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KEYS AND NOTES ON THE BUPRESTIDAE (COLEOPTERA) OF MICHIGAN¹

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ABSTRACT

The distribution and dates of adult activity for Michigan buprestids are discussed. Keys to the genera and species, as well as host information are presented for 116 species and one subspecies. Information on collecting techniques, illustrations of genitalia of 14 species, and scanning electron micrographs of certain structures useful in species identification are presented and discussed. In addition, *Pachyschelus confusus*, a new species, is described from bush clover.

INTRODUCTION

Recent North American regional papers on buprestids are those by Knull (1925) for Pennsylvania, Franklin and Lund (1956) for Georgia, and Barr (1971) for the Pacific Northwest. In this paper, we present information on general buprestid collecting techniques, keys, a new species description, distribution, collecting dates and hosts.

The data have been transcribed from specimens in the authors' collections (SGWC, GVMC, JAJC) and those of the following individuals and institutions: Michigan State University (MSUC), Purdue University (PURC), University of Michigan (UMMZ), University of Wisconsin (UWEM), Josef N. Knull (JNKC), Dr. Gayle Nelson (GHNC), and Daniel Young (DYCC). In addition, information previously presented on Michigan species of buprestids by Hubbard and Schwarz (1878) who reported 38 species from the Lower Peninsula and 30 species from the Upper Peninsula, Townsend (1898) who reported three species, and Andrews (1921) who reported 32 species from the Upper Peninsula, has been noted; however, because of synonymy, not all of these records refer to valid species.

COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

Buprestid adults in collections generally do not reflect the abundance of these beetles in our fauna. Because the adult life span approximates a month in duration the host must be known to assure efficient collecting. The following suggestions are presented to enable collectors to improve their collections of adult buprestids.

- (1) The most important method is to cage larval host wood so that more information is accumulated about the site of adult oviposition and the host range of the species. Often adults deemed 'unusual' or 'rare' can be reared in this manner. For example, it is difficult to capture adult Agrilus champlaini Frost on its host hop hornbeam, Ostyra virginiana; however, this species can be readily obtained by collecting its galls from hop-hornbeam and rearing the adults in the laboratory.
- (2) More specimens, especially species of Agrilus, Brachys, Anthaxia and Chrysobothris, can be swept from the edge of dense deciduous woods than from the interior.
- (3) One should concentrate collecting at temperatures above 20°C. Also more specimens are usually taken on clear rather than cloudy days and on still rather than windy days.
- (4) Collecting in full sunlight seems to be important; thus, from 10:00 a.m. to noon collect at the southeastern edge of a wood lot, from noon to 3:00 p.m. collect at the

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southern edge, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the west edge, and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the northern edge in June. A net with a handle of 25 feet in length is useful, since a larger area of leaves exposed to full sunlight may be swept (Fig. 1).

(5) Other sites that warrant observation are trees and shrubs that have been injured or killed, preferably within a few months prior to adult activity. These trees and shrubs are



Fig. 1. A net with a 25-foot aluminum handle enables a collector to sweep a much larger vertical area.

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attractive as oviposition sites, and beetles can be captured by hand or net from them. Tree dumps often seem very unproductive, if the collector concentrates only on the dead logs; however, buprestids emerging from the dead trees may be abundant on adjacent vegetation. To improve collecting, note the prevailing winds and collect on downwind logs or vegetation. In this situation, it is possible to collect many adults from atypical plants which should not be listed as hosts (e.g., 25 species of buprestids were collected from willow, Salix sp., in a tree dump).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eighteen of the 42 North American genera of buprestids including 116 of the approximately 760 species have been collected in Michigan. For convenience and because of floral differences, Michigan has been divided into three zones (Fig. 2). The number of

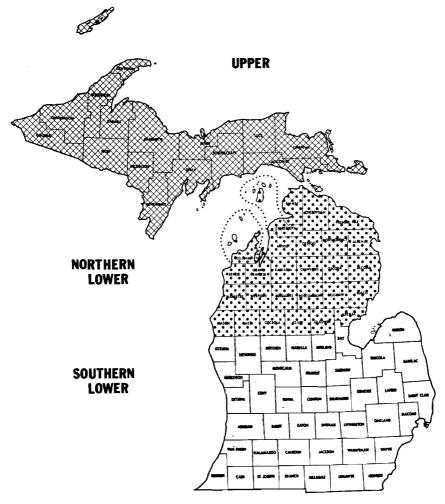


Fig. 2. Michigan's three zones: Upper (U), Northern Lower (NL), and Southern Lower (SL).

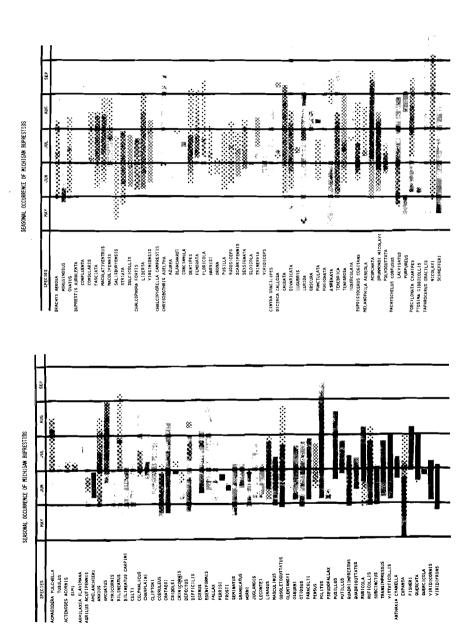


Fig. 3. Seasonal occurrence of adult Michigan buprestids; distribution records are indicated by the zone pattern in Fig. 2.

Michigan buprestid species from the three zones are: 45 species from the Upper (U) Zone; 71 species from the Northern Lower (NL) Zone; and 100 species from the Southern Lower (SL) Zone. The following number of species have been collected only in the zone listed: 5 (U), 0 (NL), and 41 (SL).

The seasonal occurrence of adult buprestid activity within each of the zones is presented in Fig. 3. The SL zone with its more diverse flora and more intense collecting shows a greater number of species than the other two zones. Figure 3 does not indicate those species that overwinter either as free-living adults or within their pupal cells; these may be found earlier or later in the year. For example, adult Taphrocerus gracilis Say were collected from the bulrush, Scirpus cyperinus, as late as November 17, 1973, at Okemos, Michigan, when the temperature reached 20.6°C. All Taphrocerus species in Michigan overwinter as free-living adults. The following genera are also known to have some species that overwinter as adults: Acmaeodera, Buprestis, Dicerca, Ptosima, Pachyschelus.

Keys to the genera and species of Michigan adult buprestids follow. The male genitalia are illustrated for Michigan species of *Chalcophora*, *Anthaxia*, *Pachyschelus* and for *Agrilus pseudofallax*. The complete recorded data are listed only for those species that have two or fewer collection records. Host data are for larval and/or adult collection sites. *Chalcophora lacustris* LeConte is synonymized with *C. virginiensis* (Drury), and *Pachyschelus confusus*, new species, is described.

KEY TO GENERA OF MICHIGAN BUPRESTIDAE

1.	Scutellum absent, elytra fused along median suture
1'.	Scutellum present, elytra separate
2(1').	Mesal width of metacoxal plates of uniform width or less than lateral width 3
2'.	Mesal width of metacoxal plates greater than lateral width 8
3(2). 3'.	Pronotum truncate at base
4(3').	Pronotum sinuate at base
4'.	Head and prosternum with antennal groove 6
5(4).	Basal metatarsal segment as long as the next three segments together
	Agrilus Curtis (p. 13)
5'.	Basal metatarsal segment slightly longer than the next segment
6(4').	Scutellum small, 1/6 or less than width of beetle
6'.	Scutellum large, 1/3 width of beetle Pachyschelus Solier (p. 17)
7(6).	Body elongate; prosternum without a pit between procoxae
7'.	
1.	Body ovate; prosternum with a deep pit between procoxae
8(2').	Head with deep median longitudinal groove; specimens usually longer than
	18 mm
8′.	Head without deep median longitudinal groove; specimens usually shorter than
9(8).	18 mm
, (0).	serrate; Host: Hardwoods
9'.	Pronotum elevated medially; apical third of lateral margin of elytra entire or
10/00	finely serrate; Host: Conifers
10(8'). 10'.	Posternal process acutely angulate laterally posterior to procoxae
	Lateral lobes of third metatarsal segment about equal in length to the second
	metatarsal segment
11'.	Lateral lobes of third metatarsal segment at least twice length of second
12(105	metatarsal segment
12(10).	Mentum somewhat translucent Melanophila Eschscholtz (p. 9)

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6 THE GREAT LAKES ENTOMOLOGIST Vol. 9, No. 1 13(12'). Pronotum with a median longitudinal ridge and elytral apices prolonged and more reddish than the remainder of the elytra. . Pocilontoa Eschscholtz (p. 8) 13'. Pronotum without a median longitudinal ridge and elytral apices prolonged . . 14 14'. 15(14). Body broad and short; clypeus broad and short... Anthaxia Eschscholtz (p. 9) Body long and narrow; clypeus long and narrow . . Agrilaxia Kerremans (p. 11) 15'. 16'. Subfamily BUPRESTINAE Tribe BUPRESTIN1 Genus CHALCOPHORA Solier These species can be collected from decadent or stressed conifers and occasionally from logs or other surfaces in full sun. Based on comparisons of the type of Chalcophora lacustris LeConte and its genitalia, we synonymize Chalcophora lacustris LeConte with Chalcophora virginiensis (Drury). KEY TO THE SPECIES OF CHALCOPHORA Subsutural groove of elytra interrupted at basal 1/5 by a raised area; size: 1. 22-32 mm (Male genitalia, Fig. 4A) virginiensis (Drury) Subsutural groove continuing to elytral base although sometimes shallow.... 2 Elytral depressions finely and densely punctured; elytra tapering behind the posterior third; elytral apex truncate; size: 19-24 mm (Male genitalia, Fig. 4B). liberta (Germar)

Genus CHALCOPHORELLA Kerremans

A single Michigan species, campestris (Say), recorded by Hubbard and Schwarz (1878) (specimen not seen) and one specimen labeled Michigan (MSUC). Host: Hardwoods.

Genus DICERCA Eschscholtz

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF DICERCA (after Nelson, 1975)

	(arter 1403011, 1575)
1. 1'.	Tip of elytron entire, truncate or produced at suture
2(1).	Second segment of antenna distinctly shorter than third
2'.	Second segment of antenna subequal to the third
3(2).	Mesotibia of male toothed laterally; last sternite of female tridentate, head with
` '	irregular raised area on vertex; Host: Pine, Pinus sp tenebrosa (Kirby)
3'.	Mesotibia of male simple; last sternite of female entire 4
4(3').	Smooth areas of elytra conspicuous; elytra brassy-brown, cupreous or green
	above; Host: Conifers tuberculata (LaPorte & Gory)
	Single record: Alcona County, 20-VII-1920, A. W. Andrews (MSUC).
4'.	Smooth areas of elytra inconspicuous; dark brown or black or with a cupreous
	tinge above
5(4').	Pronotal side margin strongly expanded; elytral tips moderately produced; Host:
	Maple, Acer sp lugubris LeConte
5'.	Pronotal side margin not or weakly expanded; elytral tips weakly produced;
	Host: Pine
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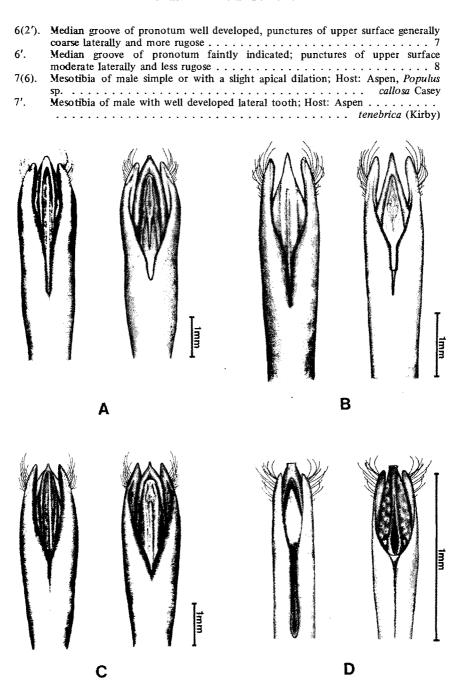


Fig. 4. Male genitalia: dorsal view (left) and ventral view (right). (A) Chalcophora virginiensis, (B) C. liberta, (C) C. fortis, and (D) Agrilus pseudofallax.

8(6′).	Pronotum widest at middle; elytral striae finely but usually distinctly indicated; lateral lobes of male genitalia rather abruptly tapering to apex; Host: Hardwoods		
8'.	Pronotum widest at base and feebly rounded to apex (sometimes subparallel towards base); elytral striae but faintly indicated; lateral lobes of male genitalia		
9(1').	tapering gradually to apex; Host: Alder, Alnus sp caudata LeConte Elytral tips distinctly prolonged; Host: Witchhazel, Hamamelis virginiana		
9'. 10(9').	Elytral tips not or faintly prolonged		
10'. 11(10'). 11'.	Quercus sp		
	Genus POECILONOTA Eschscholtz		
_	KEY TO THE SPECIES OF POECILONOTA		
1. 1'.	Apex of elytra usually reddish and elongate		
	Genus CINYRA LaPorte and Gory		
A çi	ngle Michigan species, gracilipes (Melsheimer) has been collected on: oak;		
	n, Crataegus sp.; and on the flowers of goldenrod, Solidago sp.		
	Genus BUPRESTIS Linnaeus		
KEY TO THE SPECIES OF BUPRESTIS			
1. 1'. 2(1). 2'. 3(2). 3'. 4(2'). 4'.	Elytra with yellow or orange markings		
5(1').	Elytra with raised costae		
5'. 6(5).	Elytra without raised costae; Host: Pine salisbury ensis (Herbst) Elytra bronze or black; lateral abdominal sternites maculated with orange or		
	yellow spots; Host: Conifers maculativentris Say		
6′.	Elytra greenish or bluish; lateral abdominal sternites not maculated with orange		

7(6'). Apical half of elytra with dense punctures between costae; elytra usually brilliant green to blue with sutural and lateral margins cupreous; anterior angles of pronotum not visible from above 8

Apical half of elytra with transverse ridges connecting costae; elytra copperbrown, often with greenish or bluish punctures; anterior angles of pronotum visible from above; Host: Pine sulcicollis (LeConte) Thirty-eight females but no males were collected on bleached driftwood logs on

the shore of Lake Superior adjacent to Whitefish Bay in July, 1971.

7'.

Genus MELANOPHILA Eschscholtz

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF MELANOPHILA

- fulvoguttata (Harris)
- 3'. Disc of pronotum striolate; Host: Conifers drummondi nicolayi Obenberger

Genus ANTHAXIA Eschscholtz

At least two color forms are found in each of the following four Michigan species of Anthaxia: cyanella Gory, fisheri Obenberger, quercata (Fabricius), and viridifrons Gory. Since detailed biological studies have not been undertaken, it is unknown whether any of these complexes are represented by more than one species. For example, the thorax and elytra of male cyanella individuals range from a bronze-green to a green-blue and all of the females are entirely blue; these color forms occur sympatrically. Thus, some males of cyanella and quercicola can easily be confused and should be separated by their genitalic differences. Both sexes of fisheri are represented by a larger dark purple form and a smaller bronze-green form; they often are collected together from American phum, Prunus americana, and have similar genitalia. Anthaxia quercata has two size forms with large males being greener and small males more blue-green. The forms are from widely separated localities but have similar genitalia and both occur on oak. Both sexes of viridifrons are represented by having either bronze or blue elytra forms; they have emerged from American elm, Ulmus americana, and males have similar genitalia.

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF ANTHAXIA

1.	Tarsal claws with tooth at base
1'.	Tarsal claws without tooth at base
2(1).	Elytra purple-black, tapered strongly at apex; Host: American plum (Male
-(-)-	genitalia, Fig. 5A) fisheri Obenberger
2'.	Elytra green, blue or bronze, tapered gradually at apex
3(2').	Prothorax uniformly green for males and blue for females; female with frons not
- 🗸 🏸	entirely blue; Host: Oak (Male genitalia, Fig. 5B) quercicola Wellso
3′.	Prothorax bronze or more than one color
4(3').	Male: frons green
4 ² .	Female: from not green
5(4).	Ventral metathoracic sclerite and abdominal sclerites bronze; Host: American
` ,	plum (Male genitalia, Fig. 5A) fisheri Obenberger
5'.	Ventral metathoracic sclerite green, abdominal sclerites not green 6
6(5').	Apical 1/3 of elytra unicolorous; Host: on Hickory (Male genitalia, Fig. 5C)
- (-) -	
6'.	Apical 1/3 of elytra bronze and blue-green (Male genitalia, Fig. 5D)
	quercata (Fabricius)
7(4')	Elytra blue; front of head blue cyanella Gory
7'.	Elytra not blue
8(7).	Pronotal disc bronze; Host: American plum fisheri Obenberger

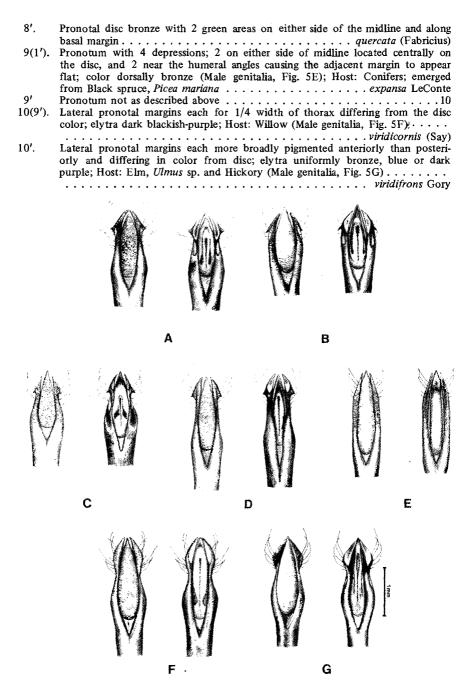


Fig. 5. Anthaxia male genitalia: dorsal view (left) and ventral view (right). (A) fisheri, (B) quercicola, (C) cyanella, (D) quercata, (E) expansa, (F) viridicornis, and (G) viridifrons.

Genus AGRILAXIA Kerremans

Three specimens of a single Michigan species, flavimana (Gory), were collected in a mixed hardwoods at Romulus, Wayne County, on 16-VII-1974 by Richard S. Taylor.

Tribe CHRYSOBOTHRINI Genus CHRYSOBOTHRIS Eschscholtz

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF CHRYSOBOTHRIS

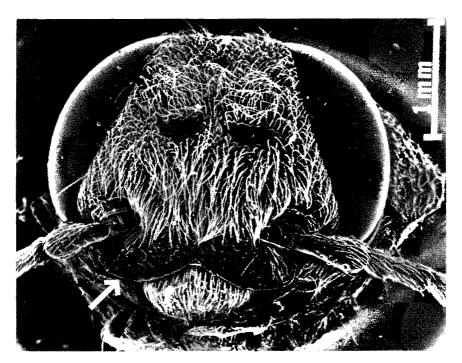


Fig. 6. Head of Chrysobothris rugosiceps. Arrow pointing to the semicircularly emarginate clypeus.

	One record: Livingston County, 2 mi. N. of Whitmore Lake, 4-VII-1956, G. H.
	Nelson.
15'.	Elytra with costae
16(15').	Body above dark bronzy-brown; Host: Hardwoods and Conifers; emerged from
	Black spruce sexsignata (Say)
16'.	Body above violaceous, blue or cupreous; Host: Oak azurea LeConte
17(2').	Elytra with distinct foveae; Host: Conifers pusilla Castelnau & Gory
17'.	Elytra without distinct foveae; Host: Pine harrisi (Hentz)

Genus ACTENODES Dejean

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF ACTENODES

- 1. Fourth antennal segment strongly triangular, at widest part nearly twice as wide as third, and the following segments transverse; Host: Maple acornis (Say)

Subfamily ACMAEODERINAE Tribe ACMAEODERINI Genus ACMAEODERA Eschscholtz

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF ACMAEODERA

1. Elytra dark with isolated spots; last ventral sternite without subapical plate, procoxae with branched setae (Fig. 7); Host: Hardwoods . . . tubulus (Fabricius)



Fig. 7. Branched setae on fore coxa of Acmaeodera tubulus.

Frequently found feeding on the petals of wild geranium, Geranium maculatum, and occasionally found ovipositing on red oak, Quercus borealis.

Genus PTOSIMA Solier

A dark blue and yellow species, gibbicollis (Say), inhabits redbud, Cercis canadensis, in southern Michigan.

Subfamily AGRILINAE Tribe AGRILINI Genus EUPRISTOCERUS Deyrolle

A single robust species, cogitans' (Weber), with a copper colored thorax and black elytra with faint white pubescent markings, is often collected on speckled alder, Alnus rugosa.

Genus AGRILUS Curtis

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF AGRILUS

- Elytral apices prolonged, terminating in a large spine...... ferrisi Dury
 One record: Three pupae collected from hackberry, Celtis occidentalis, from
 Ingham County, Okemos, 15-VI-1972

2	2(1'). 2'. 3(2). 3'. 4(3). 4'. 5(4).	Antennae serrate beginning with the fourth segment
8	6(4'). 6'. 7(6'). 7'. 8(7). 8'. 9(7').	Abdominal segments with pubescent spots laterally; Host: Honey locust, Gleditsia triacanthos
10	0(9').	Male: last ventral abdominal segment fimbriate at apex; Host: Oak
111 112 122 133 144	1'. 2(11). 2'. 3(12'). 3'.	Male: last ventral abdominal segment not fimbriate at apex
15	5(11').	Male: second abdominal segment transversely concave; Host: Black walnut
	5'. 5(15').	Male: second abdominal segment not transversely concave
16	6′.	Male genitalia without protruding fleshy lobes at apex of parameres; frons bluish or greenish
	7(16′). 7′.	Male genitalia expanded near middle and parameres with tips parallel; Host: Butternut, Juglans cinerea
18	8(3'). 8'. 9(18).	Pygidium with a projecting carina
10	91	Proportion without a densely subsecent median longitudinal groove

20(19').	Pronotum without, or with only feebly indicated, prehumeral carinae 21
20'.	Pronotum with distinct prehumeral carinae
21(20).	Elytra with pubescent spots or pubescent vittae
21'.	Elytra without pubescent spots or pubescent vittae
22(21).	Elytra black with a distinct whitish or yellowish pubescent vitta on each elytron;
	Host: Oak bilineatus (Weber)
22'.	Elytra blue or bluish-black with an indistinct pubescent vitta in the basal
	depressions of each elytron; Host: Hop hornbeam bilineatus carpini Knull
23(21').	Vertical aspect of the abdominal segments densely pubescent (except sometimes
	the second)
23'.	Vertical aspect of abdominal segments not conspicuously pubescent; Host:
	Willow
	This species forms distinct galls (Fig. 8) that are often split open revealing the
	underlying cambium.
24(23).	Elytra blue or blue-black; vertical surface of second abdominal segment glabrous,
	all others segment with white pubescence; Host: American hazel, Hop hornbeam,
	Oak



Fig. 8. Willow stem gall of $Agrilus\ criddlei$ showing typical fissures in bark exposing the underlying cambium.

24'.	Elytra olivaceous bronze to black; vertical surfaces of all abdominal segments with white or gold pubescence; Host: Oak quadriimpressus Ziegler
	Vertical surface of abdominal segments (except sometimes the second) conspicu- ously pubescent
25'.	Vertical surface of all abdominal segments uniformly, but not conspicuously pubescent
26(25).	Frons densely pubescent, the pubescence nearly obscuring the surface; elytral apex broadly rounded; Host: Lombardy poplar, <i>Populus nigra</i> L. var. italica granulatus (Say)
26'.	Frons not densely pubescent, the surface distinctly visible; elytral apex acute or narrowly rounded; Host: Willow
	Lateral margins of pronotum with a reddish tinge; elytra greenish-bronze to reddish-cupreous with a faint pubescent spot at apical third, often running indistinctly along the sutural margin to apex; Host: Alder pensus Hom The color of 45 Michigan specimens reared from alder was more variable than Fisher (1928) noted; also, Michigan specimens as reported previously by Carlson (1969) typically have an indistinct apical elytral spot.
27'.	Above olivaceous black or blue-gray to bronze
	Vertical surface of abdominal segments obscured by an even distribution of pubescence; Host: Shoots of Quaking aspen, <i>Populus tremuloides</i> , or Big tooth aspen, <i>P. grandidentata</i> (Nord et al., 1971) horni Kerremans
28′.	Vertical surface of abdominal segments with some pubescence but not obscuring the surface
29(28').	Elytra without pubescent spots; male genitalia ventrally with the bevel of the
	inner margin of each paramere wide; female with projecting pygidial spine about equal in length and width, elliptical in cross section at apex; Host: Birch, Betula
29'.	sp
29.	Elytra often with a pair of indistinct spots at basal third; male genitalia ventrally
	with the bevel of the inner margin of each paramere narrow; female with
	projecting pygidial spine longer than wide, rounded in cross section at apex; Host: Aspen
	Elytra with pubescent spots or lines
30′.	Elytra without pubescent spots or lines
31(30).	Prosternal lobe deeply emarginate in front; Host: Hardwoods
211	obsoletoguttatus Gory
31'.	Prosternal lobe not deeply emarginate in front; Host: Honey locust and Hackberry
	Outer antennal segments (7-11) distinctly wider than long
32'.	Outer antennal segments (7-11) not distinctly wider than long
33(32).	Prosternal lobe broadly rounded in front; Host: Stem galls on Raspberry, Rubus
33′.	sp. and Rose, Rosa sp
	Prosternal lobe emarginate in front; Host: Willow politus (Say) Dorsally dark blue to greenish-blue; prosternal lobe deeply emarginate in front;
JT(J4).	Host: Tartarian honeysuckle, Lonicera tartarica coeruleus (Rossi)
34'.	Dorsally not blueish; prosternal lobe shallowly emarginate in front, elytra bronze or purple-reddish
35(34′).	Elytra blackish-bronze to olivaceous; setae on lower fourth of face more dense,
35'.	obscuring surface; Host: Dogwood, Cornus sp cephalicus LeConte Elytra usually reddish at apex or with purple tinge; setae on lower fourth of face
	not obscuring surface
36(35').	Body above unicolored; pronotum and elytra the same color; Host: Hawthorn
36'.	Body above bicolored; pronotum cupreous and elytra purplish or piceous; Host: Serviceberry
37(2'). 37'.	Elytra with pubescent spots, vittae, or irregular designs
38(3/).	Fromotum with prenumeral carmae

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38'.	Pronotum without prehumeral carinae; Host: Privet, Ligustrum sp
39(38). 39'. 40(39).	Elytra with irregular pubescent designs; Host: Hackberry lecontei Saunders Elytral pubescent spots distinct, medial spots rounded; [Male genitalia refigured
40′.	from Fisher (1928) (Fig. 4D)]; Host: Honey locust pseudofallax Frost Elytral pubescent spots indistinct, medial spots elongate; Host: Honey locust egeniformis Champlain & Knull
	Pronotum with prehumeral carinae
41'.	transfer production of the production of the production and
42(41).	
42'.	Surface above unicolored
43(42').	Elytra uniformly sparsely clothed with distinct white hairs; prosternum deeply
	emarginate in front; Host: Hackberry olentangyi Champlain & Knull
	One record: Lenawee County, Morenci, 13-VI-1974, S. G. Wellso
43'.	Elytra not uniformly clothed with distinct hairs, although an indistinct pubes-
	cent vitta may be present on each elytron; prosternal lobe truncate or slightly
	emarginate
44(43').	Each elytron with a very indistinct often interrupted sutural vitta; apex of aedeagus blunt; Host: Hackberry
44'.	Elytra with distinct pubescence only in humeral depression
45(44').	Male genitalia with sides of the parameres nearly parallel; Host: Hackberry
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45′.	Male genitalia with sides of the parameres very strongly, arcuately expanded; Host: Black locust, Robinia pseudoacacia egenus Gory
	Genus PACHYSCHELUS Solier

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF PACHYSCHELUS

1	•	Elytra purple with white pubescent markings; male genitalia (Fig. 9A); Host:	
		Wild geranium purpureus (Say)	
1	<i>'</i> .	Elytra black without white pubescent markings	
2	(1').	Male genitalia (Fig. 9B); Host: Desmodium sp laevigatus Say	
2	: ' .	Male genitalia (Fig. 9C, D); Host: Lespedeza sp	

Pachyschelus confusus Wellso and Manley, NEW SPECIES

HOLOTYPE MALE: Form and size of P. laevigatus (Say); ovate; color uniformly shining black.

Head convex, slightly bronze, with longitudinal depression in front; surface with a few scattered punctures and setae; surface between punctures finely granulose.

Pronotum widest at base, narrowest at apex, sides arcuate from the apex to base, hind angles slightly produced; surface with scattered punctures, each puncture bearing a single recumbent seta; surface between punctures finely granulose; scutellum trapezoid, impunctate, and glabrous.

Elytra almost as broad as pronotum, widest at base, narrowest at apex, sides arcuate from apex to base, tips rounded and entire lateral apical margins serrulate; disk convex, each elytron with a lateral excavation behind umbone; surface with punctures, each puncture bearing a single recumbent white seta (Fig. 10A).

Ventral surface (Fig. 10B) concolorous with dorsal; underside of thorax with scattered punctures, medially with scattered, moderately long white setae; hind tibia with a concave area about midway on outer margin containing a row of stout setae (Fig. 10C); abdomen minutely granulate and bearing scattered short white setae; last abdominal sternite with scattered small tubercles, setae denser and longer than on other abdominal segments, posteriorly obtusely rounded with a small spine at apex. Size: length 2.13 mm; width, 1.27 mm.

ALLOTYPE FEMALE: Differs from the male by having the last abdominal sternite depressed, with two sets of four teeth on either side of the apex (Fig. 10D). Size: length, 2.19 mm; width, 1.48 mm.

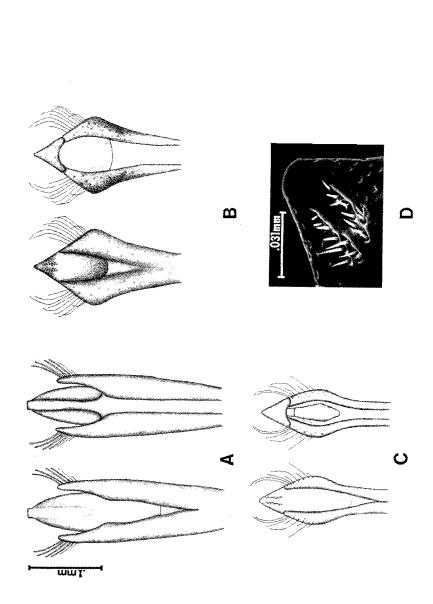


Fig. 9. Pachyschelus male genitalia: (A-c) dorsal view (left) and ventral view (right). (A) purpureus, (B) confusus n.sp., (C) laevigatus, and (D) detail of dorsal apex of aedaegus of confusus n.sp.

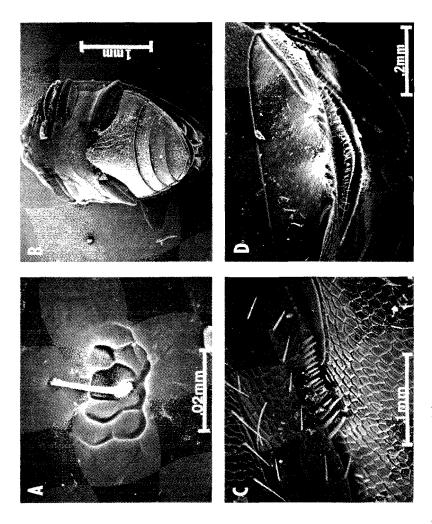


Fig. 10. Pachyschelus confusus n.sp.: (A) seta on dorsal elytron surface, (B) ventral view of male, (C) metatibia comb, and (D) note two sets of four spines on last visible abdominal segment of female.

TYPES: Holotype male: Michigan: Shiawassee County, T5N R1E Sec. 21, 21-VIII-1974, G. V. Manley, sweeping bush clover, Lespedeza capitata Michx. Allotype female: Same collection data as holotype. Both types deposited in MSUC. Paratypes: 460 males and 380 females from type locality in late August; 13 males and 7 females collected by Daniel Young at the type locality on 4-VI-1975; and 25 males and 16 females from Oakland County, T2N R8E Sec. 21, 8-VI-1974, G. V. Manley. Paratypes deposited in authors' collections, MSUC, UMMZ, UWEM, JNKC, GHNC, DYCC, USNM, MCZC, AMNH, CASC, CHAH [Abbreviations listed in Arnett and Samuelson (1969)].

VARIATION: No variation noted other than the range in size. Males: length, 1.92-2.33 mm; width, 1.14-1.31 mm. Females: length, 2.13-2.51 mm; width, 1.31-1.49 mm.

COMPARISON: This species is very similar to *laevigatus* Say and is undoubtedly placed with it in collections. The two species can be separated by the male genitalia (Fig. 9B, C). In Michigan, *confusus* is associated with *Lespedeza* sp. (specifically *capitata*), and *laevigatus* with *Desmodium* sp. (specifically *canadense*).

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All of these species have been collected on bulrushes.

KEY TO THE SPECIES OF TAPHROCERUS

- Elytra with pubescent markings
 Elytra without pubescent markings
 schaefferi Nicolay & Weiss
- 2(1). Smaller species: less than 3 mm in length. nicolayi Obenberger
- 2. Larger species: usually greater than 3 mm in length..... gracilis Say We speculate that the forward pointing thoracic sensilla may be used to give the beetle the information to ensure that it does not become so tightly lodged between the bases of two adjacent bulrush blades that its legs could not be extended (Fig. 11).

ADDITIONAL SPECIES AND STUDIES

Certain species, although not available during the preparation of this paper, probably occur in Michigan. These include: Acmaeodera ornatoides Barr, Chrysobothris chryseola Illiger, C. verdigrippennis Frost, Poecilinota thureura Say, and Ptosima walshii LeConte.

Additional studies are warranted on Anthaxia sp., as well as on the Agrilus anxius, A. acutipennis, A. acutipennis, A. politus, and Chrysobothris femorata complexes. Biological studies are necessary to better define the species limits, and separate or combine subspecies and color morphs.

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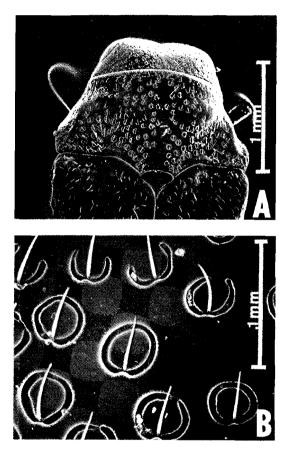


Fig. 11. Taphrocerus gracilis: (A) head and pronotum, and (B) pronotal "belt buckle" sensory organs whose setae point anterad.

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