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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	James Zetek Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7462
Date:	<i>circa</i> 1921-1951
Extent:	8 cu. ft. (8 record storage boxes)
Creator::	Zetek, James, 1886-1959
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

James Zetek (1886-1959) was an entomologist and authority on the natural history of Panama. From 1923 to 1956, he served as Resident Manager of the Canal Zone Biological Area on Barro Colorado Island in Panama. Zetek's primary research interest was the study of termites and termite control.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists primarily of an index card file documenting Zetek's research on the insects of Panama and his insect collection. The file contains information on insects collected, their identification, and their effect on native vegetation. Also included is a file of bibliography cards relating to the natural history of Panama.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Entomologists
Entomology
Termites

Names:

United States. Canal Zone Biological Area, Barro Colorado Island
Zetek, James, 1886-1959

Geographic Names:

Barro Colorado Island (Panama)
Panama

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 8 Index box 1: Insect catalog numbered 3100-3900, 5000-5500, and various categories
- Box 1 of 8 Index box 2: Insect catalog numbered 4100-5400 and January-December
- Box 1 of 8 Index box 3: Insect catalog numbered 3600-4900 and various categories
- Box 1 of 8 Index box 4: Insect catalog numbered 1-89

Box 2

- Box 2 of 8 Index box 1: Insect catalog numbered 90-165
- Box 2 of 8 Index box 2: Insect catalog numbered 166-256
- Box 2 of 8 Index box 3: Insect catalog numbered 257-318
- Box 2 of 8 Index box 4: Insect catalog numbered 1000-1800 and G

Box 3

- Box 3 of 8 Index box 1: Insect catalog numbered 1900-3100
- Box 3 of 8 Index box 2: Insect catalog numbered 3200-3500
- Box 3 of 8 Index box 3: Various insect categories

Box 4

- Box 4 of 8 Index box 1: Various categories and catalog numbered 3400-4400, 5400-5500
- Box 4 of 8 Index box 2: Various categories

Box 5

- Box 5 of 8 Index box 1: Records of two types: infestations found in plants and experiments done. Infestations note the location, experiments note the cage number. Cards are not divided up by whether they are infestations or experiments but instead are divided first by plant, then by insect. The small reports note the number and location of fruits (whether they have fallen from the tree, are still green, etc.) and the number and stage of insects (whether larvae, pupae, etc.).
- Box 5 of 8 Index box 2:

Box 6

Box 6 of 8 Index box 1:

Box 6 of 8 Index box 2:

Box 7

Box 7 of 8 Index box 1: Records of two types: infestations found in plants and experiments done. Infestations note the location, experiments note the cage number. Cards are not divided up by whether they are infestations or experiments but instead are divided first by plant, then by insect. The small reports note the number and location of fruits (whether they've fallen from the tree, are still green, etc.) and the number and stage of insects (whether larvae, pupae, etc.). They also note the dates, which range from 1933-1942.

Box 7 of 8 Index box 2: Records of two types: infestations found in plants and experiments done. Infestations note the location, experiments note the cage number. Cards are not divided up by whether they are infestations or experiments but instead are divided first by plant, then by insect. The small reports note the number and location of fruits (whether they've fallen from the tree, are still green, etc.) and the number and stage of insects (whether larvae, pupae, etc.). They also note the dates, which range from 1933-1942.

Box 8

Box 8 of 8 Index box 1: Records of two types: infestations found in plants and experiments done. Infestations note the location, experiments note the cage number. Cards are not divided up by whether they are infestations or experiments but instead are divided first by plant, then by insect. The small reports note the number and location of fruits (whether they've fallen from the tree, are still green, etc.) and the number and stage of insects (whether larvae, pupae, etc.). They also note the dates, which range from 1933-1942.

Box 8 of 8 Index box 2: Bibliography of sources. Divided by taxonomy.