

Order PASSERES, Perching Birds  
**Hylocichla ustulata** (Nuttall), Olive-backed Thrush.  
*Philopterus* sp.

**Ixoreus naevius** (Gmelin), Varied Thrush.  
*Bruelia* sp.  
*Philopterus* sp.  
**Sialia mexicana** Swainson, Western Bluebird.  
*Philopterus* ? *sialii* (Osborn).

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## ANNOTATED LIST OF FOREST INSECTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PART V — *DIORYCTRIA* SPP. (PYRALIDAE)<sup>1</sup>

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Snout moths of the genus *Dioryctria* (includes *Pinipestis*) are an important, although rather imperfectly known group of conifer pests. Their larvae attack cones, foliage, and the bark and outer wood of twigs or trunks. Larvae of most *Dioryctria* are drab and of uniform coloration. Some species have pigmented pinacula giving a spotted appearance; others have broad, and in some instances, obscure stripes. All members of the genus have a prominent, pale-coloured, black-ringed pinaculum above each spiracle on A<sub>8</sub>, and an even more prominent, similarly marked pinaculum on the side of T<sub>2</sub>. *Dioryctria* spp. over-winter in the larval stage; most of the boring species pupate in a silk-lined cell within the host plant tissue. Excepting *D. abietella* D. & S. which emerges in the spring, adults emerge during midsummer.

**D. auranticella** (Grote). *Pinus ponderosa* (cones and staminate flowers); Southern Interior. During 1949 to 1954, was in epidemic proportions through much of the Okanagan Valley; as many as 80 per cent of the

cones from some sample trees were infested. Usually cones that have been attacked by this borer do not open. Infested cones have small, round, clean exit holes. Often several larvae feed in a cone leaving it a mere shell. This insect pupates in a silk-lined cell in the cone. **Larva:** length, 1 inch; head, reddish-brown and black; prothoracic shield and legs, black; body, blackish to dirty light brown, may be reddish tinge on thorax; suranal plate, anal prolegs, and circular spot on eighth abdominal segment, pale tan, the latter with narrow black border; brownish about setal bases.

**D.** sp. nr. **auranticella**. *Pinus ponderosa* (cones); Southern Interior; much less common than *auranticella*; habits similar to *D. auranticella*. **Larva:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch; reddish-brown head; prothoracic shield, suranal shield and sides of anal prolegs pale tan; body flesh-coloured; subdorsal-supraspiracular stripe dark grey; pinacula not pigmented.

**D. abietella** D. & S. In the cones of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Picea engelmanni*, *Abies lasiocarpa*, *Pinus ponderosa*, *Pinus contorta* (and from *Cronartium* gall on branch), *Pinus monticola* (from

mechanically injured portion of bole); generally distributed throughout Interior B.C. Larva forms a mass of frass and castings about burrow entrance; the cone boring form overwinters on the ground as a fully developed larva in a silky cocoon coated with adhering bits of duff and soil. Douglas fir cones were infested lightly throughout much of the Southern Interior during 1950 and 1951, although the species was less numerous than *Barbara colfaxiana*. **Larva:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch; head, reddish-brown, prothoracic shield paler; upper half of body, pinkish-red, rather obscure dark dorsal and subdorsal stripes; venter pale; suranal plate and centre of  $A_8$  pale tan, speckled with brown.

**D. reniculella** Grt. complex. *Picea glauca*, *Picea engelmanni*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Abies lasiocarpa*; generally distributed. The form on spruce may be a species distinct from the fir feeders. *D. reniculella* is almost exclusively a needle feeder in British Columbia; only one adult was reared from a Douglas fir cone. No outbreaks recorded. **Larva:**  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch; head, tan to dark brown to black; prothoracic shield yellowish-tan; ground colour of body, pale yellow; upper portions of body, pale cinnamon, with faint yellowish dorsal and subdorsal stripes; dark brown patches or black stripe along supraspiracular area.

**D. zimmermani** (Grt.). *Pinus contorta* (bole and branches, and ex *Cronartium* sp. galls on branches); *Pinus monticola* (bole). This species is chiefly secondary and only occasionally is primary in British Columbia; generally distributed through the Interior. **Larva:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch; head, reddish-brown, mouthparts, blackish; prothoracic shield dark brown; suranal plate pale tan; body, dirty off-white; blackish pinacula; irregular rows of minute black platelets on thorax and abdomen observable under magnification.

**D. sp. nr. zimmermani.** *Pinus ponderosa* (bole); Nicola R. Valley. Four adults were reared from the area surrounding a patch of rodent-damaged bark. **Larva:** unknown.

**D. cambiicola** Dyar. *Pinus ponderosa* (twigs); Okanagan Valley. A light infestation occurred in mature ponderosa pine, Summerland Experimental Farm, 1953-1954. The larvae bore into sides of twigs and feed on the bark and cambium of branchlets; their presence is indicated by a mass of pitch-coated frass and castings. The terminal portion of the infested branch dies. **Larva:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch; head, reddish-brown, black about mouthparts; prothoracic shield, black; body, dirty white; blackish pinacula; under magnification, irregular rows of minute black platelets discernible on thorax and abdomen; centre of suranal plate and anal prolegs, reddish-brown or black.

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One change in a species name was made by the senior author after the paper was in press. This was done following a perusal of the newly released "American Moths of the Subfamily Phycitinae" by C. Heinrich. U.S.N.M. Bull. 207. 1956

#### *Gyrophæna insolens* Csy.

*Gyrophæna insolens* Csy. (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae). I took a good series of this insect at Creston, B.C., from a large yellow mushroom, 9-IX-1951. By that time Seevers' *Revision of Gyrophæna* was already in press, so my capture was too late to receive notice. But in his letter identifying the species Seevers mentioned he had seen only three

or four specimens of *insolens*, these from the type locality, Isle Royale, Michigan. The *Revision* lists five species from B.C., all of which I have: *affinis* Sahlb., *uteana* Csy., *keeni* Csy., *californica* Csy. and *nana* Payk. But *insolens* is larger and more distinctive than any of these.—G. Stace Smith, Creston, B.C.