

***TRICHOFERUS CAMPESTRIS* (FALDERMANN) (COLEOPTERA: CERAMBYCIDAE),
AN ASIAN WOOD-BORING BEETLE RECORDED IN NORTH AMERICA**

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ABSTRACT

Two adult specimens of *Trichoferus campestris* (Faldermann, 1835), a newly detected alien wood-boring beetle native to Asia (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae), were collected in Repentigny, Quebec, Canada in 2002 and 2006. Adults, pupae, and mature larvae of this species are described, illustrated and diagnosed to facilitate its recognition among other North American Cerambycidae. The mtDNA sequence of the COI “barcoding” region of a Canadian specimen was obtained and analyzed. We discuss taxonomic affinities of *T. campestris*, its native distribution, host plants, and significance as a quarantine pest in North America. The importance of solid wood-packaging material as a potential pathway for invasive wood-boring species is highlighted. Seven other non-native Cerambycidae species first recorded in North America since 1980 [*Tetropium fuscum* (Fabricius, 1787), *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky, 1853), *Tetrops praeusta* (Linnaeus, 1758), *Callidiellum rufipenne* (Motschulsky, 1860), *Phoracantha semipunctata* (Fabricius, 1775), *Phoracantha recurva* Newman, 1842, and *Sybra alternans* (Wiedemann, 1825)] are briefly discussed.

Key Words: dunnage, *Hesperophanes*, introduction, invasive species, wood-packaging

Over the last few decades, a few high-profile species of wood-boring Coleoptera have unwittingly found their way across the oceans to invade North America. The most notable of these, *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky, 1853), the Asian longhorned beetle (Cerambycidae), and *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, 1888, the emerald ash borer (Buprestidae), have caused significant economic losses and generated unprecedented attention to the taxonomy and biology of xylophagous beetles alien to North America. Many newly-arrived beetle species that have established themselves in North America, like the two aforementioned, have originated in the Asia-Pacific Region (P. R. China, Russian Far East, and neighboring lands) and are poorly known taxonomically. In some cases, species identification of the first New World specimens was a task that exceeded the capacity of the entire North American entomological community, as with the emerald ash borer (Haack *et al.* 2002). Even for beetles as large and charismatic as *Anoplophora* Hope, a comprehensive generic revision did not exist at

the time of the first North American record (Haack *et al.* 1996), but was provided later after having been triggered by the introduction (Lingafelter and Hoebeke 2002).

In this paper, we report the discovery of two North American specimens of yet another alien wood-boring beetle native to Asia, the longhorn *Trichoferus campestris* (Faldermann, 1835), a member of the taxonomically poorly understood *Trichoferus* Wollaston - *Hesperophanes* Dejean complex belonging to the cerambycine tribe Hesperophanini. Both genera include about 20 species widely distributed throughout the southern Palaearctic region from Japan, Korea and P. R. China (Gressitt 1951) through central Asia and the Caucasus region to southern Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa (Plavil'shchikov 1940; Švácha and Danilevsky 1988). *Hesperophanes pubescens* (Haldeman, 1847) is the only species native to the Western Hemisphere (Monné and Hovore 2006). Both North American specimens of *T. campestris* were hand-collected in August 2002 and July 2006 from a window screen in a residential

area of the city of Repentigny, near Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The homeowner forwarded both beetles to RV, who recognized them as a species new to his extensive collection of Quebec longhorns. This news eventually reached the Entomology Research Laboratory of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in Ottawa (via Yves Bousquet and Serge Laplante), thus initiating this project.

The goal of this paper is to hypothesize that *T. campestris* may have become established in North America. We report the discovery of two Canadian specimens and provide illustrated descriptions of adult, larval and pupal stages of this species, including male and female genitalia, as well as the genetic barcode DNA sequence. We also compare different life stages of this species with those of similar or related native North American Cerambycidae in order to facilitate the recognition of *T. campestris*. We discuss known biological attributes of this species and the likelihood of its establishment in North America, as well as the importance of solid wood-packaging as a pathway of introduction for alien wood-boring species. Finally, we list seven other non-native Cerambycidae either recorded or established in North America from about 1980 onwards.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

News of the discovery of two specimens of a *Trichoferus* species reached the CFIA Entomology Laboratory in early August 2008. In late August 2008, a CFIA team set up four black-light traps for two nights in and around the residential property in Repentigny where both specimens had been found. No additional specimens of *Trichoferus* were collected. A search for more specimens of this species from North America in the Canadian National Collection in Ottawa, in the Lyman Entomological Museum in Montreal, and in the United States National Museum in Washington, D.C. revealed none. All material reported in this paper is deposited in the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes (CNC), Ottawa. Photographs were taken using a Nikon DXM1200F digital camera mounted on a Nikon SMZ1500 dissecting microscope. A few images of each specimen were taken with different focal depth and combined into a single sharp image using CombineZM (Hadley 2008).

Molecular laboratory work was performed at the Canadian Centre for DNA Barcoding in Guelph following the methods described by Ratnasingham and Hebert (2007). The GenBank accession number for the single newly-generated partial nucleotide sequence of the cytochrome oxidase subunit 1 (CO1) mitochondrial gene of the female *T. campestris* adults is GQ404374; DNA from the second specimen failed to amplify. This sequence is 658 nucleotides

long and was compared with GenBank data using Blast algorithm (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>; "nucleotide blast" and dataset: "others (nr etc.)"). The same sequence was compared with those from the Barcode of Life Data System (<http://www.boldsystems.org/views/login.php>) through "Identify Specimen" and "All Barcode Records on BOLD (493,412 sequences)".

Trichoferus campestris (Faldermann)

campestris Faldermann, 1835: 435 (*Callidium*).

Type locality: "China borealis". **Type series:** single female (holotype), in Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia (not examined).

=*turkestanicum* Heyden, 1886: 193

(*Stromatium*)

=*rusticus* Ganglbauer, 1886: 133

(*Hesperophanes*)

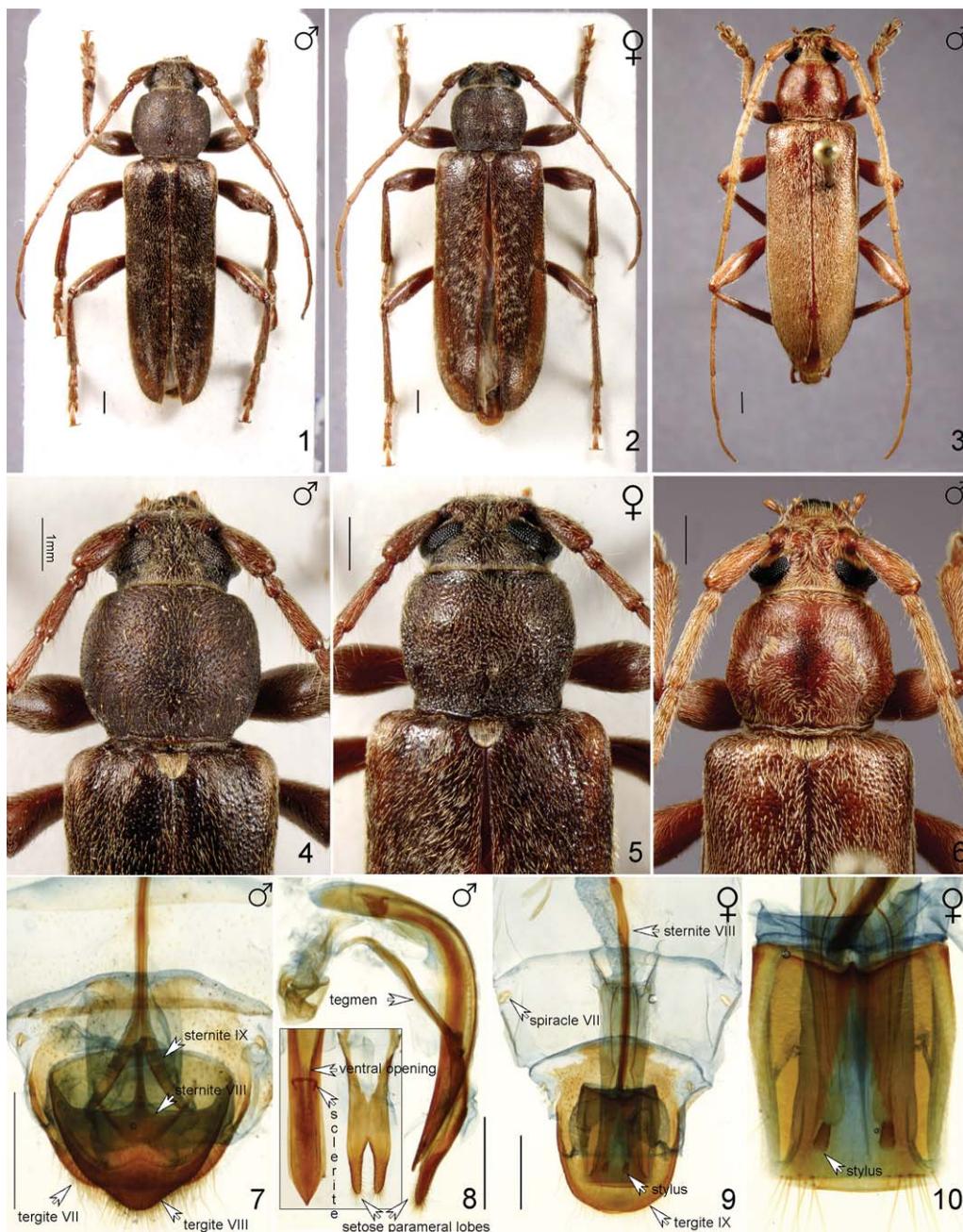
=*flavopubescens* Kolbe, 1886: 219

(*Hesperophanes*)

Material Examined. Adults: ♂, CANADA: Quebec, Repentigny, 05–VIII–2002, P. Chagnon, CVCCOLVG00000051; ♀, same data as ♂, except 10–VII–2006, CVCCOLVG00000052. Numerous adults, larvae and a single pupa intercepted by CFIA inspectors mainly at the Port of Vancouver from wooden dunnage in containers arriving from P. R. China (including Hong Kong).

Morphological Description. Adult. Length 16 mm (n=2) and parallel-sided, uniformly brown-black (Figs. 1, 2), not shiny; antenna about 90% and 70% of body length in male and female, respectively; body dorsally with short, uniform pubescence and with sparsely distributed, long, erect setae exceeding pilosity height by 3–4 times; pronotum with fine uniform sculpture; male genitalia as in Figs. 7 and 8; female genitalia as in Figs. 9 and 10. **Adult sexual dimorphism.** Females with pronotum narrower in relation to elytra (Figs. 2, 5) than in males (Figs. 1, 4); posterior margin of abdominal sternum VI (visible ventrite 4) straight in females and widely notched at middle in males. **Pupa.** Body length 18 mm (n=1); white-beige (Fig. 14); with sclerotized dark spines on terga, most noticeable on tergum VI. **Mature larva.** Length 15–30 mm (n=10); white when live and white-beige when blanched and stored in alcohol; with six short thoracic legs (Figs. 11–13); abdominal apex without urogomphi or other projections or sclerotized structures; labrum much narrower than clypeus; mandibles with the spoon-shaped apices meeting at the medial line; each side of head with three stemmata arranged in vertical row (Fig. 15, left arrow); anterior part of head capsule dark.

Morphological Diagnosis. An attempt to identify adults of *T. campestris* using available keys



Figs. 1–10. *Trichoferus campestris* (1–2, 4–5, 7–10) and *Hesperophanes pubescens* (3, 6; Canada, Quebec, Eardley, 16–VII–1991, S. Laplante leg.), adult beetles, habitus and genitalia. 1–3) Habitus, dorsal view; 4–6) Anterior part of body, dorsal view; 7) Male genital sclerites (aedeagus and tegmen removed), ventral view; 8) Aedeagus and tegmen, ventral view (apices of aedeagus and tegmen are boxed, right lateral view); 9) Female genital sclerites, ventral view; 10) Apex of ovipositor, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm.



Figs. 11–16. *Trichoferus campestris* (11–15) and *Hylotrupes bajulus* (16; intercepted in Vancouver, Canada in sea cargo dunnage from Hong Kong), larvae and pupa. **11–13** (Intercepted in Vancouver, Canada in sea cargo dunnage from Korea), grown larva, dorsal view (11), left lateral view (12, arrow indicates right hind leg) and ventral view (13); **14** Pupa, dorsal view (arrow indicates sclerotized spines; intercepted in Vancouver, Canada in sea cargo dunnage from P. R. China); **15–16** Head, frontal view (left arrows indicate the lowest stemmata on the vertical row of three right stemmata; right arrows indicate the spoon-shaped mandibular apices characteristic of Cerambycinae larvae).

for the North American Cerambycidae (Linsley 1962; Yanega 1996; Turnbow and Thomas 2002; Lingafelter 2007) lead to the native *H. pubescens*, the only species of the *Trichoferus-Hesperophanes* complex native to the Western Hemisphere (Figs. 3, 6). *Hesperophanes pubescens* is distributed throughout eastern North America from Quebec and Ontario south to Georgia and Alabama and west to Minnesota and Iowa (Linsley 1962), is rarely encountered, and its host plant, an undetermined oak species (*Quercus* sp.), was only recently discovered (Vlasak and Vlasakova 2002). Both species are known to occur near Montreal, Quebec (McNamara 1991). Adults of *T. campestris* are somewhat darker (Figs. 1, 2 as compared to Fig. 3) and can be distinguished from *H. pubescens* by the presence of a few sparse, long, erect setae protruding above the pubescence (Fig. 5; best visible on lateral side of pronotum just dorsal to the profemora). Cerambycidae pupae are too inadequately known to allow pupal diagnosis of *T. campestris* (Fig. 14), although the latter has unusual sharp, sclerotized dark projections on abdominal terga I–VI, most developed on tergum VI. Mature larvae of the

genus *Trichoferus*, having all characteristic features of the subfamily Cerambycinae (such as short legs, mandibles with spoon-shaped apices meeting at the medial line (Figs. 15, 16, arrow), labrum much narrower than clypeus; see more in Švácha and Danilevsky 1988), differ from most others by having three stemmata (instead of two, one, or none) arranged in a vertical row (Fig. 15). This rare feature is known elsewhere in Cerambycinae only from *Hesperophanes*, *Hylotrupes* Serville, 1834, and a few others, most notably, although not exclusively, members of the tribe Cerambycini that are exotic to North America. Larvae of *Hylotrupes bajulus* (Linnaeus, 1758), a Palearctic species established in the USA since at least the last century (Linsley 1964), is only doubtfully known from Canada, based on a single Quebec specimen collected in the 1800s (Laplante 1989; McNamara 1991). Larvae of that species are most reliably distinguished from those of *Trichoferus* by their lighter-colored head capsules (Fig. 16), especially by the lack of pigmentation behind the stemmata. Švácha and Danilevsky (1988) used the presence of “large rugose transverse protuberance immediately behind

stemmata” to distinguish larvae of *Hesperophanes* from those of *Trichoferus*, although they did not have larvae of the North American *H. pubescens*, which are still unknown.

Molecular Identification. A GenBank Blast search indicated that the sequence most similar to that of the single sequenced specimen (see above) was that of *T. campestris*, accession number DQ224241, 454 nucleotides long, with Identities=407/417 (97%), uploaded by An *et al.*, Jiangsu Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, Laboratory of Plant Quarantine, 99 Zhonghua Road, Nanjing, Jiangsu 210001, China. This is the only orthologous sequence of a Hesperophanini beetle currently available at GenBank (accessed on February 4, 2009). The second most similar sequence was EU877950, corresponding to *Shaperius* Waltp. sp. (Sphaeriusidae), a myxophagan beetle, with Identities=83%. A Barcode of Life search indicated that the three most similar sequences were those of a species named “*campestris*” (either under the generic name *Trichoferus* or *Hesperophanes*), with the following associated data: “*H. campestris*, CERPA289-08, Canada, British Columbia” (two sequences, similarity 98.27 and 98.14%), and *T. campestris*, Russia, Primorskiy Krai, similarity 98.25%. The origin of these two “*H. campestris*” specimens marked “British Columbia” is unclear, because the species has never been reported to be found in western Canada, except for specimens intercepted in imported goods at Canadian ports of entry. Specimens of *H. pubescens* ranked in similarity number four and five with the values of 84.81% and 84.42%, respectively. These five sequences were, apparently, all of the currently sequenced representatives of Hesperophanini uploaded at the Barcode of Life site (accessed on February 04, 2009).

Taxonomic Identity and Position. The identity of the species commonly referred to as “*T. campestris*” is far from certain. As currently accepted, this species has a relatively widespread distribution (see below) extending throughout half of the Palaearctic region. Numerous narrowly distributed xerophilous *Trichoferus* species have been described from the eastern part of the Mediterranean region (Sama 1994; Kadlec and Rejzek 2001; Sama and Makris 2001; Kadlec 2005; Sama *et al.* 2005) and sometimes it is difficult to distinguish them from the sympatrically distributed *T. campestris*. This species is well-known partly because it is widespread and locally abundant in the eastern part of its native range. As a result, the majority of *Trichoferus* interceptions from P.R. China and surrounding territories were attributed to this species, although there is no certainty whether they might or might not be conspecific with the true *T. campestris*. Both *Trichoferus* and

Hesperophanes require careful taxonomic revision to delimit species concepts and to solve the long-standing uncertainty on the taxonomic status of *Trichoferus*, which is considered as either a valid genus (Plavil'shchikov 1940; Gressitt 1951; Švácha and Danilevsky 1988), a subgenus (Villiers 1978; Turnbow and Thomas 2002; Niisato 2007), or a junior synonym (Linsley 1962; Monné and Hovore 2006) of *Hesperophanes*. This issue, however, is outside the scope of the present paper.

Native Distribution. *Trichoferus campestris* is native to the southeastern part of the Palaearctic region from Japan (Niisato 2007), the Russian Far East, Korean peninsula, Mongolia and most of P.R. China (Gressitt 1951; Cherepanov 1981), continuing westwards through the southern Ural Mountains in Russia (Shapovalov *et al.* 2006) and Central Asia eastwards up to Armenia and the southeastern part of European Russia (Danilevsky and Miroshnikov 1985). It is not known to be native to Central and Western Europe.

Biology. Iwata and Yamada (1990) indicated about 40 genera of woody spermatophyte plants, both conifers and angiosperms, as host plants for *T. campestris* and concluded that this species can potentially attack most woody plants. Švácha and Danilevsky (1988) reported that the larvae live under bark and in dry dead wood and complete their development in two or more years. Adults emerge from July to August and readily fly.

Pathways, Quarantine Significance, and Likelihood of Establishment in North America. Like most other alien Cerambycidae (Cocquempot 2006), the Montreal specimens of *T. campestris* most likely arrived in North America via international solid wood-packaging material (=dunnage). Dunnage is normally made from low quality wood that is often infested by live wood-dwelling insects, predominantly beetles. The genus *Trichoferus* (51 records under the names *Hesperophanes* and two records under the name *Trichoferus*) was the fourth most commonly intercepted cerambycid genus at the US ports of entry for the period between 1985 and 2000 (Haack 2006), following the genera *Monochamus* Dejean, 1821 with 432 records, *Xylotrechus* Chevrolat, 1860 with 126 records and *Ceresium* Newman, 1842 with 114 records. Characteristic larvae of *Trichoferus* are often found in the dunnage of containers from P.R. China at Canadian ports of entry (Cavey 1998; Grebennikov 2005). *Trichoferus campestris* has been reported to emerge in European quarantine facilities from wood imported from P.R. China (Cocquempot 2006). In 1997, a small, localized infestation of this species occurred in a storage site in New Brunswick, New Jersey (not New Brunswick, Canada), but was later eradicated (Cocquempot 2006). The species is considered a quarantine pest in Europe and is included

Table 1. Non-native Cerambycidae introduced into North America since the early 1980s.

Species	Native to	Introduced to	First North American detection	Reference	Economic consequences
<i>Trichoferus campestris</i> (Faldermann, 1835)	Eastern Palaearctic	Montreal area	2002	this paper	not assessed
<i>Tetropium fuscum</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	Europe	Atlantic Canada	1999	Smith and Hurley 2000	significant
<i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> (Motschulsky, 1853)	Asia Pacific	Chicago, New York City, Toronto	1996	Cavey <i>et al.</i> 1998	significant
<i>Tetrops praeusta</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Europe	Northeastern USA, Quebec	1996	Yanega 1996; Landry 2001	not assessed
<i>Callidiellum rufipenne</i> (Motschulsky, 1860)	Asia Pacific	Eastern USA	1998	Maier and Lemmon 2000	moderate
<i>Phoracantha semipunctata</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Australia	California	1984	Scriven <i>et al.</i> 1986	moderate
<i>Phoracantha recurva</i> Newman, 1842	Australia	California	1995	Hanks <i>et al.</i> 1998	moderate
<i>Sybra alternans</i> (Wiedemann, 1825)	Asia Pacific	Florida	Early 1990s	Thomas 2000	not assessed

by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) in the EPPO A2 List of pests recommended for regulation (Anonymous 2007, 2008).

Has *T. campestris* become established in North America? Available material does not permit a definitive answer. The discovery of two adult specimens near Montreal, collected four years apart in a residential area, distant from an international port or a commercial facility, indicates that the species was present, at least temporarily, in Canada. It seems unlikely that such a residential neighborhood would have been the original point of outbreak for an introduced population. The lack of additional records might be a result of (A) collected specimens were single individuals that failed to establish a population, or (B) our collecting efforts were inadequate to detect an infestation due to, for example, being too late in the adult flight season for this species. Considering, however, that this species is often intercepted in North America from wood-packaging material of Asian origin, as well as its previous introductions into Europe and North America, it is plausible to assume that *T. campestris* has a high likelihood of becoming established in the temperate regions of the New World.

Overview of Recent Introductions of Alien Cerambycidae to North America. Besides *T. campestris*, seven other alien cerambycid species were introduced into North America during the last two or three decades (Haack 2006); these events are summarized in Table 1. Among them, *Tetropium fuscum* (Fabricius, 1787) is currently under regulatory action in Atlantic Canada; its introduction is feared to cause large economic losses. *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky,

1853) is, arguably, the most publicized alien beetle species, which attracted significant attention to the problem of invasive alien species. The recent record of *Heterachthes rugosicollis* Martins, 1970 (Swift 2008) most likely represents a natural range expansion of this species native to Mexico.

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