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FOREWORD

Many species of beetles are important pests of agricultural crops, stored food products, forests, wood products and structures, and fabrics. Many other species, in contrast, are beneficial in the biological suppression of pest arthropods and weeds, as well as in the decomposition of plant detritus, animal carcasses, and dung. Part of our national responsibility to American agriculture is to provide correct identification of species of American beetles so that appropriate controls can be applied.

Most information about animal species, whether agricultural, biological, or experimental, is filed under the species’ scientific names. These names are therefore the keys to retrieval of such information. Because some species have been known by several names, a complete listing of these names for each species is necessary.

For the user of scientific names, an up-to-date taxonomic catalog providing currently accepted names and pertinent bibliographic and distributional data is an indispensable tool. Although taxonomic literature is constantly changing to reflect current work, the traditional published taxonomic catalog remains static with updating left to the individual user until it is revised. Production of catalogs in the past has been laborious with long printing delays resulting in data that are obsolete before being published. However, the computer now provides the capability of storing, updating, and retrieving taxonomic data; rapid publication through computer-driven typesetting machinery; and a greater degree of currentness and flexibility.

All 124 fascicles in this catalog of the beetles of America north of Mexico are produced by an original group of computer programs, designed and written during a pilot project by personnel of the Systematic Entomology Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, and the Communications and Data Services Division, Science and Education Management Staff.

The published information is stored on computer tape, is updated periodically to reflect taxonomic progress in the family, and is available in a data base for computer searching.

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The Coleoptera, or beetles, are represented in the world by about 220,000 described species, of which about 24,000 occur in the United States and Canada. A comprehensive taxonomic catalog of beetles for this area has not been available except the series of world-based “Coleopterorum Catalogus” volumes (1909–present, Junk, Berlin). The Leng “Catalogue of the Coleoptera of America North of Mexico” (J. D. Sherman, Jr., Mt. Vernon, NY), which was published in 1920 with supplements to the end of 1947, is a checklist. However, it has served professional and amateur alike for nearly 60 years as the principal source of scientific names of beetles. Since 1947, many new taxa have been described and many changes in status and nomenclature have appeared in numerous scattered publications, but little effort has been made to summarize these changes.

This catalog will supplant the Leng catalog and supply additional essential information. It is produced by an original suite of storage, retrieval, and printing programs written especially for automated taxonomic catalogs.

The catalog for each family is published as a separate fascicle with its introductory text, bibliography, and index. Each family is numbered as listed, but the order of issuance of fascicles is not necessarily in numerical sequence. The publishing of separate fascicles makes data available shortly after they are assembled. Computer tapes for each fascicle are maintained for updating and necessary reprinting.

The information on each family is the responsibility of the respective author or authors. The editors modify it only to correct obvious errors and to make it conform to the requirements of the computer programs.

No original proposal for a new name, taxon, status, or classification is given, such data having been previously published, but new host and distributional data are often listed. The rules of “The International Code of Zoological Nomenclature” are followed.

The geographic scope of this catalog includes the continental United States, Canada, Alaska, Greenland, and the associated continental islands. Names of taxa found only in other regions are excluded. If the range of a species extends outside these geographic limits, this fact is indicated. Inside the back cover is a map of the 12 faunal regions based on historical and faunal criteria to simplify distribution recordings. Two-letter Postal Service style abbreviations are used for States and Provinces, and faunal regions are indicated in each distribution record by a diagonal line between groups of abbreviations.

It is not the purpose of this catalog to present a complete scheme of higher classification within the order. The familial makeup is somewhat intermediate between that of R. H. Arnett in “The Beetles of the United States” (1960–62, Catholic University Press, Washington, DC) and that of R. A. Crowson in “The Natural Classification of the Families of Coleoptera” (1967, Biddles Ltd., Guildford, England). Modifications of these two systems are largely those advocated by J. F. Lawrence based in part on suggestions by taxonomic specialists for certain families.

Generic groups and higher categories within the family are arranged phylogenetically as indicated by the author of the particular fascicle, and species group names with their respective synonyms are arranged alphabetically.

Names referable to incertae sedis and nomen dubium are listed separately at the end of the nearest applicable taxon with notations as to their status.

Each available name is followed by its author, date proposed, and page number referring to the complete bibliographic citation containing the original description. Following each generic name are
the type-species and method of its designation, necessary explanatory notes, and pertinent references on immature stages, taxonomy, redescription, ecology, and keys. After the specific name entry are the original genus (if different from the present placement), type-locality, geographical distribution by State, Province, and broad extralimital units, explanatory notes, pertinent references to immature stages, taxonomy, redescription, and ecology, depository of type-specimen and its sex, and hosts.

In addition to the list under the map of faunal regions (back cover), the following abbreviations are used in this catalog:

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**MUSEUMS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

- AMNH—American Museum of Natural History, New York
- ANSP—Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
- BYUC—Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
- CASC—California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco
- CISC—University of California, Berkeley
- CNIC—Canadian National Collections, Ottawa
- CUIC—Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- CWOB—C. W. O’Brien Collection, Tallahassee, FL
- DHKC—D. H. Kistner Collection, Chico State College, CA
- ELSC—E. L. Sleeper Collection, Long Beach, CA
- FMNH—Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL
- FSCA—Florida State Collection, Gainesville
- HAHC—H. & A. Howden Collection, Ottawa, Canada
- ICCM—Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, PA
- INHS—Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana
- JGEC—J. G. Edwards Collection, San Jose, CA
- KMFC—K. M. Fender Collection, McMinnville, OR
- KSUC—Kansas State University, Manhattan
- LACM—Los Angeles County Museum, CA
- LSUC—Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- MCZC—Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- MSUC—Michigan State University, East Lansing
- NCSM—North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- NYSM—New York State Museum, Albany
- OSEC—Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
- OSUC—Ohio State University, Columbus
- OSUO—Oregon State University, Corvallis

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PMNH—Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, CT
PSUC—Pennsylvania State Museum, University Park
PURC—Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
RUIC—Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
SEMC—Snow Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence
SJSC—San Jose State College, CA
SLWC—S. L. Wood Collection, Provo, UT

SBSH—Stovall Collection, University of Oklahoma, Norman
TAMU—Texas A. & M. University, College Station
UCDC—University of California, Davis
UMMZ—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
USNM—U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC
WSUC—Washington State University, Pullman

MUSEUMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

BMNH—British Museum (Natural History), London
BPBM—Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu
GUHC—Glasgow University, Hunterian College, Scotland
HMOX—Hope Museum, Oxford, England
HNHM—Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest
IPZE—Institut Pflanzenschutzforschung Zweigstelle, Eberswalde, East Germany
IRSB—Institut Royal Sciences Belgique, Brussels
MFNB—Museum für Naturkunde (Humboldt), Berlin
MGFT—Museum G. Frey, Tutzing, Munich, West Germany
MHNL—Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Lyon, France
MNHP—Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris
MNSL—Museum of Natural Sciences, Leipzig, East Germany
MZBS—Museum Zoologia, Barcelona, Spain

NHRS—Naturhistoriske Riksmuseet, Stockholm
NMPC—Narodni Museum, Prague, Czechoslovakia
SCUT—Spinola College, University of Turin, Italy
SMTD—Staatliches Museum für Tierkunde, Dresden, East Germany
UNAM—Universidad Nacional Autonoma, Mexico City
UZMC—University Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
UZMH—University Zoological Museum, Helsinki, Finland
ZMAS—Zoological Museum, Academy of Sciences, Leningrad
ZMPA—Zoological Museum, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
ZMUL—Zoological Museum, University of Lund, Sweden
ZMUM—Zoological Museum, University of Moscow
ZSBS—Zoolgische Sammlung Bayerischen Staates, Munich, West Germany
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In 1853, LeConte described Amphiza insolens and erected for it the new family Amphizoidae, which he recognized as closely related to, but distinct from, other families of the Adephaga Carabidoidea. This view was shared by Horn (1883) and most later workers, although Mannerheim (1853) placed his genus Dysmathes, a junior synonym of Amphiza, in the Tenebrionidae. Edwards (1951) considered Amphizoidae as intermediate between Carabidae and Dytiscidae and most closely related to Hygrobiidae. The most recent and comprehensive revision of the Amphizoidae is that of Edwards (1951).

At present, the family contains a single genus, Amphiza, and five species--four in western North America and one in the Himalayas of Asia (Kavanaugh and Roughley, 1981).

Amphizoids are tenebrionid in appearance, elongate-ovoid in silhouette, moderately convex dorsally, and piceous or dull black. Vestiture is much reduced, restricted to a fringe of long, fine setae in a groove on the posterodorsal surface of the middle tibia, traces of the same on the front and hind tibiae, and very short setae in punctures on all surfaces of all tibiae. The head is quadrate, with small, relatively flat eyes. Antennae are filiform, comprised of 11 short, slightly longer than wide antennomeres. Mandibles are stout, blunt, and concealed apically by the large, quadrate clypeus and labrum. The pronotum is flat, narrower than the elytra, with sides slightly to strongly crenulate and basally sinuate, and with anterior and posterior angles pointed and projected. Notopleural sutures are clearly evident. The legs are short and slender, and the tarsal formula in 5-5-5. The elytra are broad, subovoid, and tapered to a blunt point apically; the elytral surface is faintly punctulate and rugulose and striae are evident but poorly defined. The hindwing is fully developed, its venation pattern including both oblongum and wedge cells. The abdomen has six visible sterna, the first broadly and completely divided by the hindcoxae.

Both larvae and adults occur in cool or cold, swift-flowing mountain streams, where they are most often found clinging to driftwood and other debris floating in eddies or backwashes. They are also frequently found attached to the roots of undercut streamside vegetation or under partially submerged stones at the stream edge. Less frequently, and usually when disturbed, they can be seen floating sluggishly at or near the water surface. Larvae puate out of water on adjacent streambanks; and in captivity, both adults and larvae can survive out of water indefinitely on cool, moist soil. Edwards (1954) reported eggs found on the underside of floating driftwood, and in the laboratory, adults will oviposite on moist moss. Both adults and larvae are strict predators (Edwards, 1954).

Larvae of Amphiza lecontei Matthews were described by Hubbard (1892). Forsyth (1970) studied the structure of the pygidial glands for defensive secretions.

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Genus AMPHIZOA LeConte

Amphiza LeConte, 1853: 227. Type-species: Amphiza insolens LeConte (monot.) = Dysmathes Mannerheim, 1853: 264. Type-species: Dysmathes sahlbergii Mannerheim (monot.) = insolens LeConte. Genus was placed by Mannerheim in Tenebrionidae.


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