2013b). The same has been observed in the state of Amapá (SILVA et al., 2011a; JESUS-BARROS et al., 2012). *Anastrepha striata* has been considered dominant in Bonfim and Pacaraima and super-dominant in Boa Vista (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2012). In the state of Amapá, *A. striata* is believed to be the most polyphagous and widely distributed fruit fly and, therefore, one of the top three in terms of economic importance (DEUS; ADAIME, 2013).

TABLE 2: *Anastrepha* species associated with their host plants in the state of Roraima.

<i>Anastrepha</i> species*	Families	Hosts	References
		Species (common names in Portuguese)	
<i>Anastrepha amita</i>	Verbenaceae	<i>Citharexylum poeppigii</i> <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
<i>Anastrepha antunesi</i>	Anacardiaceae	<i>Spondias mombin</i> (taperebá) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
<i>Anastrepha bahiensis</i>	Myrtaceae	<i>Psidium guineense</i> (araçá-do-campo) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Anastrepha coronilli</i>	Rosaceae	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> (nêspera) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Anastrepha distincta</i>	Melastomataceae	<i>Bellucia grossularioides</i> (goiaba-de-anta) <sup>2</sup>	Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000)
		<i>Loreya mespilooides</i> <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
	Anacardiaceae	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i> (caju) <sup>2</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
	Fabaceae	<i>Inga edulis</i> (ingá-cipó) <sup>2</sup>	Ronchi-Teles et al. (1995)
		<i>Inga laurina</i> (ingá-caruru) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Inga thibaudiana</i> (ingá) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
		<i>Psidium guajava</i> (goiaba) <sup>1</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
<i>Anastrepha leptozona</i>	Myrtaceae	<i>Pouteria caiimito</i> (abiu) <sup>2</sup>	Rafael (1991)
<i>Anastrepha manihoti</i>	Sapotaceae	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> (mandioca) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
<i>Anastrepha montei</i>	Euphorbiaceae	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> (mandioca) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Anastrepha obliqua</i>	Euphorbiaceae	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i> (caju) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
	Anacardiaceae	<i>Spondias dulcis</i> (cajá-manga) <sup>1</sup>	Amorim (2003)
		<i>Spondias mombin</i> (taperebá) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
		<i>Spondias purpurea</i> (seriguela) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Spondias</i> sp. (umbu-cajá) <sup>3</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Malpighia emarginata</i> (acerola) <sup>1</sup>	Amorim (2003)
	Malpighiaceae	<i>Eugenia stipitata</i> (araçá-boi) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
	Myrtaceae	<i>Eugenia uniflora</i> (pitanga) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
		<i>Myrciaria cauliflora</i> (jabuticaba) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Psidium acutangulum</i> (araçá-pêra) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Psidium guajava</i> (goiaba) <sup>1</sup>	Amorim (2003)
		<i>Psidium</i> sp. (araçá) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
	Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i> (carambola) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Anastrepha parishii</i>	Anacardiaceae	<i>Spondias purpurea</i> (seriguela) <sup>1</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
	Myrtaceae	<i>Myrciaria dubia</i> (camu-camu) <sup>2</sup>	Adaime et al. (2012)
<i>Anastrepha serpentina</i>	Sapotaceae	<i>Pouteria caiimito</i> (abiu) <sup>2</sup>	Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000)
<i>Anastrepha sororcula</i>	Myrtaceae	<i>Myrciaria cauliflora</i> (jabuticaba) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
		<i>Psidium guajava</i> (goiaba) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
		<i>Psidium guineense</i> (araçá-do-campo) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)
		<i>Syzygium</i> sp. (jambo) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Anastrepha striata</i>	Anacardiaceae	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i> (caju) <sup>2</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
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		<i>Psidium acutangulum</i> (araçá-pêra) <sup>2</sup>	Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000)
		<i>Psidium guajava</i> (goiaba) <sup>1</sup>	Ronchi-Teles et al. (1995)
		<i>Psidium guineense</i> (araçá-do-campo) <sup>2</sup>	Amorim (2003)
		<i>Psidium</i> sp. (araçá) <sup>2</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
	Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i> (carambola) <sup>1</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
	Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora edulis</i> (maracujá) <sup>2</sup>	Silva and Ronchi-Teles (2000)
<i>Anastrepha zenildae</i>	Malpighiaceae	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i> (acerola) <sup>1</sup>	Silva et al. (2016a)
	Myrtaceae	<i>Psidium guajava</i> (goiaba) <sup>1</sup>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
	Rhamnaceae	<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> (dão) <sup>1</sup>	Ronchi-Teles et al. (2008)

\*Considering only the first record of *Anastrepha* species in the host. <sup>1</sup>Exotic species; <sup>2</sup>Native species; <sup>3</sup>Origin unknown.

FIGURE 3: Number of hosts of *Anastrepha* in each botanical family and respective percentages in relation to total number of hosts.

This means that, in terms of distribution, dominance and polyphagy, *A. obliqua* and *A. striata* are the most economically important *Anastrepha* species in the state of Roraima.

Some species of *Anastrepha* can be classified as specialists, infesting one specific host. One example is *A. manihoti*, whose larvae develop exclusively in fruits of *Manihot esculenta* (Euphorbiaceae) (Table 2). As a result, *A. manihoti* has a more limited distribution and has been reported only at locations where fruits of its only known host are present. To date in the Brazilian Amazon, *A. manihoti* has been observed only in the states of Amazonas and Rondônia (RONCHI-TELES, 2000) and Roraima (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2011b).

Polyphagous species are more widely distributed than specialist ones and they often show niche overlap, with multiple species using the same host plant (MALAVASI; MORGANTE, 1980). This strategy can be viewed in Table 2, which shows multiple species of *Anastrepha* occurring on the same host plants.

Eleven species of *Anastrepha* in Roraima have had no hosts reported thus far (Table 3). Six of these species are exclusive to the Amazon and one of them, *A. zucchii*, only occurs in the state of Roraima (ZUCCHI et al., 2011b). In other states in the Amazon region, hosts of

*A. atrigona*, *A. fractura*, *A. fraterculus* and *A. turpiniae* have been known for some time, as listed by Zucchi et al. (2011b) and shown in Dutra et al. (2013). But for some other species, such as *A. flavipennis*, a host plant in the Amazon region (*Pouteria glomerata*, Sapotaceae) has been reported only recently (CORRÊA et al., 2011).

TABLE 3: *Anastrepha* without known host plants in the state of Roraima.

<i>Anastrepha</i> species
<i>Anastrepha atrigona</i> *
<i>Anastrepha ethalea</i>
<i>Anastrepha flavipennis</i>
<i>Anastrepha fractura</i> *
<i>Anastrepha fraterculus</i>
<i>Anastrepha hamata</i> *
<i>Anastrepha longicauda</i> *
<i>Anastrepha rafaeli</i> *
<i>Anastrepha turpiniae</i>
<i>Anastrepha zernyi</i>
<i>Anastrepha zucchii</i> *

\*Species exclusive to the Amazon

Other species, including *A. ethalea*, *A. hamata*, *A. longicauda*, *A. rafaeli*, *A. zernyi*, and *A. zucchii*, have no known hosts in the Brazilian Amazon (ZUCCHI, 2008; ZUCCHI et al., 2011b). To identify the host plants of these *Anastrepha* species, new studies should therefore

be conducted not only in Roraima, but across the entire Brazilian Amazon.

Some hosts of *Anastrepha* in Roraima are exotic species (Table 2) grown mainly in urban areas. The most extensive areas of the Amazon Forest in Roraima, with their huge diversity of native fruits, are found mostly in the southern part of the state, where few fruit fly surveys have been conducted. Studies conducted in this region could lead to new reports of *Anastrepha* species and their host plants. We therefore suggest that any new surveys of *Anastrepha* in Roraima should focus on this poorly studied part of the state.

### Natural enemies of *Anastrepha* spp.

The first study into the diversity of parasitoids of *Anastrepha* spp. in Roraima was conducted by Ronchi-Teles (2000), who reported two species: *Doryctobracon areolatus* (Szépligeti) and *Doryctobracon brasiliensis* (Szépligeti). A number of additional studies were subsequently conducted and new species were reported, making up a current total of six known parasitoid species (Table 4).

*Doryctobracon areolatus* is the most abundant parasitoid of *Anastrepha* and has been associated with the highest number of *Anastrepha* species (eight) (Table 4). *Doryctobracon crawfordi* (Viereck), which has been reported in Brazil only in the states of Amapá and Roraima so far (ZUCCHI et al., 2011a), has been associated with two species in Roraima, namely *A. coronilli* and *A. serpentina* (Table 4).

With regard to *D. brasiliensis* (Szépligeti), reported in Roraima by Ronchi-Teles (2000), additional studies are needed to confirm if this species is associated with *A. leptozona* or *A. serpentina*, since these two fruit flies emerged from the same host fruit. The only known parasitoid of *Anastrepha* belonging to the family Figitidae, *Aganaspis pelleranoi* (Brèthes), is associated with *A. obliqua* (Table 4).

The highest rate of parasitism of *Anastrepha* observed in Roraima (62.3%) was seen in fruits of the native plant *Loreya mespiloides* (Melastomataceae) (MARSARO JÚNIOR et al., 2010). That study showed the importance of native plants in preserving and multiplying the populations of these agents of biological control of fruit flies, and further highlights the need for

TABLE 4: Parasitoid species associated with *Anastrepha* spp. in the state of Roraima.

Families Scientific names	<i>Anastrepha</i> spp.	References
<b>Braconidae</b>		
<i>Doryctobracon areolatus</i> (Szépligeti, 1911)	<i>A. amita</i> <i>A. coronilli</i> <i>A. distincta</i> <i>A. manihoti</i> <i>A. obliqua</i> <i>A. serpentina</i> <i>A. striata</i> <i>A. zenildae</i>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010) Ronchi-Teles (2000), Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010) Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a) Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010) Amorim (2003), Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a) Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a) Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a) Ronchi-Teles et al. (2008), Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Doryctobracon brasiliensis</i> (Szépligeti, 1911)	<i>A. leptozona</i> <i>A. serpentina</i>	Ronchi-Teles (2000)
<i>Doryctobracon crawfordi</i> (Viereck, 1911)	<i>A. coronilli</i> <i>A. serpentina</i>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010)*, Zucchi et al. (2011a)** Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a), Zucchi et al. (2011a)
<i>Opius bellus</i> Gahan, 1930	<i>A. manihoti</i> <i>A. obliqua</i>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2010) Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<i>Utetes anastrephae</i> (Viereck, 1913)	<i>A. obliqua</i>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)
<b>Figitidae</b>		
<i>Aganaspis pelleranoi</i> (Brèthes, 1924)	<i>A. obliqua</i>	Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011a)

\* *Doryctobracon crawfordi* is cited as *Doryctobracon* sp.2; \*\**A. coronilli* is cited as *Anastrepha* sp.

conserving the native plant species of the Amazon, the natural habitat of these parasitoids.

Predators, especially spiders, are also important natural enemies of fruit flies in Roraima, as reported by Marsaro Júnior et al. (2011b), who observed the predation of *A. amita* by the spider *Phiale crocea* (Salticidae).

Therefore, in light of the sparseness of studies conducted in southern Roraima, more intensive surveys conducted in that region are likely to report new parasitoids or predators of *Anastrepha*, or may even reveal new species of *Anastrepha* and their natural enemies that are yet to be discovered, described and preserved.

## Final considerations

Knowledge about fruit flies in the state of Roraima has seen major progress since the initial study on the topic was published in the early 1990s. The number of reported *Anastrepha* species in the state jumped from three to 25, the number of parasitoids from zero to six, and the number of host fruits from one to 27. Species distribution across the state is also better known now, with information currently available for 14 of the 15 municipalities of Roraima.

As previously mentioned, the state of Roraima features multiple types of plant formations (savannas, Amazon Forest and grasslands) and has borders with two Brazilian states (Amazonas and Pará) and two South American countries (Venezuela and Guyana). This geographic area as a whole is the site of reports of fruit flies of quarantine importance, a large number of preserved areas (conservation areas and indigenous reserves) and a wide variety of native and exotic fruit trees. Due to these peculiar characteristics, Roraima has major potential for studies on the bioecology of fruit flies, and the research conducted to date is still insufficient to fully express the existing richness of *Anastrepha*, parasitoids and host plants in the state. Fruit fly surveying should therefore continue (in already studied areas) and be extended to unsurveyed areas, to more accurately characterize the richness and

distribution of fruit fly species, their host plants and parasitoids in the state of Roraima.

On the other hand, to ensure the success of additional fruit fly surveys in Roraima, human resources must be trained to perform these activities in the different plant formations found in the state. Access to these plant formations is difficult due to lack of supporting infrastructure, inadequate conservation and absence of roads in the interior of Roraima, not to mention the high volume of rain from May to August, which makes certain regions inaccessible in that period. However, these difficulties should not discourage fruit fly surveying in Roraima, especially in less studied areas. Creativity, effort and perseverance in finding solutions to overcome these access impediments will be rewarded through the wealth of knowledge that is waiting to be revealed in these regions of the state.

In recent years, several municipalities in Roraima have invested in the production of native and exotic fruits for local consumption and for distribution to other Brazilian states. This creates a need for studies oriented towards a more adequate management of tephritids that infest fruits of commercial interest.

Therefore, due to the importance of fruit farming for Roraima and the damages caused by tephritids to fruits in the state, further studies on fruit flies in the region are needed.

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