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CURCULIONIDAE AND CHRYSOMELIDAE FOUND IN AQUATIC HABITATS IN WISCONSIN¹

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We became interested in aquatic weevils (Curculionidae) and leaf beetles (Chrysomelidae) during the Aquatic Entomology Course at the University of Wisconsin, in the spring of 1971. Many collections, taken from a variety of aquatic habitats in Wisconsin, contained weevils and leaf beetles. Most of the species were not fully treated in the keys found in aquatic entomology texts. We thought it would be useful to compile keys from the literature and present what is known of the distribution of these insects in Wisconsin.

Nine species of weevils have been found in aquatic habitats in Wisconsin, representing seven genera, all belonging to the subtribe Hydronomi, and twenty-five species of leaf beetles, representing five genera in three subfamilies.

KEY TO FAMILIES

- 1. Head prolonged into a beak or snout with mandibles usually visible at its tip; antennae usually arising far in front of eyes, on snout.....Curculionidae
- 1'. Head not prolonged into a beak or snout; antennae arising on front or sides of head, nearer the eyes Chrysomelidae

KEY TO SUBFAMILIES OF AQUATIC CHRYSOMELIDAE

- 2. Antennae closer together at base, than lengths of first antennal segment; front coxa usually conical and prominent III. Galerucinae

Subfamily I. DONACIINAE

The subfamily Donaciinae is represented in the United States by three genera, *Neohaemonia* with two species, *Donacia* with 31 species, and *Plateumaris* with 17 species. The larvae of Donacianae are truly aquatic. With the exception of *Neohaemonia* nigricornis and *Donacia hirticollis*, the Donaciinae spend their adult lives above submerged parts of the aquatic plants on which they live. The two exceptions confine almost their entire adult life on submerged vegetation, spending only brief periods on the nonsubmerged parts of plants (Hoffman, 1940). Eggs are deposited by the female in various locations on the selected plant. When the eggs hatch, the larvae drop down through the water or crawl down the stem to the roots or the rhizomes of the host plant (Marx, 1957). Some plants may support more than one species of beetle. Species of the genera Sparganium, Nymphaea, and Nuphar are the most common hosts of Donacia (Marx,

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1957). Neohaemonia is usually found on Potamogeton. Donaciinae may also be found on Pontederia, Sagittaria, Eleocharis, Acorus, Scirpus, Peltandra, Brasenia, Eriocaulon, Castalia, Phragmites, Typha and Glyceria.

KEY TO GENERA

KEY TO WISCONSIN SPECIES OF DONACIA

1,	Pronotal disc pubescent
1.	Pronotal disc glabrous
2, 2'.	Elytra pubescent
2'.	Elytra glabrous
3. 3'.	Middle tibia with apical tooth-like projection on inner side near tibial spur. piscatrix
3'.	Middle tibia without apical tooth-like projection
4.	Pronotal disc deeply and usually densely punctate, rugose or densely strigose,
_	punctures large
4'.	Pronotal disc impunctate or more or less shallowly and sparsely punctate, not
	rugose or densely strigose, sometimes finely wrinkled, if present punctures usually
	small
5.	Elytral epipleuron wider than outer interval and not limited by a ridge . quadricollis
5, 5'.	Elytral epipleuron narrower than outer interval and usually limited by a ridge 6
6.	Posterior femor reddish brown or at least almost half reddish brown
6, 6'.	Posterior femor black or metallic or at most with small, frequently indistinct,
	reddish brown area at base
7.	Antennal segments reddish brown, occasionally with vague darkish areas at the apex
	of each segment porosicollis
7'.	Antennal segments black or metallic, with reddish brown basally
8.	Pronotum with anterior, median V-shaped impression bordered behind by oblique
	obtuse ridges, ridges broken medially by median line
8'.	Pronotum without oblique obtuse ridges bordering V-shaped anterior median
••	impression
9.	Metasternum and first abdominal segment densely and somewhat coarsely punctate,
2.	sparsely pubescent, pubescence not obscuring surface structure
9'.	Metasternum and first abdominal segment densely and finely punctate, densely
<i>·</i> · ·	pubescent, pubescence obscuring surface structure
10.	Discal elytral intervals impunctate, finely and densely wrinkled distincta
10'.	Discal elytral intervals sparsely and shallowly punctate, coarsely and somewhat
10.	sparsely wrinkled on disc, and densely wrinkled at apex
11.	Posterior femor gradually enlarging from base to apical quarter, not extending to
11.	apical margin of third abdominal segment
11'.	
11.	Posterior femor enlarging from basal quarter to apical quarter, usually extending to
12.	or beyond apical margin of third abdominal segment
12,	Median pronotal line impressed, extending from anterior impression to basal
	impression, impressions deep, pronotal disc swollen on either side on median line,
	ely tra convex apically tuberculifrons

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12'.	Median pronotal line absent or indistinct, never deeply impressed, anterior and basal median impressions absent or shallow, pronotal disc not swollen, elytra flattened apically
13.	Posterior femor not strongly clavate; posterior tibia metallic, generally not reddish brown basally; eyes large, not strongly protruding
13'.	Posterior femor more strongly clavate; posterior tibia metallic, but generally reddish brown basally; eyes smaller, strongly protruding
14, 14'.	Spaces between pronotal punctures smooth, shiny
15, 15'.	Discal elytral intervals impunctate, finely and densely wrinkled distincta Discal elytral intervals sparsely punctulate, coarsely and somewhat sparsely wrinkled on disc, finely and densely wrinkled at apex
16.	Median pronotal line impressed, extending from anterior impression to basal impression, impressions deep, pronotal disc swollen on either side of median line, elytra convex apically
16'.	Median pronotal line absent or indistinct, never deeply impressed, anterior and basal median impressions absent or shallow, pronotal disc not swollen, elytra flattened apically
17.	Posterior femor not strongly clavate; posterior tibiae metallic generally not reddish brown basally, eyes large, not strongly protruding
17'.	Posterior femor more strongly clavate; posterior tibia metallic, but generally reddish brown basally, eyes smaller, strongly protrudingsubtilis
18,	Pronotum distinctly alutaceous, opaque
18'	Pronotum not or slightly alutaceous, shining
19,	Posterior tibia (when viewed from behind) evenly and strongly bowed hypoleuca
19'.	Posterior tibia (when viewed from behind) only slightly bowed at about apical third
20,	Posterior femor with one subapical tooth; rarely with indistinct anterior denticle. 23
20'.	Posterior femor with two distinct subapical teeth
21,	Six apical antennal segments bicolored or reddish brown (Males) cincticornis
21'.	Six apical segments black or metallic
22,	Posterior femor reddish brown beneath, dark area above
22'.	Posterior femor black, or metallic, reddish brown basally
23,	Posterior femor gradually enlarged from base or basal third
23'.	Posterior femor abruptly clavate from middle texana
24.	Pronotum with triangular anterior impression, bordered behind by oblique obtuse ridges, ridges broken medially by median line
24'.	Pronotum with anterior impression absent, or if present, not bordered behind by distinct oblique obtuse ridges
25,	Anterior tibia with apical, tooth-like projection on outer edge
25'.	Anterior tibia without apical, tooth-like projection on outer edge
26,	Posterior femor not extending beyond apex of third abdominal segment . biimpressa
26'.	Posterior femor extending beyond apex of third abdominal segment 27
27.	Posterior femor reddish brown beneath, dark area above; antennal segments 4-11
27'.	bicolored or occasionally reddish brown but not entirely black cincticornis Posterior femor black or metallic, reddish brown basally, antennal segments 4-11
21.	black or metallic, unicolorous proxima
28,	Pronotum except for disc densely punctate
28'.	Pronotum not densely punctate
29.	Females with apex of last abdominal segment rounded or subangulate; males with
	denticulate ridge behind subapical tooth on ventral surface of posterior femor
29'.	Females with apex of last abdominal segment emarginate or subtruncate; males
27.	without denticulate ridge behind subapical tooth on ventral surface of posterior femor

Genus DONACIA Fabricius

- aequalis Say. Dane County, June (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 114); Madison, 25 September, Solidago flowers; Milwaukee County, 23 June; Polk County, 28 October; Wood County, Grand Rapids, 3 July; Wisconsin Rapids, 15 July.
- biimpressa Melsheimer. Columbia County, Lodi, 9 June (Marx, 1957, p. 264); Juneau County, Mather, 1 July; Polk County, Amery, 20 August, 23 September, water weeds; Wood County, Cranmoor, 5 June (Marx, 1957, p. 264); June, Hooker USNM (Schaeffer, 1925, p, 98).
- cincticornis Newman. Barron County, Rice Lake, 25 August; Bayfield County, 11, 18 August (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Bayfield (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 80); Bayfield, August (var. tenuis Schaeffer) (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 83); Dane County, 4 September, 15 September (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Madison, 21, 27 July, water lily leaves; Florence County, Spread Eagle, 30 July (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Oneida County, Pelican Lake, 10 August (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Polk County, Amery, 29 August, 18 September, yellow water lily; Vilas County, Tenderfoot Lake, July (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 80); Tenderfoot Lake, July (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Washington County, West Band, 24, 26 June, 17 July, 24 August (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Waukesha County, Muskego, 7-16 August (Marx, 1957, p. 266).
- distincta LeConte. Bayfield County, Bayfield, 26 June (Marx, 1957, p. 266); Bayfield County, June (Schaeffer, 1925, p. |104); Dane County, Madison, 22 May, 1 June; University of Wisconsin Arboretum, May; Polk County, Amery, 10 June; Wood County, Cranmoor, 30 October (Marx, 1957, p. 266).
- fulgens LeConte. Wisconsin, (one ?) no data (Marx, 1957, p. 267); Vilas County, Trout Lake, 15 August.
- hypoleuca Lacordaire. Wood County, Griffith State Nursery, 3 July.
- piscatrix Lacordaire. Calumet County, Forest Junction 31 July; Dane County, Madison, 3 August; Oneida County, 4 July (Marx, 1957, p. 271); Vilas County, Trout Lake, 14 July; Tenderfoot Lake, July (Marx, 1957, p. 271); Walworth County, 3 July (Marx, 1957, p. 271); Elkhorn, July (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 67); Washington County, Cedar Lake, 26 June (Marx, 1957, p. 271); West Bend, 24, 26 June, 17 August (Marx, 1957, p. 271).
- porosicollis Lacordaire. Dane County, May (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 102); Madison, 10 May; Mendota Lake, 10 May.
- proxima Kirby. Bayfield County, 11 August (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Dane County, Madison, 3 August; Sawyer County, Connors Lake, 3 August; Shawano County, Cloverleaf Lakes, 11 June (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Vilas County, Tenderfoot Lake, July, August (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Tenderfoot Lake, August (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 85); Washington County, West Bend, 17, 22 August (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Waukesha County, Oconomowoc, 16 July.
- pubescens LeConte. Vilas County, Trout Lake, August (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Tenderfoot Lake, July (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 92); Tenderfoot Lake, July (Marx, 1957, p. 272).
- pubicollis Suffrian. Dane County (Marx, 1957, p. 247); April (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 120).
- quadricollis Say. Dane County, Mendota, 29 July; Vilas County, Lower Trout Lake, 12 August; Tenderfoot Lake, June (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 93); Tenderfoot Lake, July (Marx, 1957, p. 272); Washington County, Cedar Lake, 13 July (Marx, 1957, p. 272); West Bend, 17 July (Marx, 1957, p. 272).
- rufescens Lacordaire. Wood County, Griffith State Nursery, 8 July.
- subtilis Kunze. Barron County, Rice Lake, 25 August; Bayfield County, Bayfield (Marx, 1957, p. 275); Dane County, 23 May, 4 June, 12, 18 August; 12 August (Marx, 1957, p. 275); Madison, 10 May-11 September, 17 October; Mendota Lake, 10 May, 29 June; University of Wisconsin Campus, 7 May; Dodge County, Beaver Dam, 12 June (Marx, 1957, p. 275); Juneau County, Mather, 1 July; Milwaukee County, 23 June; 1, 10 July (Marx, 1957, p. 275); Polk County, Amery, 5 June on burdock; Waukesha County, Muskego, 21 July (Marx, 1957, p. 275); Wood County, Griffith State Nursery, 27 June.
- texana Crotch. Dane County, 7 August; Wood County, Griffith State Nursery, 3 July-4 August.

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tuberculifrons Schaeffer. Wisconsin (one d) no locality (Marx, 1957, p. 276); Dane County, May (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 108).

KEY TO THE WISCONSIN SPECIES OF PLATEUMARIS

$1, 1, 1, 2, \dots$	Hind femor uniform metallic luster with a moderately large or large tooth <i>.emarginata</i> Hind femor bicolored or entirely red, tooth variable
2′.	rugose
3.	dorsal segment emarginate at apex
3′.	Side pieces of prosternum coarsely and rather vermiculate-rugose with a more or less distinct pubescent spot near anterior coxae; last dorsal segment emarginate
4.	Hind femor narrower at base than at apex and moderately thickened towards the sub-apical tooth; prothorax shining and densely rugose, not alutaceous; intervals of
4′.	elytra more or less densely punctate <i>fulvipes</i> Hind femor moderately robust, at base as wide or wider than at apex and gradually

widening to the sub-apical tooth; intervals of elytra scarcely punctate; prothorax generally alutaceous and feebly shining; surface punctate or punctate-rugose. germari

Genus PLATEUMARIS Thomson

diversa Schaeffer. Wisconsin, O. Dietz Coll., & allotype (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 144). emarginata Kirby. Wisconsin, Knab Coll. (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 135). fulvipes Lacordaire. Dane County, June, Marshall Coll. (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 146). germari Mannerheim. Wisconsin, Minnesota University Coll. (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 141). sulcicollis Lacordaire. Bayfield County, Bayfield, Wickham Coll. (Schaeffer, 1925, p. 126); Door County, 25 June; Florence County, 27 June; Polk County, St. Croix Falls, ex Acer saccarinum; Amery, 10 June.

Genus NEOHAEMONIA Szekessy

nigricornis Kirby. Dane County, 10 May, 1 June; Fish Lake, 18 May, sweep of Lemna.

Subfamily II. CHRYSOMELINAE

There are four species of *Hydrothassa* found in the United States, two of which occur in Wisconsin. They may be found on swamp plants, particularly Ranunculaceae. One species, *Prasocuris phellandri*, is found in the Northeastern United States, but has not been collected in Wisconsin to date. It may be found on *Sium*, Water Parsnip.

KEY TO THE GENERA OF THE TRIBE PRASOCURINI

- 1. Basal margin of pronotum with a fine elevated bead; form very elongate, length at least 2.5 times width; sutural dark stripe not much wider around scutellum... (No specimens from Wisconsin in our collection)..... Prasocuris Latreille

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Genus HYDROTHASSA Thomson

KEY TO SPECIES OF HYDROTHASSA (after Schaeffer, 1928, p. 288)

- 1. All elytral intervals impunctate; form narrower and relatively more elongate; size smaller, 3-4 mm
- 1'. Some of the elytral intervals more or less distinctly punctate; form broader and size larger, 4-7 mm obliquata

obliquata LeConte. Dane County, University of Wisconsin Arboretum, Teal Pond, 6 May. vittata Olivier. Bayfield County, 29 June; Milwaukee County, 9 April.

Subfamily III. GALERUCINAE

Genus PYRRHALTA Joannis

Subgenus GALERUCELLA Crotch

According to Wilcox (1965), North American forms are all considered to belong to the single species, *P. nymphaeae*, although they make up a rather heterogeneous group. It differs from similar species in the comparatively wide prosternum, lack of apical tibial spurs, and the long, slender symmetrical aedeagus. It is found throughout the United States and Canada. The larvae feed on leaves of *Nuphar*, *Polygonum*, *Myrica*, *Brasenia*, *Nymphaea*, and *Sagittaria*.

nymphaeae (Linnaeus). Clark County, Chili, 7 July; Dane County, 29 May, 17 July; Lake Wingra, 8 July; Mendota Lake, 7 June, 10 July; Madison, 9 May, 21 August; Mazomanie, 21 September, ex Salix.; Manitowoc County, Point Beach State Park, 21 September; Vilas County, Tenderfoot Lake, July; Wood County, Griffith State Nursery, 9-16 July; near Nekoosa 28 May, ex waterlily pads.

Family CURCULIONIDAE Tribe ERIRHININI Subtribe HYDRONOMI

Tanner (1943) included 11 genera and 53 species in this aquatic or semi-aquatic subtribe. Eggs are deposited upon and in stems and roots of aquatic plants. Some species simply drop their eggs on leaves or on the soil and grass of pasture land.

The members of *Bagous*, the largest genus in this group, feed on a variety of aquatic plants. They have been collected on *Carex*, *Eleocharis*, *Cyperus*, *Potamogeton*, and *Ptilimnium*. Species of *Tanysphyrus* may be found feeding on *Lemna*, and of *Endalus* on *Scirpus* and *Typha*.

There is presently only one economically important species, *Lissorhoptrus simplex* (Say), which is a serious pest of cultivated rice. It is widely distributed throughout the eastern United States, and has been found in Columbia, Dane and LaCross counties in Wisconsin. The larva, known as the rice-root maggot destroys the roots, while the adult, "rice water weevil", feeds on the foliage.

KEY TO GENERA OF WISCONSIN HYDRONOMI

1,	Third segment of hind tarsus emarginate or bilobed
1'.	Third segment of hind tarsus simple, legs long and slender
2.	Club of antenna partly smooth and shining; funicle composed of 6 segments;
	prosternum excavated Lissorhoptrus
2'.	Club entirely pubescent and sensitive; funicle composed of seven segments;
	prosternum broadly and deeply excavated in front of coxae
3.	Pronotum feebly constricted in front Bagous

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3'.	Pronotum very strongly constricted and tubulate in front (Recorded from Iowa, no Wisconsin record) Pnigodes
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4.	Beak curved; funicle composed of six segments, the 2nd short; 3rd segment of
	tarsus broad, deeply bilobed, last segment short
4'.	Beak straight; funicle either 6 or 7 segmented, 2nd segment long; last segment of
	tarsus long
5.	Last segment of tarsus broad, the claws well separated
5, 5'.	Last segment of tarsus narrow, projecting beyond the lobes of the 3rd, the claws
	slender
6.	Front and middle tibia sertate on the inner side; 3rd tarsal segment narrow, slightly
	emarginate; funicle composed of six segments
6'.	
υ.	Front and middle tibia not serrate within; 3rd tarsal segment broad, deeply bilobed,
	funicle composed of seven segments
7.	Elytra but slightly if any wider than the thorax; length usually 2 mm or more
1'.	Elytra much wider than the thorax; length less than 1.5 mm,

Genus ANCHODEMUS LeConte

angustus LeConte. Dane County, 20 June, 17 July, 14 September.

Genus BAGOUS Germar

KEY TO WISCONSIN SPECIES OF BAGOUS

1,	Tarsus short; prothorax scarred with deep impressions carinatus
1′.	Tarsus long; prothorax finely rugose
2.	Tarsus long, 4th segment as long as 2nd and 3rd combined, the first three segments
	narrow with long white setae; beak one and one-half times as long as the prothorax
	longirostris
2′.	Tarsus long, 4th segment less in length than the 2nd and 3rd combined, the first
	three segments slightly broader than the above; prothorax finely rugose; beak only
	as long as prothorax
amer	icanus LeConte. Dane County, 20 July; Walworth County, Elkhorn (Tanner, 1943,

p. 20); Washington County, West Bend (Tanner, 1943, p. 20).

carinatus Blatchley. Milwaukee County, 6 July; Wood County, Cranmoor (Tanner, 1943, p. 23).

longirostris Tanner. Jefferson County, Lake Koshkonong, Ft. Atkinson, 19 July. (Tanner, 1943, Type Locality, Type in U.S. National Museum).

Genus ENDALUS Laporte

limatulus (Gyllenhal). Milwaukee County, 6 July.

Genus LISSORHOPTRUS LeConte

simplex (Say). Columbia County, Lodi, Gibraltar Bog, 20 May; Dane County, 29 May, 4 June; LaCrosse County, 7 August.

Genus LIXELLUS LeConte

filiformis (LeConte). Columbia County, Lodi, Gibraltar Bog, 20 May; Dane County, 10 May; Farm Pond on Route KP, 18 May.

Genus ONYCHYLIS LeConte

nigrirostris (Boheman). Columbia County, Lodi, Gibraltar Bog, 20 May; Dane County, 22

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May-28 June, 17 July, 14 September; Dane County, Madison, University of Wisconsin Campus, 15 July, at light; University of Wisconsin Arboretum, 26 June, in marsh; Fish Lake, 18 May; Farm Pond on Route KP, 18 May.

Genus TANYSPHYRUS Germar

lemnae (Fabricius). Dane County, 18 May, 24, 27 June; Madison, 1 May; Farm Pond on Route KP, 18 May; Milwaukee County, 10 July.

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