

## S Y N O P S I S

This study is based on the material comprising 2411 adults and 507 larvae representing 62 species under 13 genera of the family Silvanidae; of 62 species 24 are new to science. The suprageneric and subgeneric relationships are worked out on the basis of detailed morphological studies of the adults and larvae in the light of redefinition of the family, genera and species. Descriptions of the larvae of Silvanoprus angusticollis, Protosilvanus lateritius, Ahasverus advena, Cathartus sp., Oryzaephilus mercator, Airaphilus serricollis, Psammoecus bipunctatus and Cryptamorpha brevicornis are made.

Distribution of the genera and species is dealt with. 318 illustrations and 11 maps are appended. The collections were made from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, West-Bengal, Sikkim, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Kashmir, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Nepal, Bhutan etc. The representatives of the family usually live under bark, haystack, leaf garbage, flower and in stored grain.

This work as a whole makes a comprehensive review of the Silvanidae of India, Nepal and Bhutan.