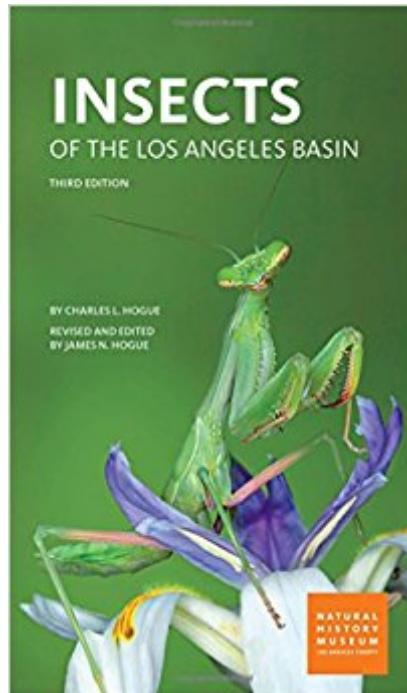




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Dr. Charles L. Hogue (1935-1992) was the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's curator of entomology for thirty years. He was an author or coauthor of more than one hundred scientific and popular articles, as well as four books. Hogue took great satisfaction in sharing information about insects, and this book vividly reflects his talents as a naturalist and a teacher. Dr. James N. Hogue is a research associate at the NHM with a PhD in aquatic ecology from Utah State. He is manager of the biological collections in the department of biology at California State University, Northridge, and is also a part-time lecturer there. Dr. Brian V. Brown is the present curator of entomology at the NHM. He earned his doctorate at the University of Alberta. Through his work he has discovered and described about five hundred new species of phorids.

I've had the 2nd edition for years and was waiting for a new edition. The new color coding of chapters really helps when a fast lookup is needed. Excellent book to have around when that 6-legged (or 8-legged) "friend" appears that you've never seen before.

Beautiful book and a real tribute to Charlie Hogue. I would suggest a better review of the "urban" insect pests such as cockroaches in future editions. There are many new and well-established pest cockroaches in the Los Angeles basin including the Turkestan and smokybrown.

If you have young kids and live in the SoCal area, then this book will turn your backyard into an adventure. Our five year-old takes it to school with her and is learning to read from it.

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