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**Orthoceri Weevils**

This contribution deals with Orthoceri weevils of the families Nemonychidae, Belidae and Brentidae. Weevils are a major taxon of beetles characterised by a head extended into a proboscis or rostrum. They are plant-feeders as adult and larva. Depending on how important certain plants are to the economy of a country, weevils are perceived as beneficial, of no importance, or pests. They are usually of no importance in their native country, but can become pests in other countries. However, if noxious weeds have host-specific weevils in their original country, the weevils can be imported under strict quarantine conditions and may be released after ensuring that they are free of parasitoids and do not affect any native plants. New Zealand has already introduced and released weevils for the control of gorse and thistles, and is considering other introductions.

Weevils have existed for at least 140 million years, since the era of gymnosperms (cycads and conifers) and dinosaurs. Weevil fossils were already abundant well before flowering plants (angiosperms) appeared on earth. Gymnosperm species have since declined to very low numbers, and angiosperms, known only since Cretaceous times, have proliferated to some 200,000 species worldwide. Early weevils had a long rostrum, with long, slender mandibles and long labial and maxillary palps. These mouthpart features strongly suggest that ancestral weevils were pollen-feeders. Gymnosperm species have large male and female cones (strobili), and the male cones produce copious amounts of highly nutritious pollen. Therefore it is assumed that Jurassic weevils would have been specialist pollen feeders, because all extant nemonychid species still have pollen as their sole or main diet.

![Illustration / Whakaahua: Strobiliobius lidocedri Kuschel, a special apionine unique to Cupressaceae, and amongst apionines almost the only species unique to conifers worldwide (Illustrator / Kaiwhakaahua: D. W. Helmore).](image-url)
Conventionally, weevils are divided into two convenient groups: Orthoceri, defined by having all antennal segments following a straight line, and Gonatoceri, characterised by ‘broken’ or elbowed antennae, the result of a deviation in an angle of the segments following the basal one (scape). All Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous weevils were Orthoceri with straight antennae associated with gymnosperms. The vast majority of extant Nemonychidae, and some Belidae, retain an association with gymnosperms and still live exclusively on Araucariaceae, Podocarpaceae, and Pinaceae. This contribution is devoted to the 3 Orthoceri families Nemonychidae, Belidae, and Brentidae (the other Orthoceri family Anthribidae, with 58 species) as revised by Holloway (1982), Fauna of New Zealand 3). Although these 3 families are poorly represented in New Zealand, with only 16 native and 1 introduced species, they are of considerable biological, phylogenetic, and biogeographical interest. All 4 species of Nemonychidae, and 5 out of 6 species of Belidae, are associated with Podocarpaceae (totara, rimu, matai, kahikatea and relatives) and Phyllocladaceae (tanekaha, toatoa). Whilst the Nemonychidae of New Zealand are closer to the Chilean species found on Podocarpaceae than to the Australian ones found on Araucariaceae, 5 species of Belidae show a definite close affinity to Australia. The sixth belid species belongs to a New Caledonian genus associated with Araliaceae.

The family Brentidae has 2 dissimilar subfamilies in New Zealand: Brentinae and Apioninae. Brentinae are represented by an endemic genus and species known as the giraffe weevil (pepeke nguturoa): The size difference and the sexual dimorphism of this species is spectacular. The giraffe weevil is unique in being the sole weevil species in the world with a visible scutellum. It is also unique in that its males can be over 8 cm long, thus easily visible to anything else outside New Zealand. One genus (Zelapterus) has a very small, smooth, and shiny species that is flightless and still has no known host. Another genus (Cecydophyus) is represented by a large, dull, and hairy species, whose host is silver beech (Nothofagus menziesii). The third genus (Strobilobius) has a species with hairless, deeply sculptured elytra, and is of considerable interest because of its association with the coniferous pahautea (Libocedrus bidwillii) of the cypress family. The fourth apionine genus (Neocyba) is also endemic, with 2 species associated with rata and pohutukawa (Metrosideros spp.). It is closely related to a genus from New Caledonia.

\[i\] te ao. He whai ngutu roa ngā wīwhara o neherā, he roa, he tōhīhi te kawuae, he roa anō ngā hīhipā i ngā ngutu me te kawuae. E toho ana te waha koe nei te hanga he kai he pe a ngā wīwhara o tua whakarehe. He whai huainohi rahi – he ānō ētahi, he wāhine ētahi – (ka kia he strobili) ngā tipu kano tahanga, ā, inā ki te nui o te hae mōmōna ka hangaia e ngā huainohi ētahi. Nō reira, e whakapaetia ana ko te hae anake pea te kai a ngā wīwhara o te takiwā Jurassic. Ka mutu, katoa ngā momo nemonychid e ora tonu ana, he kai he anake, he tino kai rānei te hae nā rātou.

Kua wehea e te ao pūtāiao ngā wīwhara kia rua ngā karangatanga whānui: ko te Orthoceri tētahi, ko te tohu tautahi i tēnei karangatanga, ko te noho rārangi tōtika mai o ngā wāhanga katoa o ngā pūhīhi; ko ngā Gonatoceri anō tētahi, ānō nei kia whai, he whai ‘tuke’ rānei ō rātou pūhīhi (i pērā ai i te mea he koriti te ahunga o te wāhanga tuara o ngā pūhīhi, ārā, te wāhanga ka whai i mui mai i te wāhanga i te pūtāke). Katoa ngā wīwhara o te takiwā Jurassic me te Cretaceous o Raro, nō te karangatanga Orthoceri, ā, he rere tōtika ngā pūhīhi, e toho ana i te hononga ki ngā tipu kano tahanga. Ko te tino nuinga o ngā Nemonychidae, tae atu ki ētahi o ngā Belidae, e honoa tonuitia ana ki ngā tipu kano tahanga, ā, kei te noho motuhake ki ngā Araucariaceae, ngā Podocarpaceae, me ngā Pinaceae.

Kei te aro whātui tēnei o ngā tāngā kōrero ki ētahi whānau Orthoceri e 3, ārā, ngā Nemonychidae, ngā Belidae, me ngā Brentidae (kua oti i a Holloway (1982) te āta tirotiro tērā atu whānau Orthoceri, me ngā momo Anthribidae e 58, i Te Aitanga Pepeke o Aoteaaroa 3). Ahakoa kāore e kaha nohoia ana a Aoteaaroa e ēnei whānau e 3 (16 ngā momo nō konei taketake ake, 1 te momo rāwaho), he whānau e āta arohia nutiaia ana te e te hunga mātai pepeke mō te wāhi ki te kioira, te whakapapa, me te arowhenua-kioira. Katoa ngā momo Nemonychidae me 4, me ētahi momo Belidae e 5 o rito i te 6, e whai hononga ana ki ngā Podocarpaceae (te tōtara, te rimu, te matai, te kahikatea me ērā atu o tēnei kāhuī rākau) me ngā Phyllocladaceae (te tānekaha me te toatoa). He tata ake ngā Nemonychidae o Aoteaaroa ki ngā Nemonychidae noho Podocarpaceae o Chile, tēnā i ērā o Ahitereira e noho ana ki ngā Araucariaceae, engari e 5 ngā momo Belidae e kaha rite ana ki ō Ahitereira. Ko te belid taoano, nō tētahi puninga o New Caledonia, ā, e honoa ana ki ngā Araucariaceae.

E rua ngā whānau whātūi o nga Brentidae i Aoteaaroa, kāore e tīno rite tētahi ki tētahi. Kotahi te puninga Brentinae o Aoteaaroa taketake ake, kotahi anō te momo o rito i tua puninga. Koia tērā ko te pepeke nguturoa. Me kōrero te rerekē o te rahi me te hanga o te tīna o te toa me te uwaha o tēnei momo. He ahurei te pepeke haere tonu)
Contributor Guillermo (Willy) Kuschel was born in Frutillar, southern Chile. Brought up bilingual in Spanish and German, he also learned English, French, classical Greek, and Latin at college. He graduated at the Universidad de Chile, Santiago, with an MSc in 1950 and PhD in 1953. He was a research entomologist at the Instituto de Zoología, Universidad de Chile, and co-founder and editor of the Revista Chilena de Entomología. He was invited to New Zealand in 1962 to be in charge of the then newly created Systems Section of Entomology Division, DSIR. His interest in plant/insect associations started early in his teens, and he later devoted most of his time to weevils, especially to those of conifers and other early plant groups. He traveled extensively in South America and New Zealand doing fieldwork. He was editor of a book on ecology and biogeography of New Zealand, and is author of over one hundred publications on taxonomy, biology, ecology, biogeography, paleontology, and higher classification of weevils. Married to Beverley A. Holloway (author of Fauna of New Zealand 3 on the Orthoceri weevil family Anthribidae), they have two daughters and a son.

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Dedicated to the late

Dr William (Bill) Cottier

Director of Entomology Division (1956-1964)

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

initiator of my long association with New Zealand entomology.

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**Frontispiece:** The giraffe weevil (pepeke nguturoa), *Lasiorhynchus barbicornis* (Fabricius, 1775), was collected by Captain Cook’s crew in 1769 and was the first weevil from New Zealand to be described scientifically. Swedish entomologist Christian Fabricius described it in 1775 as two separate species because he was misled by its striking sexual dimorphism. The giraffe weevil has larger specimens than any other species in the family. Male (left), size range 16–90 mm, female (right), size range 13–46 mm (photographs prepared by B. E. Rhode, Landcare Research)
ABSTRACT

The curculionoid families Nemonychidae, Belidae, and Brentidae are revised: Nemonychidae comprising 4 species in 1 genus; Belidae 6 species in 4 genera; and Brentidae 7 species in 6 genera (including 1 species introduced for biological control). The Nemonychidae and the 5 species of Belinae are associated with the conifer families Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae, the species of Aglycyderinae with Araliaceae, the winged native Apioninae with Cupressaceae, Fagaceae, and Myrtaceae, and the introduced Apioninae with Fabaceae (Ulex). The species of Brentinae lives in dead wood of various dicotyledonous trees, and the host of the flightless apionine remains unknown. Introductory sections deal with faunal richness, composition, fossil families of Curculionoidea, biogeography, and deposition of types and other specimens. A further section completes information on female pouches and rectifies a past error on the nature of some of these.

Four new genera proposed are: Rhicnobelus n.gen. (Belidae, type-species Pachyura metallicus Pascoe), Zelapterus n.gen. (Brentidae: Apioninae, type-species Apion terricola Broun), Cecidophyus n.gen. (Apioninae, type-species C. nothofagi n.sp.), and Strobilobius n.gen. (Apioninae, type-species S. libocedri n.sp.). Agathinus Broun is removed from synonymy with Cyrotyphus Pascoe. Six new species are erected: Rhinorhynchus halli n.sp., R. halocarpi n.sp., R. phyllocladi n.sp., Cecidophyus nothofagi n.sp., Strobilobius libocedri n.sp., and Neocyba regalis n.sp. There are 4 new combinations proposed: Rhicnobelus aenescens (Broun), R. metallicus (Pascoe), and R. rubicundus (Broun) are transferred from Pachyura to Rhicnobelus; and Z. terricola (Broun) is transferred from Apion to Zelapterus. New synonymies are: Pachyura albocoma (Broun), P. brookesi (Broun), P. sumptuosus (Broun), and P. venustus (Broun) are synonymised with Rhicnobelus metallicus (Pascoe); and Pachyura pilosus (Broun) and P. violaceus (Broun) are synonymised with Rhicnobelus rubicundus (Broun).

The ratios for weevil groups on conifers with straight vs geniculate antennae (Orthoceri over Gonatoceri) show markedly different percentages in the northern and southern hemispheres. The percentage of conifer-associated Orthoceri over Gonatoceri is 63% in New Zealand, 61% in Australia, 52% in Chile, and only 2.5% in Europe. It is estimated that the New Zealand weevil fauna amounts to approximately 1800 species. It currently numbers 1500 validly established names, but about one-quarter of these are expected to fall into synonymy. Of the six recognised orthocerous families, Attelabidae and Caridae are not represented. The Anthribidae, Aglycyderinae (Belidae), and Apioninae (Brentidae) are most closely related to the fauna of New Caledonia, Belinae with Australia, and Nemonychidae with Chile. The early fossil fauna is summarised with comments on the status of four weevil families based on strata imprints. The phylogenetic relationships of 28 terminal taxa of Belinae are discussed in Appendix 1, and the genus Atractuchus is synonymised with Dicordylus.

Keywords. Nemonychidae, Belidae, Brentidae, Curculionoidea, species richness, composition, biogeography, taxonomy, hosts, systematics, cladistics, keys.


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INTRODUCTION

This contribution to the Fauna of New Zealand series is the fourth on weevils. Weevil, a word of Germanic origin, was used indiscriminately for any coleopteron in the 9th to 15th century (Klausnitzer 1983), but became gradually displaced by beetle, Käfer, chafer, biller, and others in Germanic languages. It is now almost exclusively reserved for beetles of the superfamily Curculionoidea. Derived from a number of spelling forms, such as webla, ubil, wibl, wibel, and wibel, it ended up as weevil in modern English. The group of beetles it now represents stands out amongst all others by having the head extended forward to a kind of snout or proboscis called a rostrum. Because the group is well represented in Europe in forests, orchards, fields, and barns, it was given vernacular names in most countries. Apart from weevil in English, these beetles are known as Rüsselkäfer (snout-beetle) in German, snudebill in Danish, charançon in French, gorgojo in Spanish, and gorgulho in Portuguese. The last two names were derived from the Latin word “curculio”, which Linnaeus (1758) adopted as a genus to embrace nearly all Curculionoidea described by him, and Latreille (1802) then selected this name as the basis for his family Curculionitae.

Schoenherr (1826), who pioneered the study of weevils, distinguished in his ‘tabula synoptica familiae curculionidum’ two groups — ordo Orthoceri and ordo Gonatoceri — basing the division on an obvious feature of their antennae: those with straight antennae he called Orthoceri, and those with geniculate antennae he named Gonatoceri. This division is not strictly phylogenetic, but has been, and still is, popular and practical to the current day.

Under the name of Orthoceri are grouped five (Kuschel 1995) or six families (Oberprieler 2000), and four of these are represented in New Zealand: Nemonychidae, Anthribidae, Belidae, and Brentidae. Absent are Attelabidae and Curculionidae, the latter having just a few relict forms in Australia and in the Andes of Chile and Argentina. Orthocerous weevils are perceived as primitive because of the plesiomorphic state of their antennae and other external and internal morphological structures. They are consequently regarded as ancestral and are expected to appear early in the fossil record. A section is devoted to the paleontological evidence of the earliest, mainly Mesozoic, Orthoceri, and those with geniculate antennae he named Gonatoceri. This division is not strictly phylogenetic, but has been, and still is, popular and practical to the current day.

Orthoceri constitute a small minority of the New Zealand weevil fauna, amounting to only 74 endemic species at present, out of some 1100 species estimated as valid amongst 1500+ names already proposed, or only 6.7% of the total known fauna. This percentage will probably be lowered to about 4% once hundreds of Gonatoceri weevils awaiting description are dealt with. The largest of the orthocerous weevil families is Anthribidae, with 60 species, all but two endemic (Holloway 1982). The other three families have 17 species, 16 of them endemic, and one introduced for partial biological control of gorse (Ulex europaeus).
If Orthoceri appeared earlier in geological times, the question arises whether the plants they were associated with were of the early type as well. Host associations can, of course, only be surmised when dealing with fossils, but it can be done with some confidence if the contemporary fossil flora is also known and the host plant associations of the extant weevil fauna shows a disproportionately high incidence of species confined to ancestral groups of plants. Considering only phanerogamic hosts, 12 orthocerous species are host-specifically linked with gymnosperms in New Zealand (if two anthribid species of the genus *Cacephatus* are included) and 62 with angiosperms and/or their fungi, or 16% versus 84% respectively. On the other hand, of all of the weevils known or presumed to occur exclusively on conifers, the ratio is 12 Orthoceri to 7 Gonatoceri (63% versus 37%) in New Zealand. By comparison, Australia has 34 Orthoceri and 22 Gonatoceri (61% versus 39%), and Chile 16 Orthoceri and 15 Gonatoceri (52% versus 48%) described weevil species on conifers. These three southern hemisphere countries show patterns in sharp contrast with those of the northern hemisphere where Gonatoceri species on conifers prevail by far over Orthoceri ones. The Orthoceri/Gonatoceri ratio in Europe on conifers is of the order of 2.5% to 97.5%. I am not aware that other workers have considered ratios of their groups for the two hemispheres, or have possibly found similar differences, and, if so, how the phenomenon was explained. I should think that the less severe climate changes of the southern hemisphere and the loss of Araucariaceae and Podocarpaceae in the temperate northern hemisphere has had a good deal to do with it, as well as a most successful proliferation in the northern latitudes of Scolytinae. Table 1 lists the hosts plants for the 17 species of the families revised in this contribution.

### Richness of the New Zealand weevil fauna

The marked prevalence of weevils over any other comparable group of beetles in the composition of local faunas is confirmed for New Zealand. Thomas Broun in the years 1880-1923 recorded 4323 beetle species, and Watt (1977) worked out that 1198 of them (27.7%) were weevils. In a survey of a few hectares of a coastal strip of an Auckland city suburb by Kuschel (1990), which included also a rich adventive element, better adapted to rural and urban conditions than the autochthonous component, 198 of out 982, or one fifth (20%) of the total beetle fauna were weevils. Since Fabricius described the first species collected by Captain Cook’s *Endeavour*, 1501 names have become available for native weevil species. It is estimated that a good many of these names, at least one quarter (25%), will succumb to synonymy and bring down the number of species to about 1100.

### Table 1. Host plants of New Zealand Nemonychidae, Belidae, and Brentidae species.

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Past methods of collecting were largely confined to sweeping or beating vegetation, or turning over rocks, logs, and other objects on the ground. Because of Broun’s deep involvement with the study of the New Zealand beetles, the more easily accessible fauna of lowlands was reasonably well covered. The smaller, cryptic beetles of forest litter, even that of the lowlands, together with moss mats and the hardly explored montane environment, remained to a large extent undescribed. Judging by the richness and variety of insects collected since by research centres and museums, the number of native weevils in this country should easily reach 1800 species. Including the adventive species, the ultimate number should come to around 2000.

Composition of the New Zealand weevil fauna

Before dealing with the subject matter of this section, it is necessary to state which classificatory system is being followed, because there is little agreement at present on the number of families of the weevils. If the old tradition of emphasising morphological distinctiveness, including the presence of ancestral features (plesiomorphies) is followed, a proliferation of families is a natural consequence. One hundred years ago six families were recognised: Anthribidae, Aglycyderidae, Proterhinidae, Brentidae, Curculionidae, and Scolytidae. The ambit of these families did not change to any major degree until Crowson (1955) introduced innovations of phylogenetic significance. The result was that Proterhinidae and Scolytidae were demoted, and Nemonychidae, Belidae, Oxycorynidae, and Apionidae were proposed as new, to which the family Allocorynidae was subsequently added (Crowson 1981). Kuschel (1995), by dissecting a large assortment of species of all major weevil groups, produced a matrix of 141 characters, which was processed through PAUP. Six family clades were obtained whereby Oxycorynidae, Allocorynidae, and Aglycyderidae of Crowson were included in Belidae, and Apionidae in Brentidae. Oberprieler (2000), in examining a few controversial taxa in and around Brentidae, removed Carinae from this family to raise it to family status. Kuschel’s system, with inclusion of the alteration introduced by Oberprieler, is adopted in the present paper. Thompson (1992), Zimmerman (1994), Zherikhin & Gratshev (1995), and Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal (1999) proposed or followed other classifications accepting anything from 11 to 18 families. Because these do not provide characters for a phylogenetic analysis and proper systematic assessment, they are not considered here.

Of the seven accepted weevil families, five occur in New Zealand: Nemonychidae with four native species, Anthribidae with 58, Belidae with seven, Brentidae with six native and one introduced species, and Curculionidae

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with approximately 1100 valid species. The family Attelabidae is not present in New Zealand, and is present with only one rhyzchitine species in New Caledonia and four rhyzhchnites in Chile. The family Caridae has six extant species — four in Australia and two in Chile — but fossils are known from the Baltic amber (Voss 1953, Kuschel 1992) and others from the Lower Cretaceous are considered probable members of the family (Kuschel 1983).

The present paper revises the families Nemonychidae, Belidae, and Brentidae. The fourth family, Anthribidae, the largest of the four orthocerous families in New Zealand, was revised by Holloway (1982) in great detail and with a profusion of illustrations. The three orthocerous families treated here are poorly represented, but being of basic ancestral groups, are of special biogeographic interest. Nemonychidae, with only 70 known species world-wide, is represented by four species in New Zealand, making up 5.7% of the world fauna. By comparison, the ratio is 1.87% for the world fauna of Anthribidae, 2.0% for Belidae, 0.16% for Brentidae, and 2.29% for Curculionidae. Large groups elsewhere, for instance Dryophthorinae, Baridini, Lixini, Anthonomini, Ceutorhynchini, Zygopini, and Mesoptiliini (Magdalinini), to cite just a few weevil groups, have no native species in New Zealand. On the other hand, groups rather poorly represented elsewhere, in areas of a similar climate, for instance Eugnomini, Molytini, Eritrinini, and Cryptorhynchini, as well as Cossoninae, are very richly represented in this country.

**FOSSIL EVIDENCE**

No fossils of weevils of Tertiary, or earlier ages, have been described from New Zealand, but many are known from other parts of the globe. Russian entomologists have excelled in describing a rich assortment of fossil Coleoptera from Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous sediments of the Russian Federation of countries, notably from the particularly rich deposits at Karatau in Kazakhstan, and from areas of other continents. A brief account of proposed fossil weevil families is given below, with comments on their validity and relevance to the extant fauna.

Four families have been proposed in the last 25 years:

1. Eobelidae by Arnoldi (1977), based on 30 species in 15 genera and four subfamilies, from the Upper (Late) Jurassic

2. Eccoptarthridae by Arnoldi (1977), on one genus and species from the same deposits, originally in a tribe of Eobelidae, whose status was twice changed, firstly by Zherikhin & Gratshev (1995), by citing it as a subfamily of Nemonychidae, then (1997) by raising it to independent family;

3. Ulyanidae by Zherikhin (1993) on one genus and species from the Middle Cretaceous of the West Okhot Region;

4. Obrieniidae Zherikhin & Gratshev (1994), on seven species in five genera and two subfamilies from the Upper Triassic and Upper Jurassic.

**Obrieniidae.** Obrieniidae was described as the earliest family of Curculionoidea, but there appears to be no or little ground for a placement in the superfamily of weevils. The features regarded as stable and basic for extant weevil groups, as invariably found in Nemonychidae, Anthribidae, Belidae, and Attelabidae, ought to be expected to show up in Obrieniidae, but this is not the case. The only character that seemingly determined a placement of Obrieniidae in Curculionoidea was the presence of a head extended forward into a kind of rostrum. An extended head alone, however, does not define a curculionoid because it is also known in a number of other beetle groups. The 9 main features against a placement of Obrieniidae in Curculionoidea are:

1. middle coxae in direct contact with mesepimeron and metepisterna, a character not found in any curculionoid;

2. absence of a scutellar striole, now the case only in Caridae, Brentidae, and Curculionidae;

3. width of the sutural interstria the same throughout, instead of distinctly broader in the basal area;

4. a sternopleural suture touching fore coxae anterolaterally, instead of fully laterally on the outer side of the coxae;

5. absence of distinct tibial combs;

6. first three antennal segments equally robust instead of two at most;

7. a compact antennal club instead of a loosely articulated club;

8. elytral striae well marked throughout, instead of weak or effaced posteriorly;

9. interstriae 2 and 3 joining 9 and 8, instead of joining 10 and 9.

Every one of these nine characters would almost certainly exclude Obrieniidae from Curculionoidea, in particular the contiguity of the middle coxae and the pleurites, and the simultaneous absence of a scutellar striole and a basally broadened sutural interstria. On the other hand, character (1), listed above, seems to be in agreement with what is seen in extant Archostemata.

**Eobelidae.** A merger of Eobelidae with Nemonychidae was suggested by Kuschel (1983) and accepted by Zherikhin (1986). Some Eobelidae were subsequently transferred by Zherikhin & Gratshev (1995) to Belidae, though with some reservation, in a study of hind wings of Curculionoidea.
These authors had a fragment of a wing, attributed to a *Probelus* species, which was showing little more than the stigmatical area. The radial cell and window of the fossil wing is triangular in shape, similar to those observed in some extant Belidae. The shape of the cell and window, however, varies a good deal in Belidae as well as in Nemonychidae. It can be a narrow, elongate triangle, as in the tribe Belini and the nemonychid genus *Mecomacer*. There can also be a broad cell and window of a tetragonal or pentagonal shape, as in the belid subtribe Agnesioidina and in *Nemonyx*. Fossil taxa seldom provide a good set of reliable characters and thus become prone to being moved about by different scientists and sometimes by the same scientist at different times. I contend that the features of the rostrum, mandibles, antennae, legs, and elytral striae suggest a much safer position of Eobelidae in Nemonychidae than in Belidae, because the shape of the radial cell and window alone do not define either family.

**Ulyanidae.** It is admittedly difficult to place the only known fossil in an extant family. It is also difficult to accept that a beetle family has actually become extinct. The abdomen is not that of any brentid or attelabid. The subapical antennae are not those of belids and carids. The elytral sculpture and presence of scales in the fossil rule out Nemonychidae but not Anthribidae. Should a careful re-examination of the imprints, other fossils may be required to clarify the systematic position of Ulyanidae.

**Eccoptarthridae.** It was an audacious step by the Russian paleontologists Zherikhin and Gratshev to put together in one family the extant Caridae and the fossil Eccoptarthridae. The identity of these taxa, of such diverse geological ages, was based solely on the presence of one character of doubtful value, the enlargement of the first tarsal segment. Enlarged tarsi are found in some or all species of the nemonychid *Mecomacer* Kuschel and the belid genera *Isocanthodes* Zimmerman, *Rhinotia* Hope, and *Stenobesus* Zimmerman. In the absence of other features in the fossil(s), there can be no justification in replacing, because of priority, the name of an extant group offering a full set of adult and larval attributes with one that happens to also have enlarged basal tarsal segments. Apart from a relatively broad first tarsal segment, Caridae have in profile a dorsally pronounced convexity, a curved rostrum, distinctly postmedian antennae, an elongate antennal scape, and a prothorax that lacks a carinated lateral margin. All these external attributes of extant Caridae are missing from *Eccoptarthrus* Arnoldi (1977) and *Gobicar* Gratshev & Zherikhin (1999). These genera have more features in common with the fossil nemonychid Eobelinae than with present-day Caridae.

**BIOGEOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

Of the four families of orthocerous weevils in New Zealand, only two extend their relationships to South America. These families replicate a well known southern trans-Pacific pattern, whereas the other two families show a clear connexion with Australia, New Guinea, and New Caledonia only.

**Nemonychidae.** New Zealand has one nemonychid genus, Australia seven, and Chile four. Representatives of the tribe Rhinorhynchini occur in all three areas. The Australian members of the tribe are associated with Araucariaceae and their larvae move about on their backs, whereas the New Zealand and Chilean species live on Podocarpaceae and Fagaceae and move in the normal way on their venters. The closest affinity of the Zelandic *Rhinorhynchus* Sharp is with the Chilean *Nannomacer* Kuschel, but the interrelationship of the two is remote. All four New Zealand species are oligophagous and confined to Podocarpaceae/Phyllocladaceae, none being confined to just one host species or genus. The two Chilean species of *Nannomacer* are stenophagous, each species is associated with only one host-plant genus: *N. germaini* (Voss) with *Podocarpus*, and *N. wittmeri* Kuschel with *Saxegothena*.

**Anthribidae.** Holloway (1982) listed 58 endemic species in 22 genera for New Zealand. She found eleven genera to be eminently endemic, to be regarded as ‘part of the archaic (endemic) element of New Zealand biota’, and four others endemic but showing relationships towards New Caledonia. The other seven genera are shared with New Caledonia, and two of them also with Australia (Holloway 1982, Kuschel 1998). The genera common to the two areas are *Androporus* Holloway, with one species in New Zealand and three in New Caledonia, *Cacephatus* Blackburn with six and three species respectively, *Dasyantribius* Holloway with one each, *Helmoreus* Holloway with one and seven, and *Liromus* Holloway and *Micranthribius* Holloway with one or more each. *Cacephatus* and *Helmoreus* also occur in Australia with one species each. In addition, *Hoherius* Holloway is close to *Proscoporphus* Montrouzier, and *Lophus* Holloway to *Perroudius* Holloway from New Caledonia. By contrast, Chile does not show obvious relationships with New Zealand in its anthribid fauna.

**Belidae.** Three subfamilies are included in the Belidae and two are represented in New Zealand: Belinae and Aglycyderinae; the third subfamily Oxycoryninae is absent. Belinae are constituted by two major groups or tribes, Pachyurini and Belini; both groups are present in Australia, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, but in New Zealand only Pachyurini occurs. This tribe has five species in three genera in New Zealand, all endemic. *Agathinus* is a very
close relative of the Australian Cyrotyphus Pascoe, the other two genera are adelphic to each other and together are adelphic to Sphinctobelus Zimmerman of Australia. The subfamily Aglycyderinae is a remarkable group of weevils confined almost entirely to the Pacific islands, with one species extending to New Zealand. This species is a member of Aralius Kuschel which has three further species (two still with unpublished names) in New Caledonia.

**Brentidae.** The New Zealand native fauna consists of one species of Brentinae and five of Apioninae. Brentinae are pantropical, hence poorly represented in New Zealand and not at all in Chile. The brentine Lasiorhynchus Lacordaire belongs to the tribe Ithystenini which has its main centre in the Oriental and Australian areas. It has no relatives in New Caledonia and remote ones only in Australia, Vanuatu, and Fiji. The genus has consistently been placed alongside the Sulawesian genus *Prodector* Pascoe since Lacordaire (1866) proposed it. The apionine fauna has four endemic genera, but Neocyba Kissinger is closely related to the New Caledonian *Rhadinocyba* Faust. The other three genera appear to be closer to the faunal element of New Caledonia and Vanuatu than to Australia.

In summary, out of 32 genera of native orthocerous weevils in New Zealand, 24 (75%) are endemic. The closest biogeographic relationship of this fauna is first with New Caledonia, then with Australia, and then with the area northwest of New Caledonia to Sulawesi and across the southern Pacific to Chile.

**POUCHES IN FEMALES**

Any accessory tubular or bag-like growth on the female genitalia and terminalia, observed by Kuschel (1987), were classified according to location without specification of their functions. It has since become patent that most, if not all, are of a glandular nature. It was then expressly stated then that the tergal and sternal pouches ‘contain filamentous microorganisms attached to the chitinous walls … ending in elongate (Lasiorhynchus) or oval (Karocolens) head-like structures with radiating canaliculi visible only on electron microscope micrographs (figs 32-36)’. Further work on these pouches has revealed that those ‘filamentous microorganisms’ were simply parts of glandular tissue.

A pouch or gland that missed being listed in my paper of 1987 was the well known colletorial gland, attached to the posterior wall at the base of the common oviduct at the anterior end of the vagina in some Coleoptera, including Curculionoidea (Fig. 135, 136). It is present in some of the New Zealand apionine genera as a rather deeply obcordate structure in outline, due to two opaque or slightly pigmented apical lobes (Fig. 136, 148, 156). The gland has crescent or scale-like dark patterns and a dense, papillate or villi-like outer surface (Fig. 167), appearing under high magnification as if covered in dense, fine hairs. The viscid substance secreted by the gland glues eggs together, or attaches them to surfaces, or seals them off after placement in holes or cracks. A similar function may be attributed to the tergal and sternal glands of *Lasiorhynchus* (Fig. 104, 106).

**CONVENTIONS**

It is useful to know where authoritatively identified specimens are held. The institutions housing primary and secondary types of species dealt with in the present paper are listed below. The following acronyms for repositories are used:

- **AMNZ** Auckland Museum, Auckland, New Zealand
- **CMNZ** Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand
- **FRNZ** Forest Research, Rotorua, New Zealand
- **LUNZ** Entomology Research Museum, Lincoln University, New Zealand
- **MONZ** Museum of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand
- **NZAC** New Zealand Arthropod Collection, Landcare Research, Auckland, New Zealand
- **OMNZ** Otago Museum, Dunedin, New Zealand

Whenever the New Zealand Arthropod Collection (NZAC) does not house the primary type of a described species, a specimen compared with the primary type and agreeing with it is deposited in it, with a special yellow label. The yellow label has the name of the species as originally published, the name of the person who compared it, and the year the comparison was done.

The area codes of Crosby *et al.* (1976, 1998) are used in collection records.
KEY TO FAMILIES OF ADULT NEW ZEALAND CURCULIONOIDEA

1 Antennae straight (orthocerous, non-elbowed), funicle following direction of scape (Fig. 1), if elbowed, or subgeniculate as in Fig. 10, then trochanters elongate, separating femora from coxae .................................. 2
—Antennae elbowed (geniculate, gonatocerous), funicle deflected from direction of scape in an angle (Fig. 181), trochanters short, not separating femora from coxae

Curculionidae

2(1) Labrum free, distinct, separated from clypeus by a distinct suture (Fig. 19–26) ..................................... 3
—Labrum not distinct, fused with clypeus (Fig. 175, 176)

Curculionidae

3(2) Labrum finely braced to clypeus, separated by a fine suture (Fig. 173). Prothorax lacking a transverse carina. Elytral puncta lined up to form perfect striae (Fig. 2).

Curculionidae

—Labrum loosely articulated to clypeus, separated by a deep, manifest suture (Fig. 174). Prothorax usually with a transverse carina. Elytral puncta not lined up into distinct striae. All tibiae lacking spurs

Curculionidae

4(2) Fore tibia with a grooming device on inner face opposite tarsal insertion, consisting of dense, fine vestiture in a broad groove or impression (Fig. 183, 184). Gular suture double or absent. Elytra irregularly punctate; if puncta arranged into striae, then a scutellar striae.

Belidae

—Fore tibia lacking a grooming device on inner face opposite tarsal insertion (Fig. 182). Gular suture single, distinct.

Belidae

DESCRIPTIONS

Family NEMONYCHIDAE

The family Nemonychidae in New Zealand is represented solely by the genus Rhinorhynchus which comprises four species associated with Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae. All four species are found on the same wide range of hosts and obtained, occasionally, concurrently on the same shrub or tree. Rhinorhynchus is the type genus of the subfamily Rhinorhynchinae, to which all the southern hemisphere Nemonychidae belong, as well as a few species from Central America and the United States.

Genus Rhinorhynchus Sharp


**Male.** Tergite 8 partially exposed beyond 7, simple, lacking transverse carina, with basal angles incurved medially. Sternite 8 almost entirely membranous, with a long, fine, Y-shaped apodeme. Sternite 9 with a Y-shaped, weakly upcurved apodeme. Tegmen with a small, paucisetose parameral sector. Aedeagus with a sclerotised pedon and a narrow, weakly pigmented tectum; pedon in lateral view angularly protruding dorsally and ventrally at base; apodemes articulating in basal emargination of aedeagal body, with a narrow bridge across connecting apodemes; internal sac usually with a pair of sclerites and with spinules of varying sizes on walls; ejaculatory duct insertion dorsal at base.

**Female.** Ventrite 5 with a small setiferous pit on either side. Sternite 8 sclerotised at centre, lacking a fork. Vagina and bursa long, of similar length; distal hemisternites slender, cylindrical, with a very small, bulbous lateroapical stylus (Fig. 43); spermatheca as in Fig. 44, broad at either end, with a short, slightly expanding gland; spermathecal duct nearly as long as vagina and bursa combined, inserting ventrally on bursa a short distance from oviduct.

**Distribution.** New Zealand endemic: North Island, South Island, Stewart Island.

**Host plants.** Phyllocladaceae, Podocarpaceae.

**Remarks.** A genus with four species, one ubiquitous (*R. rufulus*), the others geographically apparently more confined and in the main submontane or montane. Judging by the association with Podocarpaceae, the exclusive crawling of larvae on their venters at all stages of development, and the pubescence of the rostrum directed basad, *Rhinorhynchus* shares with the Chilean *Nannomacer* Kuschel more features than with the Australian *Basillogenes* Kuschel and *Basiliorhinus* Kuschel, which live on Araucariaceae, have larvae that crawl at all stages on their body, with a narrow bridge across connecting apodemes; internal sac usually with a pair of sclerites and with spinules of varying sizes on walls; ejaculatory duct insertion dorsal at base.

**Biology.** The life cycle of *Nemonychidae* was inferred in a paper (Kuschel 1983) from observations of the habits of *Rhinorhynchus rufulus*. Adults are found throughout the year. They are especially abundant around the time of hosts exhibiting nearly or fully mature male strobili (cones), usually from September to December, when eggs are laid. Adults feed on pollen. Larvae start to appear on male strobili a week or two before pollen is released, feeding on pollen and sporophylls. They move rather actively on the surface of the strobili (Fig. 168) and between the sporophylls (scales), dropping to the ground at the end of their development to pupate in the soil. They emerge from May onwards.

**Key to species of Rhinorhynchus (Nemonychidae)**

1. Elytra at basal half densely, coarsely punctate, appearing multistriate because of a row of coarse puncta on interstriae (Fig. 1). Vestiture on elytra dense, coarse, subsquamiform, concealing most of integument. Length 1.5–2.7 mm. Ubiquitous from Northland to Stewart Island............................................. (p. 19) ... *rufulus* —Elytra at basal half neither densely nor coarsely punctate, appearing simply striate because of only fine puncta on interstriae (Fig. 2). Vestiture on elytra sparse, fine, leaving most of integument exposed ........................... 2

2(1) Antennae reaching eyes with segment 3 in both sexes; at least last antennal segments black or nearly so. Head abruptly constricted towards rostrum (Fig. 21, 22), basal part of rostrum cylindrical or subcylindrical in both sexes. Mandibles angulate or strongly curved on outer margin alongside terminal seta of laterodorsal row of punctuation (Fig. 22). 1.5–2.2 mm. Coromandel, Subalpine Taupo, Nelson, Otago Lakes .................. ................................................ (p. 20) ... *halocarpii* —Antennae reaching eyes with segment 4 in male, with segment 5 in female, reddish throughout although club usually a shade darker. Head more gradually constricted towards rostrum (Fig. 23–26), basal part of rostrum distinctly tapering towards antennal insertions in both sexes. Mandibles gently curved throughout on outer margin ......................................................... 3

3(2) Smaller, usually under 2.3 mm. Segment 2 of antennal club not longer than wide, usually distinctly transverse. Rostrum in lateral view distinctly more curved in both sexes. Male: eyes moderately convex; tibiae more robust, distinctly incurved at apex; tegmen with slenderer parameres (Fig. 39); aedeagus (Fig. 37, 38) slender, less than 0.10 mm wide, with main body 5x longer than wide, with apodemes about half length of aedeagal body, with sclerites in the internal sac small (Fig. 37). Length 1.60–2.35 mm. Northland, Auckland, Taupo, Hawkes Bay, Buller ... (p. 20) ... *phyllocladii*
Larger, 2.3 mm or over. Segment 2 of antennal club longer than wide. Rostrum in lateral view gently curved in male, nearly straight in female. Male: eyes strongly convex; tibiae slenderer, not distinctly incurved at apex; tegmen with wider parameres, with parameral sector not as deeply notched; aedeagus 0.12–0.13 mm wide, with main body 4x longer than wide, with apodemes about three-quarters length of aedeagal body, with sclerites in the internal sac larger (Fig. 40). Length 2.3–2.7 mm. Subalpine in Taupo, Mid Canterbury .......... (p. 21) ... hali

**Rhinorhynchus rufulus** (Broun)

Fig. 1, 19, 20, 27–33, 43–45, 168, 169; Map 1


*Rhinorhynchus* Sharp, 1882: 89. —Voss, 1922: 19, fig. 8, 9; 1932: 106.

Reddish brown or dark brown, femora and tibiae usually yellowish red. Pubescence longer and denser than in other species, particularly on elytra where hairs are coarse, subsquamiform (stramineous), mostly somewhat golden (Fig. 1).

Head as in Fig. 19, 20; temples strongly constricted; frons in both sexes densely and more coarsely punctate than in other species; rostrum in male moderately converging apicad towards antennal insertions, densely, rather coarsely punctate, with a fine, low median carina, with pubescence directed basad; rostrum in female weakly curved, gently converging towards antennal insertions, shiny on sides, with a fine, sparse to moderately dense punctuation. Mandible (Fig. 28) nearly evenly curved on outer margin. Antennae extending to eyes with segment 4 in both sexes. Prothorax distinctly longer than wide in male, slightly wider than long in female, with dense, distinctly coarser punctuation than in other species. Elytra seemingly multistriate on basal third or half owing to row of coarse puncta, these puncta as coarse as those in striae.

**Male**. Parameral sector as in Fig. 33. Aedeagus (Fig. 31, 32) with apex broadly and rather deeply emarginate.

Length 1.5-2.7 mm.

**Types**. (1) *Rhinomacer rufulus* Broun. Described from ‘one mutilated specimen’ from Tairua, Coromandel. Seven specimens bearing this name in Broun Collection of The Natural History Museum, London are from Mt Egmont, Wellington, Pakarau, and Taieri; none is from Tairua. The Broun Collection at Landcare Research, Auckland contains several specimens of this species identified by Broun, but again none from Tairua. A specimen from Wellington in the Broun Collection is chosen as neotype to replace the lost holotype, so as to assure correct and consistent application of the name in the future. Neotype ♀, 2.2 x 0.9 mm, Wellington, 829 [green], BMNH.

(2) *Rhinorhynchus zealandicus* Sharp. Holotype ♀, 2.20 x 0.85 mm, Greytown, Helms, BMNH.

**Distribution**. North Island, South Island, and Stewart Island. Common all the way from sea-level to the subalpine
zone. Obtainable in all seasons, being particularly abundant whilst male strobili are nearly or fully mature.

ND, AK, CL, WD, BM, TO, TK, WI / ND, NN, BR, KA, NC, MK, OL, CO, SL, SI.


Remarks. The two names given to this species are confirmed after examination of the type material of Sharp and specimens identified by Broun himself. Voss had two specimens available, one in good condition, the other with the terminal segment of the maxillary palpi missing, a condition he took to be normal. The description of Broun is clearly based on a female. It contains details on rostrum, antennal insertion points, and nature of sculpture and vestiture of elytra applicable to this species only. *R. rufulus* may be found in numbers also on the subalpine prostrate shrubs of *Podocarpus nivalis* and *Lepidothamnus laxifolius*, or equally in high numbers stuck on the sticky scapes or flower stalks of various composites (Asteraceae) of the genera *Celmisia* and *Brachycome* in the same subalpine zone.

**Rhinorhynchus halocarpi** spec. nov.

Fig. 21, 22, 34–36; Map 2

Yellowish red or dark chestnut-brown, antennae partly or entirely dark brown, metasternum and abdomen reddish brown or dark brown, tarsi usually a little darker towards apex than tibiae. Pubescence fine, short, sparse.

Head (Fig. 21, 22) with temples only slightly constricted; frons between eyes finely, sparsely punctate, nearly smooth on middle. Rostrum in male slightly shorter than prothorax, with basal part subcylindrical or very gently converging towards antennal insertions, densely, finely punctate, with a smooth midline rather than a carina, and with pubescence directed strongly inward, nearly transverse; rostrum in female slightly longer than prothorax, moderately curved in lateral view with basal part cylindrical or nearly so, and its punctation fine and sparse. Mandibles more or less angulate on outer margin alongside terminal seta of laterodorsal row of puncta. Antennae reaching eyes with segment 3 in both sexes. Prothorax as long as wide in male, slightly wider than long in female, strongly rounded on sides in both sexes, finely and densely punctate. Elytral interstriae at basal third or half lacking row of course puncta.

Male. Parameres (Fig. 36) with long and slender tips. Aedeagus (Fig. 31, 32) with broadly emarginate-truncate apex; internal sac lacking a pair of sclerites.

Length 1.50–2.15 mm.

Types. Holotype ♂, 1.6 x 0.7 mm, Chateau, on *Halocarpus bidwillii*, NZAC. 108 paratypes AMNZ, BMNH, LUNZ, MONZ, NZAC.

Material examined. North Island. CL. Mt Hobson, Great Barrier I. TO. Chateau, Tongariro National Park; Ohakune. South Island. NN. Kaituna River, Collingwood Valley; Mt Hope. OL. Mt Greenland. 112 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. CL, TO / NN, OL.

Host plants. *Halocarpus bidwillii*, *Phyllocladus alpinus*.

Remarks. Both host plants are common in a swamp just below the Chateau Hotel in the Tongariro National Park. *R. halocarpi* was considerably more abundant on *Halocarpus bidwillii* than on *Phyllocladus alpinus*. None were obtained from *Podocarpus hallii* or *Manoao colensoi* occurring on the same site.

**Rhinorhynchus phyllocladi** spec. nov.

Fig. 23, 24, 37–39, 44, 173; Map 3

Reddish brown or dark brown; antennae, at least terminal segments, darker than rostrum; abdomen usually reddish brown or dark brown; tarsi same as tibiae or a shade darker. Pubescence fine, short, sparse.

Head as in Fig. 23, 24, weakly constricted at temples; rostrum at base more gradually tapering apicad than *R. halocarpi*; frons finely and sparsely punctate, especially in female. Rostrum in male distinctly shorter than prothorax, strongly tapering towards antennal insertions on basal part, densely, finely punctate, with a fine, sharp median carina, and with pubescence directed obliquely inwards; rostrum in female distinctly longer than prothorax, moderately curved, moderately tapering towards antennal insertions, finely and densely punctate, rather dull, subalutaceous on sides. Mandibles nearly evenly curved on outer margin. Antennae reaching eyes with segment 4 in male, with segment 4 or 5 in female. Prothorax distinctly longer than rostrum, densely, finely punctate, with a sharp median carina, and with pubescence directed obliquely inwards; rostrum in female distinctly longer than prothorax, moderately curved, moderately tapering towards antennal insertions, finely and densely punctate, rather dull, subalutaceous on sides. Mandibles nearly evenly curved on outer margin.

Antennae reaching eyes with segment 4 in male, with segment 4 or 5 in female. Prothorax distinctly longer than wide in male, as long as wide in female, finely and densely punctate. Elytral interstriae lacking row of coarse punctuation on basal area.

Male. Parameres as in Fig. 39. Aedeagus (Fig. 37, 38) slender, 0.09 mm wide, with main body 5x longer than
wide; apex curved downwards, with rather prominent, subdentiform knob laterad of weak emargination; apodemes short, about half length of aedeagal body; internal sac with a pair of very small sclerites.

Length 1.60–2.35 mm.

**Types.** Holotype ♀, 1.80 x 0.75 mm, Chateau, Tongariro NP, 6 Dec 1978, on Ph. alpinus, NZAC. 189 paratypes AMNZ, CMNZ, FRNZ, LUNZ, MONZ, NZAC.

**Material examined.** North Island. ND. Waitangi State Forest. AK. Huia. TO. Mahuia Camp, Tongariro NP; Chateau, Tongariro NP; Taurewa. HB. Puketitiri. BR. Mt Tuhua, Paparoa Ra. 190 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** ND, AK, TO, HB / BR.

**Host plants.** Phyllocladus alpinus, Ph. trichomanoides, Manoao colensoi, Halocarpus bidwillii, and Podocarpus totara.

**Remarks.** R. phyllocladi was the more common species in the Tongariro National Park where all four species were collected concurrently.

**Rhinorhynchus halli** spec. nov.

Fig. 2, 25, 26, 40, 41; Map 4

Reddish brown or dark brown, suture and lateral margins of elytra and ventral surface frequently dark brown; antennae as rostrum but terminal segment usually darker; tarsi as tibiae or slightly darker. Pubescence fine, longer, and denser than in R. halocarpi and R. phyllocladi, especially on head and pronotum of male (Fig. 2).

Head as in Fig. 25, 26, rather strongly constricted at temples; frons more densely and coarsely punctate in male. Rostrum in male strongly converging towards antennal insertions, densely, finely punctate, with a sharp median carina, and with pubescence directed obliquely inwards; rostrum in female weakly curved, weakly converging apically at basal part, finely, sparsely punctate, shiny also on sides. Mandibles evenly curved on outer margin, slightly less curved than in other species. Antennae reaching eyes with segment 4 in male, with segment 5 in female. Prothorax slightly longer than wide in male, slightly wider than long in female, finely, densely punctate. Elytral interstriae without row of coarse puncta in basal area.

Male. Parameres not as deeply notched as in R. halocarpi (Fig. 36) and R. phyllocladi. Aedeagus (Fig. 40, 41) 0.12–0.13 mm wide, relatively robust, with main body about 4x longer than wide; apodemes three-quarters length of aedeagal body; internal sac with a pair of larger sclerites.

Length 2.3–2.7 mm.

**Types.** Holotype ♀, 2.60 x 0.95 mm, Mahuia Camp, NZAC. 26 paratypes AMNZ, LUNZ, MONZ, NZAC.

**Material examined.** North Island. TO. Mahuia Camp, Tongariro NP; Chateau, Tongariro NP; Whakapapa, Tongariro NP; Raurimu. South Island. NN. Mt Hope. MC. Mistake Basin; Zed Ck Saddle, Mt Hutt. 27 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** TO / NN, MC.

**Host plants.** Phyllocladus alpinus.

**Remarks.** Usually darker and distinctly larger than the two preceding species. Named after Thomas Hall, who discovered the first specimen. Broun had Hall’s specimens identified as R. rufulus also.

**Family BELIDAE**

Belidae are represented by two highly distinctive sub-families: Belinae with three genera in five species, and Aglycyderinae with one genus and one species. Adult Belinae are associated with Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae, but the larvae of at least some species are not host-bound by being able to develop on advanced decayed wood of conifers and dicotyledons. The aglycyderine species lives subcortically on Araliaceae. The Belinae are related to the Australian fauna, and the Aglycyderinae species to New Caledonia.

**Key to genera of Belidae**

1 Antennal club distinct, 2-segmented (Fig. 7). Mandibles plurisetose (Fig. 178). Tarsi pseudotetramerous, with 3 normal segments and a cryptotarsite. Prementum large, concealing maxillae and palps (Fig. 178) .................

......................(p. 28) .. Aglycyderinae ... *Aralius*

—Antennal club rather indistinct, 4- or 5-segmented (Fig. 3). Mandibles paucisetose (Fig. 175). Tarsi pseudotetramerous, with 4 normal segments and a cryptotarsite. Prementum small, not concealing maxillae and palps. ...................................... Belinae ... 2
2(1) Rostral apex weakly bilobed, not bidentate. Pronotum somewhat raised on either side of midline, weakly sinusuous at base. Elytra with tubercles on dorsum and sharp spines at apex. Femora armed with teeth on underside ........................................ (p. 27) .......................... Agathinus

— Rostral apex bidentate, not bilobed. Pronotum not raised either side of midline, strongly sinusuous at base. Elytra lacking tubercles and not ending in spines. Femora lacking teeth on underside ........................................ .......................... Pachyurinus

3(2) Pronotum widest about middle, strongly constricted to a collar at apex, with distinct lateral impressions. Elytra dull, non-metallic, lacking transverse rugae, somewhat uneven with shallow depressions .......... ........................................... (p. 22) .................. Pachyurinus

— Pronotum widest at or near base, not or hardly constricted at apex, lacking lateral impressions. Elytra shiny, metallic, transversely rugose at least near suture, lacking depressions ............ (p. 24) .................. Rhinocerus

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**Pachyurinus Kuschel**

Fig. 3, 49, 58–69


Moderately elongate body, dull, lacking metallic sheen.

Head elongate; temples longer than a diameter of an eye, distinctly converging basad, somewhat constricted, not forming distinct neck. Frons about twice as wide as rostrum at apex, flat or impressed, with small fovea, lacking grooves. Eyes round, convex, not quite hemispherical, finely faceted. Rostrum slender, three or more times longer than wide at apex, in lateral view thicker or thinner than diameter of eyes; expansion above antennal insertions pronounced; postrostrum rapidly converging towards antennal insertions, lacking median carina; prorostrum considerably longer than postrostrum, diverging apical, with small tooth on either side of median emargination. Antennae long, extending to beyond humeral callus, reaching eyes with segment 1 or 2, segment 1 much longer than 2, segments 1 and 2 combined longer than 3, segment 7 in width and vestiture halfway between 6 and 8; club 5-segmented but first segment narrower than following segments (Fig. 3).

Prothorax moderately to strongly transverse, strongly sinusuous at base; basal rim of scutellum distinct, narrow, level with or lower than pronotal disc; apical constriction in dorsal view distinct; disc with depressions. Scutellum vertical at base, high, convex.

Elytra parallel-sided or wider behind middle, strongly sinusuous at base, each elytron with broad lobe advancing on to pronotum, with low subbasal swelling, with or without depressions; epipleural margin indistinctly raised on basal half, only slightly raised at apical half; surface densely punctate; inferolateral flange present. Hind wing (Fig. 49) with a relatively small apical field, not more than one-third total length; A1 incomplete, interrupted; cross-vein between A1 and A2 absent; common vein to A1 and A2 long.

Fore- and mid-coxal cavities open laterally; femora unarmed, lacking a row of denticles or coarse granules on dorsal surface, hind ones extending nearly to or passing ventrite 2. Tibiae without a carina on dorsal surface and without a macro; spur formula 2-2-2; first segment of middle and hind tarsi elongate, parallel-sided or nearly so, twice as long as wide or longer; claw segment passing tarsite 3 by a length of latter.

Male. Tergite 8 (Fig. 58) concealed under 7, divided by membranous strip on midline into two halves, glabrous except for few setae at apex. Sternite 8 (Fig. 59) with large, completely or partially pigmented blade, with apodeme fused. Sternite 9 (Fig. 60) long, with long, slender arms. Tegmen (Fig. 61, 63) with stretched out, nearly horizontal ring; parameral sector relatively short in relation to remainder of tegmen, thickened at apex. Aedeagus (Fig. 62, 63) contained in abdominal cavity, not extending into metathoracic lumen, as long as last four ventrites combined or slightly longer; pedon partly membranous, tapering apical, simple, with base in lateral view not reinforced with tooth or ridge, with sides moderately rolled up; tegument pigmented throughout, not quite reaching apex of pedon; apodemes considerably shorter than aedeagal body; internal sac with long, largely free flagellum; flagellum entering sac ventromedially at base; sclerites absent, with wall lining of fine vestiture and spinules.

Female. Hemisternites largely membranous, pigmented parts more or less reduced to fine struts; styli well developed; vagina and bursa elongate; spermatheca not falciform, shaped more like a pistol (Fig. 67), with a large common atriurn for duct and gland, the duct thick, short, inserted on dorsal surface of bursa a little distance from oviduct; gland large, long, several times longer than spermathecal body.

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Zealand: North Island and South Island.

**Host association.** Adults on Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae, larvae subcortical on dead branches of conifers and on a variety of angiosperms.

**Remarks.** *Pachyurinus* is a monotypic, New Zealand endemic. It is adelphic with *Rhinocerus* n. gen., also of New Zealand.
Zealand, and the two genera together being adelphic with the Australian *Sphinctobelus* Zimmerman (see analysis in Appendix 1). Apart from the characters pointed out in the key to genera, it differs from *Rhicnobelus* in having a scutellum that falls vertically onto the mesonotum, and its males lacking a mucro to the tibiae.

**Etymology.** *Pachyúrinus* from addition of the suffix -inus to the belid genus *Pachyura* (‘thick tail’) of Australia; gender masculine.

**Pachyurinus sticticus** (Broun)

Fig. 3, 49, 58–64, 176, 183; Map 5


Reddish brown; frons, dorsal part of head, often also rostrum darker. Vestiture pale on underside, head, pronotum and depressed areas of elytra, dark and inconspicuous on areas of elytra not depressed (Fig. 3).

Head at least dorsally somewhat constricted, in lateral view rather strongly convex between subbasal constriction and frons, densely, coarsely punctate. Frons anteriorly foveate. Antennite 7 usually wider than 6, intermediate in shape and vestiture between 6 and 8.

Prothorax 1.38–1.47 x wider than long, subparallel to apical quarter, rapidly constricted to a well marked collar at apex, less densely punctate than head on darkish middle area, with shallow, usually partly smooth depression on either side of disc. Scutellum in lateral view conspicuously prominent above level of prothorax, convex, with dark hairs.

Elytra in lateral view distinctly higher than pronotum, smooth and more or less foveate on either side of scutellum, usually with a broad depression along suture from middle to top of declivity, another elongate depression on sides of dorsum inducing a blunt fold on posterior half; rather flat across dorsum; each elytron converging in straight or slightly convex line to a blunt sutural point; margins at apex not asperate. Wing venation as in Fig. 49, A, interrupted.

Femora weakly thickened, hind ones nearly lineal. Tibiae in both sexes not asperate on lower edge, lacking mucro. First tarsal segment long, narrow except on fore leg of male where as broad as segment 3, fringed with long hairs, shiny on most of undersurface. Ventrites 1–4 with a lateral darker, smooth, usually glabrous depression. Tergites pale, weakly pigmented.

Male: Tergite 8 as in Fig. 58; sternite 8 as in Fig. 59; sternite 9 as in Fig. 60. Tegmen as in Fig. 61, 63, with a subapical dorsal swelling and short setae. Aedeagus as in Fig. 62, 63, as long as ventrites 1–4 combined, over 7x longer than wide; pedon weakly pigmented, membranous along midline; membranous area tapering apicad, abbreviated near pedal apex; tectum not quite reaching apex of pedon, as broad as pedon for most part, weakly pigmented throughout; internal sac not extending to end of apodemes, with an elongated pear-shaped, at base broadly emarginate bag; walls of bag darkened with dense fine vestiture; flagellum long, tape-like, more than half its length free, extending to posterior end of basal bag, entering bag at middle of basal emargination.

Female: Largely agreeing with Fig. 66 of *R. rubicundus* but spermathecal gland as in Fig. 64, sinuously tapering apicad.

Length: 5.5–8.2 mm.

**Types.** Two syntypes present, collected by A. T. Calvell. Lectotype ♀ (here designated, so as to assure correct and consistent application of the name in the future), 7.4 x 2.2 mm, Boatman’s, Reefton, 2408, BMNH. Paralectotype ♀, same data, BMNH.

**Material examined.** Lectotype, paralectotype, and 159 non-type specimens. North Island. TO. Chateau, Ruapehu; Waipakihi R., Kaimanawas; Ohakune Rd. South Island. NN. Upper Maitai; Maitai Valley; Saddle Hill; Dun Mtn; Third House; Roding Valley, 2nd Ford; Gordon’s Pyramid; Belgrove; Takaka Hill; Canaan; Mt Arthur; Kaituna, Collingswood; Heaphy Track, Aorere Valley; Saxton Hut Heaphy Track; Mt Misery; Mt Hope. SD. Picton. MB. Pelorus Bridge; St Rowans Well, Upper Wairau Valley; Lake Tennyson. BR. Lake Rotoiti; Mt Robert; Boatman’s; Panakaiki Scenic Reserve. WD. Otira; Barrack Ck; Mahinapua; Goldsborough. NC. Arthur’s Pass. MC. Cass; Moa Hut. 161 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** TO / SD, NN, MB, BR, WD, NC, MC.

**Host plant.** Adults in numbers on *Phyllocladus trichomanoides* (Phyllocladaceae) and *Podocarpus totara* (Podocarpaceae), and larvae reared ex dead branches of *N. cliffortioides*, *N. solandri* (Fagaceae), and *Aristotelia serrata* (Elaeocarpaceae).
Rhicnobelus gen. nov.

Fig. 4, 5, 70–83
Type-species: Pachyura metallica Pascoe

Because of the close relationship with Pachyurinus, only the main distinguishing characters of Rhicnobelus are here given. Prothorax converging in gentle arc to an indistinct apical constriction, with a fine groove on midline, lacking impressions. Scutellum proclinate. Elytra with metallic sheen, with transverse rugae at least near suture and no impressions. Male tibiae mucronate. The vein A₁ is complete in R. aenescens, interrupted in R. rubicundus, and absent in R. metallicus. The inferolateral flange of elytra is present in R. aenescens and R. rubicundus, absent in R. metallicus.

Distribution. Endemic: North Island, South Island.

Host plant. Adults and larvae found so far associated only with genera of Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae.

Etymology. Rhicnobelus (‘wrinkled dart’) from the Greek rhinkós meaning wrinkled, and the weevil genus Belus (meaning bullet or dart); gender masculine.

Key to species of Rhicnobelus

1 Club 5-segmented, by antennae having segment 7 distinctly wider than 6 and vestiture similar to that of segment 8. Elytra rugae weak, usually confined to near suture. Legs bright reddish brown contrastingly paler than body. Length 4.5–6.5 mm. Northland to Marlborough and Nelson ...... (p. 24) ... rubicundus
   —Club 4-segmented, by antennae having segment 7 similar to 6 in width and vestiture. Elytral rugae conspicuous, extending to the sides. Legs as dark as remainder of body ........................................................ 2

2(1) Metasternal sides with large patch of dense, strikingly white vestiture. Designs on elytra, when present, directed obliquely forward from suture to sides, those on middle of dorsum a V-shaped band. Length 4.5–7.5 mm. From Northland to Southland ........................................ (p. 25) ... metallicus
   —Metasternal sides lacking patch of dense white vestiture. Designs on elytra, when present, directed obliquely backward from suture to sides, those on middle of dorsum jointly an inverted V-shaped band. Length 6.5–8.9 mm. From Gisborne and Wanganui to Central Otago and Dunedin ......................... (p. 26) ... aenescens

Rhicnobelus rubicundus (Broun) comb. nov.

Fig. 65–69; Map 6

Pachyura pilosa Broun, 1909: 137 (as var. of Pachyura rubicunda) syn. nov


Black or nearly so, with coppery, brassy or bluish, sometimes iridescent sheen; antennae, legs and often tip of rostrum bright reddish brown; apex of antennal segments and last two tarsal segments usually darkened. Vestiture recumbent, white throughout or in part, rather long, mostly piliform, thicker, subsquamiform when condensed to dots or oblique lines on dorsum, directed straight backwards.

Head conspicuously converging towards constriction, densely punctate. Frons flat, lacking fovea. Proorostrum less than twice as long as wide.

Prothorax 1.22–1.32x wider than long, converging in gentle curve to indistinct collar, with an impression at base followed by a fine sulcus; punctuation dense, coarse, similar to that of head, more or less aligned into transverse rows. Scutellum in lateral view not or hardly higher than pronotum, flat, transverse.

Elytra in lateral view slightly ascending for a short distance behind base, parallel or slightly wider postmedially, lacking depressions, evenly convex transversely on dorsum, broadly rounded at apex; margin at apex distinctly asperate; punctuation dense, coarse, somewhat aligned transversely. Wing venation as for P. sticticus (Fig. 49), A₁ interrupted.

Femora very slender, showing hardly any swelling; middle tibiae in male mucronate, finely denticulate near muco, slightly incurved; tarsi not obviously different in the sexes. Ventrites 1–4 with bare patch on either side. Tergites heavily pigmented, usually metallic blue.

Male: Tergite 8 as in Fig. 68, heavily pigmented, separated by narrow membrane; sternite 8 as in Fig. 69, shallowly emarginate. Tegmen and aedeagus largely in agreement with P. sticticus (Fig. 61–63).

Female: Sternite 8 as in Fig. 65. Genitalia as in Fig. 66; spermatheca as in Fig. 67.

Length: 4.5–6.7 mm.

Types. Pachyura rubicunda: described from 5 specimens from Whangarei Heads. Lectotype ♂ (here designated, so as to assure correct and consistent application of the name in the future), 6.1 x 2.0 mm, Manaia, Whangarei Heads, 831, NZAC. Paralectotypes BMNH, NZAC.
Pachyura pilosa: described from one specimen. Holotype ♀, 6.7 x 2.4 mm, Helensville, var. 831 [=rubicunda], P.villosa [sic], T Broun, NZAC.
Pachyura violacea: based on one specimen from Karori.
  Holotype ♂, 4.6 x 1.5 mm, 2930, BMNH.

Material examined. 7 type specimens and 62 non-type specimens. North Island. ND. Waipoua SF; Trounson Kauri Park; Whangarei Heads. AK. Helensville; Kakamatau Ridge, Huia; Destruction Gully, Huia. CL. Tairua. BP. Tarakenga, Rotorua; Maraenui; Motu River Bridge; Motu River; Wairarapa. WN. Johnston’s Hill, Karori; Wellington. South Island. NN. Belgrove. MB. Jack’s Pass, Hamner. 69 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. ND, AK, CL, BP, WN / NN, MB.

Host plant. Adults found on Podocarpus totara (Podocarpaceae), larvae subcortically in dead branches of Toronia toru (Proteaceae).

Remarks. Recognisable at once by vividly pale legs in sharp contrast with the dark, metallic colour of the body. The epithet ‘rubicundus’ aptly refers to the colour of the extremities and ‘violaceus’ to that of the body.

Rhinocobelus metallicus (Pascoe) comb. nov.


Black with steel-blue, coppery, or brass shen; antennae, legs and rostral apex reddish brown or dark brown. Vestiture for most part inconspicuous, dark, very short, with long, white pubescence around eyes, on sides of prothorax and underside, condensing considerably on mesepimeron and anterior part of metepisternum, and with a large white patch of very dense pubescence on sides of metepisternum; white vestiture often also on midline of pronotum, in humeral depression, on suture at anterior quarter, a V-shaped band on middle of dorsum pointing towards the metasternal patches, a band across end of elytral dorsum, and a band on declivity (Fig. 4, 5).

Head converging towards a weak constriction, coarsely, unevenly punctate, or rather granulate; frons flat, sculptured as on head capsule, with or without sharp fine carina anteriorly on midline. Anterostrum variable in length, twice or thrice as long as wide at apex. Antennal segment 3 as long as or longer than scape, segment 7 much as 6, segment 8 as wide as and longer than 9.

Prothorax 1.20–1.27x wider than long, converging in gentle curve to an indistinct apical constriction; basal rim on sides nearly level with disc, well below disc in front of scutellum; punctuation on disc transversely aligned into grooves. Scutellum level with elytra, variable in shape, flat, rather finely, densely punctate, pubescent.

Elytra parallel or slightly wider beyond middle, lacking impression against sides of scutellum, broadly rounded at apex in both sexes; margin at apex not asperate; dorsal surface slightly impressed at shoulders, obliquely impressed across middle and at end; punctuation coarse, aligned in the bottom of deep transverse grooves separated by smooth ridges or rugae. Hind wings with four anal veins only, A. missing.

Femora weakly swollen; tibiae straight or incurved, all with small macro in male; tarsi similar in both sexes. Ventrites on sides with smooth, nearly glabrous impressions.

Male. Tergites intense metallic blue. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 70. Tegmen (Fig. 71, 73) with long apodeme and a slightly thickened parameral apex. Aedeagus (Fig. 72, 73) with pedon tapering to a blunt point; flagellum heavily pigmented, cylindrical, the wall of basal extension with elongate, coarse spinules.

Female. Genitalia as in Fig. 74; hemisternites rather long; styli robust, relatively short; bursa long, narrow; spermatheca (Fig. 75) slender in lateral view.

Length: 4.5–7.5 mm.

Types. 1) Pachyura metallica: described from two specimens. Lectotype ♂ (here designated, so as to assure correct and consistent application of the name in the future), 4.8 x 1.3 mm, 830, Christchurch, BMNH; it undoubtedly came from a series collected by Wakefield at Riccarton on 25 Oct 1873.

2) Pachyura albocoma: described from one specimen. Holotype ♂, 5.9 x 1.8 mm, 2172, Mt Cook Hermitage, 2600', H Suter, BMNH.

3) Pachyura brookesi: described from one specimen. Holotype ♂, 7.5 x 2.3 mm, 4113, Titirangi, 18 Sep 1915, A E Brookes, BMNH.

4) Pachyura sumptuosus: described from one specimen. Holotype ♂, 7.0 x 1.9 mm, Parua, BMNH.

5) Pachyura venusta: described from one specimen. Holotype ♂, 5.1 x 1.5 mm, 2929, Howick, BMNH.

Material examined. 5 type specimens, and 223 non-type specimens. North Island. ND. Mangonui,
Kaiangaroa; Glenbervie; West Okahu Block, Whirinaki Forest; Taupo Bay; Mangakahia; Toatoa Track, Waipoua Forest; Waipoua SF; Te Matua Ngahere, Waipoua; Trounson Kauri Park; Parau; Western Hills, Whangarei; Waimatenui; Waipu; Maunganui Bluff. **AK**. Titirangi; Waitakere Range; Laingholm; Huia; Manukau; Orongo; Howick; Manukau Heads, Kemp Road; Clevedon, Humua. **CL**. Kaitara Valley, **WO**. Waimata, Kaimai Ra; Okiaua. **BP**. Waienga Bush; Lottin Pt Road, Waenga. **TO**. Mahuia Res., Mt Ruapehu; Chateau, Tongariro; Taureka; Tokaanu; Erua; Ohakune; Mangawhero Falls, Ohakune Mtn Rd. **RI**. Hautapu Gorge, Taihape. **WI**. Palmerston North; Marima Domain. **WA**. Mangatiti. **WN**. Wallaceville; Wadestown; Akatarawa; Korokoro; Wellington, Botanical Gardens; Whakariki R, Wainui Forest; Silverstream; Makara Bush; Wilton’s Bush. **South Island. NN**. Maitai Valley; Dun Mtn; Aniseed Valley; Baigent Park, Wakefield; Wakefield; Motupiko; Takaka Hill; Cannaan; Kaituna, Collingwood; Aoreere Valley; Hacket Track. **SD**. Picton. **MB**. Red Hills, Wairau Valley. **KA**. Rakatara. **WD**. Otera River; Otera; Mahinapua SF. **NC**. Arthur’s Pass. **MC**. Riccarton Bush, Christchurch; Christchurch; Prices Valley, Banks Peninsula; Peel Forest; Cooper’s Knob; Moa Basin. **OL**. McKerrow Ra., Makorora; Bold Peak, L. Wakatipu; Mt Earnslaw; Paradise. **SL**. West Plains; Riverton; Haldane. 228 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.


**Host plant.** Adults and larvae on *Dacrydium cupressinum*, *Phyllocladus alpinus*, *Ph. trichomanoides*.

**Remarks.** *R. metallicus* is locally variable in regard to length of rostrum and vestiture design. A large white patch of dense vestiture on either side of the metasternum sets this species apart from the other native belids.

**Rhicenobelus aenescens** (Broun) comb. nov.

Fig. 76–83; Map 8

Broun, 1915: 338 (*Pachyura*).

Black or nearly so, with steel-blue, coppery, or brassy sheen; antennae, legs, and tip of rostrum reddish brown, antennal club and last tarsal segments darker. Vestiture for most part inconspicuous, dark, short; long and pale on underside, around eyes, sides of prothorax, and elytrial declivity, and spots and/or an inverted V-shaped band across middle of dorsum.

Head constricted some distance behind eyes, somewhat asperate, with short transverse rugae; frons more or less flat, densely punctate, sometimes with sharp median carina anteriorly; anterostrum more than twice as long as wide at apex; antennal segment 3 longer than scape; club distinctly 4-segmented.

Prothorax 1.2–1.3x wider than long, converging in gentle arc to an indistinct apical collar, densely punctate, somewhat transversely rugose, with fine shallow groove on midline; basal margin rimmed, well below level of disc. Scutellum not higher than pronotal disc, transverse or as long as wide, subpentagonal, flat, densely punctate.

Elytra subparallel in male, converging apically in straight or convex line, widest behind middle in female, converging in concave line, distinctly impressed on either side of scutellum and inwards of shoulders, usually with an inverted V-shaped impression across middle usually clothed with white pubescence, occasionally with other transverse or longitudinal impressions on posterior half of dorsal surface; punctuation transversely aligned into irregular grooves. Wings with all five anal veins complete.

Femora weakly incrassate, a little more swollen than in *R. metallicus*; tibiae in male straight or incurred, all mucronate and asperate on lower edge; fore and middle tibiae in female with inconspicuous macro, not asperate on lower edge; tarsi apparently similar in both sexes. Ventrites with lateral impressions.

Male: Tegite and sternite 8 as in Fig. 80. Tegmen (Fig. 77, 78) with few long apical setae. Aedeagus as in Fig. 76, 79, a little shorter than combined length of ventrites 2–5; pedon weakly thickened to a small knob at apex; internal sac extending beyond apodemes, constricted at emergence of flagellum, with spherical expansion at aedeagal body base, with long extension over free part of flagellum; basal extension with two zones of fine wall vestiture.

Female: Sternite 8 as in Fig. 81. Genitalia as in Fig. 82; hemisternites relatively short, more extensively pigmented than in the preceding species, with long setae at apex; stylus unusually long, slender. Bursa long, narrow; spermathecal body, duct, and glands as in Fig. 82, 83.

Length: 6.5–8.5 mm.

**Type.** *Pachyura aenescens*: described from a single specimen. Holotype $\delta$, 8.9 x 2.8 mm, Ben Lomond, 7 Dec 1912, M. O. Pasco, BMNH.

**Material examined.** Holotype and 14 non-type specimens. **North Island. HB**. Makahu Spur, Kaweka Ra. **WI**. Waitahinga, Wanganui. **WN**. Korokoro. **South Island. MB**. Molesworth, Awatere R. **BR**. Buller. **MC**. Ureuhats Clearing, Craigieburn. **MK**. Mt Cook; Governor’s Bush, Mt Cook. **OL**. Mt Aurum. **CO**. Ben Lomond. **DN**. Cape
Saunders; Dunedin. 15 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** HB, WI, WN / MB, BR, MC, MK, OL, CO, DN.

**Host plant.** G. V. Hudson stated in his unpublished register that the species was common on *Phyllocladus alpinus* (Phyllocladaceae) on Mt Aurum.

**Remarks.** The differences of *R. aenescens* from *R. metallicus* are contained in the key to species. Although widely distributed, few specimens are in collections.

**Agathinus Broun, re-instated (from Cyrotyphus)**


Head elongate, with temples twice as long as eye diameter, diverging basad, not constricted. Frons about as wide as apical width of rostrum, somewhat uneven with shallow lateral grooves and raised median area towards vertex, depressed towards base of rostrum. Eyes circular, strongly protruding, hemispherical, coarsely facetted. Rostrum robust, in lateral view nearly as thick as head deep, about twice as long as wide at apex; postrostrum weakly widening towards eyes; prorostrum as long as postrostrum, strongly widening apicad, bilobed at apex. Antennae long, slender, slightly passing base of elytra (female), or extending to behind subbasal tubercle (male), reaching eyes with segment 3; segment 1 much longer than 2, segments 1 and 2 combined as long as 3, segment 7 slightly wider and more densely pubescent at apex than 6, last four segments loosely articulated, longer than wide, densely pubescent, only slightly wider than 7, hardly forming a club.

Prothorax appearing elongate, about as long as wide, truncate or weakly sinuous at base, converging in straight or gentle curve towards broad, laterally and dorsally well defined collar; basal rim in front of scutellum distinct or not; disc uneven, flattish or weakly depressed on midline, with two low tubercles or swellings on middle and a slight apical swelling on either side of median depression. Scutellum leaning slightly backward at base, raised above level of elytra.

Elytra much wider at apical quarter than at shoulders, with more or less straight sides up to widest part, each elytron ending in a sharp tooth about thickness of a hind femur from suture; surface coarsely, rather sparsely punctate but largely concealed under dense vestiture; inferolateral flange present. Hind wing (Fig. 52) with relatively large apical field, the field 0.4 or more of wing length, all five anal veins present, A1 cut off from A2, also other veins usually somewhat interrupted.

Fore and middle coxae completely closed laterally; femora armed with one or more teeth underneath, middle and hind femora with row of granules or denticles on dorsal surface; middle and hind tibiae with finely crenulated sharp carina on dorsal edge, all tibiae in both sexes lacking mucro; spur formula 2-2-2, inner spur of fore tibia smaller, often considerably reduced and inconspicuous; first segment of middle and hind tarsi large, as wide as 3, less than 1.5x longer than wide.

Male. Tergite 8 (Fig. 84) a little exposed beyond and below tergite 7, transverse, heavily sclerotised around margins, with relatively large mediobasal membranous area, exposed part abundantly pilose. Sternite 8 (Fig. 84) consisting of a heavily sclerotised rim around a large membranous area, with apodeme articulating, not fused. Sternite 9 (Fig. 84) with long arms. Tegmen (Fig. 87, 88) with rapidly rising ring; parameral sector long in relation to remainder, not pale on midline, not thickened at apex. Aedeagus (Fig. 85, 86) contained in abdominal cavity; pedon completely sclerotised, simple at apex, with rolled-up high sides; tectum reduced to an elongate sclerite over ostial area; apodemes very broad, considerably shorter than aedeagal body; internal sac with long, partly free flagellum, this entering sac ventrally a little off base; sclerites absent, wall lining with fine vestiture.

Female. Tergite and sternite 8 as in Fig. 90, 91. Genitalia (Fig. 89) with hemistermites long, largely membranous, with sclerotised parts reduced to fine struts; bursa with large spherical sac beyond narrow section, with long cylindrical outgrowth dorsally above narrow section somewhat pigmented on either side of insertion point of spermhecal duct; spermheca extremely reduced, unpigmented except at one end, common atrium taking up more than half spermhecal body; spermhecal gland cylindrical, longer than hemistermites or sternite 8.

**Distribution.** Endemic: North Island, South Island.

**Host plants.** Adults on the coniferous families Podocarpaceae and Phyllocladaceae, and larvae in dead wood of various phanerogams.

**Biology.** Adults are often in numbers in the early evenings on the end of branches, in particular on the swamp pine *Halocarpus biauritii*. Although essentially a crepuscular species, it may occasionally be seen resting on plants or...
flying at other times of the day. Larvae live in dead twigs and branches.

Remarks. Agathinus is closely related to the Australian Cyrotypus Pascoe from which it differs in having shallow, not engraved frontal grooves, hemispherical eyes, stretched head with temples twice the length of an eye diameter, elytra that broaden considerably through to the apical quarter, and tibiae that lack macro in both sexes. It comprises a single species.

Etymology. 'Agathinus': from the Greek adjective ágathos meaning excellent, refined, aristocratic, and the suffix -inus; gender masculine.

Agathinus tridens (Fabricius)

Fig. 6, 52, 84–91, 175, 185–187; Map 9

Fabricius, 1787: 122 (Curculio); 1792: 483 (Curculio); 1801: 537 (Curculio). —Gmelin, 1790: 1774 (Curculio). —Olivier, 1790: 555 (Curculio); 1807: 403, pl. 13, fig. 154 (Curculio). —Herbst, 1795: 520, pl. 85, fig. 5 (Curculio). —Latreille, 1797: pl. 233, fig. 5 (Curculio).

Distribution. ND, AK, CL, BP, TO, GB, TK, WN / SD, NN, BR, WD.

Host plant. Adults are associated with Phyllocladus (Phyllocadaceae), Dacrydium, Halocarpus, Podocarpus, and Prumnopitys species (Podocarpaceae), but larvae develop in dead, usually non-coniferous wood, such as Cassinia and Olearia (Asteraceae), Coprosma (Rubiaceae), Corokia (Cornaceae), Cyathodes (Epicadiceae), Gaultheria (Ericaceae), and Hebe (Scrophulariaceae).

Remarks. A. tridens is one of the most distinctive species of the New Zealand fauna amongst weevils with straight, non-geniculate antennae because of the presence of a large preapical callus produced over the elytral sides across the top of the declivity. Both specific names refer to three large raised structures present on each elytron of the species.

Aralius Kuschel

Fig. 7, 92–99, 177, 179, 184

Kuschel, 1990: 79 (replacement name for Platycephala; type-species P. oliviensis Montrouzier).

Head broad, across eyes broader than length from epistome to neck, strongly constricted behind eyes to a cylindrical neck. Frons nearly as wide as head, convex, lacking impression. Eyes strongly protruding, hemispherical or nearly so, coarsely facetted, with coarse interfaccetal setae. Ros- trum usually sexually conspicuously dimorphic, in male nearly twice as wide as long, with a transverse, medi-
sinuous, laterally abbreviated sulcus ending in distinct pit halfway between eyes and epistome, in female about as long as wide, with shallow median depression instead of a transverse sulcus; apical margin rounded or slightly lobed on middle in male, truncate in female, in both sexes ciliate; underside with pit on postmentum bearing tight tuft of bristles; vestiture on dorsal surface directed basad behind transverse sulcus or median depression, apicad in front of sulcus or depression. Antennae short, extending to about middle of prothorax, reaching eyes with segment 2, with segments 1 and 2 similar in length and width to each other, segments 3–8 distinctly slenderer, segment 9 usually a little wider and larger than 8, segments 10–11 loosely articulated, forming a distinct 2-segmented club. Mandibles at distal half relatively slender, subparallel, with the outer edge slightly turned downwards, with three apical teeth; pharyngeal process absent; laterodorsal surface plurisetose. Maxillae with ill-defined galea, with 4-segmented palp. Prementum very large, concealing maxillae, plurisetose, labial palp 3-segmented, invisible, inserting about middle of dorsal surface.

Prothorax quadrangular or rounded, with or without denticulation on lateral margin, with one or more discal impressions. Scutellum small, almost level with mesonotum. Elytra slightly depressed, parallel sided or very slightly converging apicad from base, jointly rounded at apex, 10-striate; striae with perfectly aligned puncta; scutellar striole distinct; sutural and even interstriae with a row of erect squamiform setae; inferolateral flange absent. Hind wing fully developed, long, narrow, with apical field large, 0.6 of total wing length; basal part narrow, Cu at this area equally distant from fore and hind margins; jugular (anal) lobe absent; anterior margin with up to 7 stigmatic setae, hind margin with long cilia from apex to a short distance basad from Cu; venation strongly reduced, C and Sc indistinct at proximal half, R well-pigmented for most part, radial cell incomplete. M indistinct, r-m missing, Cu rather distinct to near hind margin, anal absent except for one running parallel with hind margin.

Underside same level throughout, flat. Coxal cavities closed laterally, notopleural suture obsolete; metepisternal head with a prominent dorsal tooth sharply indenting elytra. Fore coxae separated by 3–4 coxal widths, not protruding, inserted at basal third of prosternum; femora pedunculate, moderately incrassate; tibiae robust, straight, lacking spurs and macro; tarsi 3-segmented, segment 2 bilobed, rather small.

Ventricle 1 longer than 2, ventrites 2–4 about same length to each other, 1–4 laterally with distinct transverse impression or groove. Ventricles 1–7 pigmented, undivided along midline, 7 with large pruinose patches; spiracular area not pigmented. Proventriculus with well defined, strongly pigmented blades, these with distinct plate anteriorly and brushes elsewhere, nearly twice as long as wide. Rectum with elongate, posteriorly broadened and more intensely pigmented loop (Fig. 99).

Male. Sternite 8 pigmented, strongly transverse, undivided, lacking apodeme; sternite 9 bifurcate. Tegmen (Fig. 92, 93) pigmented, with paranarial sector broad, entire, broadly rounded or truncate at apex, finely setose. Aedeagus (Fig. 94, 95) short, slightly longer than last three ventrites combined; aedeagal body tubular, pedon and tectum fused except briefly at apex, tectal part extending to or slightly beyond pedal part, covering it; ostium apical; apodemes much longer than aedeagal body, attached laterally.

Female. Tergite 8 (Fig. 96) denticulate at apex, with 7 or more teeth; sternite 8 as in Fig. 97, tergite 9 absent; rectum outside genital pocket, its loop as in Fig. 99. Genitalia as in Fig. 98, proximal and distal hemistermites without oblique suture, pigmented, setose at apex, without stylus; bursa large; spermatheca very small, not falciform, weakly curved or slightly bent, duct inserted at one end, about 2–3x longer than spermatheca, entering bursa dorsally near base of slender section of bursa; gland large, sessile, heading towards spermathecal apex.

**Distribution.** New Zealand (Northland to mid Canterbury), New Caledonia.

**Host plants.** Some if not all *Aralius* species are associated with members of the family Araliaceae in New Zealand and New Caledonia. Hudson (1934) stated that the New Zealand species was ‘associated with the tree fern *Cyathea dealbata‘, a statement at odds with subsequent field observations carried out in the Nelson and Auckland areas.

**Biology.** Adults and larvae live and complete the development under bark of recently dead branches of the host species.

**Remarks.** *Aralius* is readily differentiated from *Proterhinus* and *Aglycyderes* in having antennae that extend only to about the middle of the prothorax, a very short first antennal segment, ventrites 1–4 with transverse lateral impressions or grooves, with a setiferous pit behind postmentum in the male, and a tergite 8 with 7 or more teeth on the apical margin in the female. New Zealand has one species and New Caledonia three (two of these undescribed).
Aralius wollastoni (Sharp)

Figs 7, 92–99; Map 10


badius Broun, 1880: 427 (Aglycyderes).

jeanneli Paulian, 1944: 118, fig. 14, 15, 18 (Platycephala).

Reddish brown or dark brown throughout; integument shiny if not coated with film of waxy exudation. Vestiture consisting of short, fine or subsquamiform decumbent hairs leaving most of surface exposed, and squamiform erect setae on sides of head, on all even interstriae and on declivity of sutural interstria (Fig. 7).

Head reticulate with large, shallow punctuation from middle of rostrum to constriction behind eyes; distal half of rostrum finely punctate, nearly smooth on central area of groove or depression.

Prothorax quadrangular, often with slightly prominent apical and basal angles, with three mostly distinct dorsal impressions; lateral margin slightly asperate, not denticle; punctuation largely as on head. Elytra with well marked but not sulcate striae, these distinctly wider than interstriae; setosity consisting mostly of elongate-elliptic scales.

Male. Tegmen and aedeagus as in Fig. 92–95.

Female. Tergite 8, sternite 8 and genitalia as in Fig. 96–98.

Length 1.7–2.8 mm.

Types. 1) Aglycyderes wollastoni: described from ‘several specimens’ from Tairua; 8 syntypes located at BMNH, the one marked with a ‘T’ (for type) by Sharp is here designated lectotype. Lectotype d (here designated, so as to assure correct and consistent application of the name in the future), 2.4 x 0.75 mm, BMNH. 7 paralecotypes, same data, BMNH.

2) Aglycyderes badius: described from a single specimen. Holotype d, 2.0 x 0.70 mm, Parua, BMNH.

3) Platycephala jeanneli: described from one male specimen from ‘Nouvelle-Zélande’. Holotype d, 2.5 x 0.9 mm, Auckland, 1878, Broun, MNHN; sent by Broun as Aglycyderes wollastoni to Paris. The abdomen and the aedeagus were on the same card the specimen was glued on; they now are in glycerine in a minivial. One antenna has the first four segments only and the other is missing totally, so it is not possible to confirm whether the figure published was based on a teratological case or was just a badly executed drawing.

Material examined. 10 type specimens and 237 non-type specimens. North Island. ND. Poor Knights Is, Tawhiti Rahi; Parua. AK. Goat I; Anawhata; Motuihe I; Lynfield; Noises I, Motuhurupapa I; Noises Is, Scott; Noises Is, Otata I; Noises Is, Ike I; Green Bay; Auckland Domain; Titirangi; Bethells, Matuku Reserve. CL. Tairua; Cuvier I; Mayor I, Opo Bay. BP. Rarima Rocks. WN. Wellington; Silverstream; Upper Hutt, Te Mara. South Island. SD. Picton; Waikawa Bay; Shakespeare Bay; Rarangi, Whites Bay; Woodward Peak; Ship Cove; French Pass; D’Urville I, Kapowai. NN. Nelson; Upper Maitai; Dun Mtn; Whangamoao; Aniseed Valley. BR. Lewis Pass. MC. Riccarton Bush; McLennans Bush. NC. Mt Grey. 247 specimens examined — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. ND, AK, CL, WN / SD, NN, BR, MC.

Host plants. Pseudopanax arboreus, P. crassifolius, and P. lessonii (Araliaceae).

Remarks. One of the most characteristic and readily recognisable beetles of New Zealand on account of a most peculiar broad head that does not extend forward to a kind of proboscis or rostrum, a feature distinguishing weevils from most other Coleoptera. Sharp (1876) and also Wollaston (1864) were inclined to place Aglycyderes in Coleydidae. Paulian (1944) rightly recognised the affinity of A. wollastoni with the New Caledonian Platycephala olivieri Montrouzier, but missed realising that the generic name Platycephala was not available because of homonymy.
Family BRENTIDAE

The family Brentidae is poorly represented with just six endemic species in five endemic genera, and one palearctic species imported for partial biological control of gorse (*Ulex europaeus*). Each endemic genus is highly distinctive; one belonging to Brentinae, the others to Apioninae. The affinity of the brentine is not with Australia, New Caledonia, or Fiji, but apparently with Sulawesi; the affinity of the apionines is with New Caledonia, Vanuatu, and Fiji. There are no gondwanic elements in this family, only australasian and oriental. The monotypic status of four endemic genera out of five suggests that these have been in New Zealand for some considerable time, but the question as to why proliferate speciation did not occur is not easily answered.

Key to genera of Brentidae

1. Large species, over 11 mm long excluding rostrum. Antennal club cylindrical, not wider, or hardly wider, than funicle (Fig. 8). Pronotum medially grooved. Elytra parallel-sided. Femora contiguous with coxae. Tibiae with spurs. Claws divergent ........................................... (Brentinae) ... (p. 31) ... *Lasiorhynchus*

   —Small species, less than 5 mm long excluding rostrum. Antennal club elliptical or oval, distinctly wider than funicle (Fig. 10, 12). Pronotum medially not grooved. Elytra round-sided, widest at or behind middle. Femora separated from coxae by elongate trochanters. Tibiae lacking spurs. Claws divaricate ....... (Apioninae) ... 2

2(1) Scutellum concealed (Fig. 10). Elytra completely smooth, lacking striae on exposed surface. Antennal club compact, tightly articulated, with first segment at least as large as remainder of club (Fig. 110). Prothorax at base strongly constricted to form a broad collar (Fig. 19). Mesepimeral suture not sulcate. Flightless ........ (Apioninae) ... 3

   —Scutellum visible (Fig. 12). Elytra sculptured, with distinct striae on exposed surface (Fig. 12–16). Antennal club loosely articulated, showing distinct indentation between first two segments, first segment distinctly smaller than remainder of club (Fig. 127, 137). Prothorax at base not constricted (Fig. 12–16). Mesepimeral suture in a deep, broad sulcus. Fully winged .......................................................... 3

3(2) Elytra weakly striate, with semierect pubescence (Fig. 12) ........................................ (p. 36) ... *Cecidophyus*

   —Elytra with deeply engraved striae (Fig. 14–16) ...... 4

4(3) Claws simple (Fig. 145). Elytra glabrous (Fig. 14) ... .................................................................. (p. 38) ... *Strobiolius*  

   —Claws dentate. Elytra pubescent or squamose (Fig. 15, 16) ......................................................... 5

5(4) Vestiture pilose, sparse, leaving integument exposed (Fig. 15, 179). Middle coxae contiguous, thus meso- and metasternal processes not meeting. Antennae submedian, not inserting under a dentiform expansion (Fig. 15) ........................................... (p. 39) ... *Neocyba*

   —Vestiture squamose, dense, concealing integument (Fig. 16). Middle coxae separate, the meso- and metasternal processes meeting. Antennae subbasal, inserting under a dentiform expansion (Fig. 16–19) .............................................. (p. 42) ... *Exapion*

**Lasiorhynchus** Lacordaire


Elongate species with sparse vestiture consisting of conspicuous white hairs and lineal scales applied to integument. Elytra with reddish brown markings.

Head elongate, gently constricted at base, in male cylindrical, at least 3x longer than an eye diameter, in female cylindrical or distinctly converging apical, 2x longer than an eye diameter; vertex not medially grooved; underside with long, distinct, transversely rugulose, not sulcate, gular suture ending in a deep tentorial pit about half an eye diameter from behind the eye margin. Frons narrower than rostrum at base, with small fovea. Eyes hemispherically protruding, glazed. Rostrum much longer than prothorax, sexually highly dimorphic, in male with a very long postrostrum, at least 8x longer than prorostrum, in female postrostrum distinctly shorter than prorostrum; postrostrum in male broadening apicad, less than twice as long as wide, not longer than first two antennites combined, convex dorsally, with weak dorsolateral margin, neither dorsally nor ventrally sulcate, underside of pro- and postrostrum with a beard of backwardly curved hairs. Antennae in male subapical, bent backwards not reaching to front margin of prothorax, slender except for scape; segment 2 longer than scape, segment 3 longer than 2, from then on gradually shorter; all segments, especially in male, with abundant hairs directed 45° apicad; club long, slender, all club segments much longer than wide, only very slightly wider than funicle, dullish, vellutinous, with few, mostly apical setae.

Prothorax considerably longer than wide, sulcate in male to near apex, in female to the apical one-third and, in profile, convex. Scutellum distinct, small, ascending.

Elytra lacking a humeral tooth, in male spatulately extended at apex by more than one length of last three
Female. Tergite 7 elongate, compressed to some extent, deep in lateral view; intersegmental membrane close to base of tergite 8 with a pair of large, 2.7 mm long by 1.9 mm wide glands (Fig. 104), the glands applied with their broadest face against inner walls of tergite, this face with a distinct indentation where touching tracheae of spiracle 7. Tergite 8 as in Fig. 104–105, with few, usually 5 long teeth, with a strongly downcurved apex. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 106, blade subtruncate, with about 20 minute setiferous teeth on apical margin, with an apically split median arm extending to a little beyond middle of blade; apodeme a little more than twice as long as blade; membrane connecting with sternite 7 (ventrite 5) with a large glandular pouch on either side extending to near apex of apodemes. Genitalia as in Fig. 108, hemisternites (Fig. 107) long, undivided, with lateroapical stylus and a few setae; the well pigmented genital sheath with a deeply coloured sclerite near base of hemisternites; vagina about 4x as long as hemisternites, more or less sacciform towards end, continuous with a rather indistinct bursal part; spermaphore (Fig. 109) slender, falciform, duct nearly as long as hemisternites and vagina combined, pigmented and tapering as far as first bend, widening before inserting at bursal end; gland distinctly sclerotised, a little paler than spermaphalic body; two long cylindrical vaginal appendages present; colletorial gland absent.

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Zealand.

**Host plants.** Woodborer in various dying or freshly dead trees.

**Remarks.** One species varying greatly in size, some males exceeding the length of any other brentine in the world. The genus is currently placed in the tribe Ithystenini. It is only remotely related to *Ithystenus* Pascoe of Australia and Vanuatu, *Mesetia* Blackburn of Australia, and *Bulbogaster* Lacordaire of Fiji, but may be a little more closely related to *Prodector* Pascoe of Sulawesi.

*Lasiorynchus* appears to be unique in many ways to all other Brentinae, in particular in having:

1. a distinct, normal, well-exposed scutellum instead of an entirely concealed one;
2. an elytral base that slopes down to the mesonotum instead of falling vertically;
3. no oblique carina or flange (the 'submarginal ridge' of Lyal & King, 1998) beyond the inferolateral flange on the underside of the elytral declivity;
4. no protruding apical lobe on the ventral surface of the claw segment instead of a distinct one amply visible in dorsal view between the claws;
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(5) fore legs with a broad, densely hairy grooming device between outer tooth and spur instead of a long comb leading away from the spur on the lower edge of tibiae;
(6) claws with one or more setae instead of none in any other brentines; and
(7) by females in having four intersegmental glandular pouches instead of two or none.

Because the first six characters are presumed ancestral (plesiomorphic) elsewhere in weevils, *Lasiorhynchus* will undoubtedly deserve a special consideration in any phylogenetic analysis of the genera of the subfamily.

Schoenfeldt (1908) and Kleine (1938) have placed the Sulawesian *Prodector* Pascoe (1862) alongside *Lasiorhynchus* thus presumably implying affinity with it. The description of *Lasiorhynchus* above takes this into account by attending to morphological areas of interest separating these genera.

The principal distinguishing features of *Prodector* in regard to *Lasiorhynchus* are:
(1) the base of head has an abruptly cut-off neck;
(2) the gular suture is very short;
(3) the tergitium pit is near the base by the neck;
(4) the beard hairs of the male rostrum are directed apicad;
(5) the scutellum is concealed;
(6) the elytral base vertical;
(7) the shoulders have a tooth between side and base;
(8) the interolateral flange of the elytra is continued by an oblique flange to suture;
(9) the fore tibiae are glabrous and shiny between the outer tooth and the spurs and have a long comb of stiff setae leading away from the spurs;
(10) the spur formula is 2:2:2;
(11) the onychium has an advancing ventral lobe visible between the claws in dorsal view;
(12) the claws have no setae;
(13) the arms of the male sternite 9 are narrow;
(14) the basal armature of the internal sac is bulky with diverse pigmentation consisting of a ring at base which has a median tubule for the ejaculatory duct to go through and continue pigmented to the end of the 0.7 mm long basal sclerite;
(15) the female tergite 8 has nine teeth and the apex of sternite 8 lacks fine denticulation;
(16) the genital sheath lacks a sclerite near the base of hemisternites;
(17) the bursa is ventrally concave and apically bilobed;
(18) the spermathecal gland is unpigmented.

**Etymology.** *Lasiorhynchus* (‘densely hairy rostrum’) is a Greek compound, from lásios = densely hairy, and rhynchos = proboscis for weevil; gender masculine.

*Lasiorhynchus barbicornis* (Fabricius)  
**giraffe weevil, pepeke nguturoa**

Fig. 8, 9, 57, 100–109; Map 11 Fabricius, 1775: 134 (*Curculio*); 1781: 171 (*Curculio*); 1787: 95 (*Brentus*); 1792: 491 (*Brentus*); 1801: 545 (*Brentus*).


Dull dark brown, elytra usually with three yellowish or reddish marks each, a humeral mark, a median mark, and a postmedian mark, sometimes with additional smaller markings. Vestiture consisting of sparse white or yellowish piliform or lineal scales, those on underside longer and broader; male with rather dense black, backward directed beard on underside of rostrum (Fig. 8).

Rostrum in male 2.1–3.3x longer than prothorax; prorostrum short, strongly widening apicad, relatively shiny at apex, shallowly depressed lengthwise; postrostrum 6–14x longer than prorostrum (higher ratios corresponding to larger specimens), entirely dull, shallowly, indistinctly punctate dorsally, transversely convex above, sides vertical, lower edge of sides weakly or distinctly tuberculate on basal half. Rostrum in female 1.5x longer than prothorax; prorostrum shiny, 2.1x longer than postrostrum, finely, sparsely punctate, more coarsely punctate on sides near base, lacking scales, with sparse hairs instead; postrostrum dull, cylindrical, with lineal scales.

Prothorax in male 2.0–2.6x longer than wide, with median groove, subcylindrical, mostly gently converging apicad; in female 1.6–1.8x longer than wide, elliptical, widest near middle, with groove from base to middle or slightly...
Types including rostrum, 13–46 mm for females excluding rostrum. 50 mm for males exclusive of rostrum, 18–47 mm for females apex. Other characters in generic description. Flat, truncate, in female transversely convex, rounded at usually somewhat transversely rugose; ventrite 5 in male mesepimeron punctate. Ventrites 1 and 2 laterally punctate, convex, flat or grooved, glabrous.

beyond, continued to apex as a bare line. Scutellum variable, convex, flat or grooved, glabrous. Sides of metasternum, meso- and metepisternum, and mesepimeron punctate. Ventrites 1 and 2 laterally punctate, usually somewhat transversely rugose; ventrite 5 in male flat, truncate, in female transversely convex, rounded at apex. Other characters in generic description.

Length: 16–90 mm for males inclusive of rostrum, 11–50 mm for males exclusive of rostrum, 18–47 mm for females including rostrum, 13–46 mm for females excluding rostrum.

Types. (1) Curculio barbicornis Fabricius: lectotype male (selected by Kuschel 1970) 17.3 x 2.5 mm (measured from middle of eyes to tip of elytra), rostrum 9.8 mm (from tip of rostrum to middle of eyes), no locality but presumed from Ship Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound, SD, Banks Collection, BMNH; 2 paralectotype males, one MNHN, the other in Fabricius Collection, Kiel (now in Copenhagen).

(2) Curculio assimilis Fabricius: lectotype female (selected by Kuschel 1970) 25.4 x 4.7 mm (from middle of eyes to tip of elytra), rostrum 9.9 mm (from tip of rostrum to middle of eyes), no locality but presumed Ship Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound, SD, Banks Collection, BMNH; 1 paralectotype female, in Fabricius Collection, Kiel (now in Copenhagen).

Material examined. 2 type specimens and 154 non-type specimens. North Island. ND. Stb Pandora; Te Paki Coastal Park; Waipoua SF; Whangarei; Mangamuka; Mangamuka Summit Tk. AK. Bethells, Matuku Res; Nihotapu; Titirangi; Auckland; Te Pu Mamaku; Waitakere Ra, Cascade; Mangere; Otatia; Hunua; Swanson; Piha. CL. Ongohi Stm; Pokororo; Little Barrier Is; Great Barrier Is, Coopers Castle; Coromandel. WO. Hamilton; Otorohonga; Okauia. BP. Te Whaiai (nr Rotorua); Mt Te Aroha Smt; Papatea;omanawa; Tauranga; Motu R, Mangaturata Stm. TK. New Plymouth; Ararat. TO. Pihanga-Turangi. GB. Urewera NP, Te Taita-a-Makora. HB. Puketitiri; Waimarmac Beach. RI. Ngatariua, Upper Rangitikei. WN. Ballance Bridge; Ballance Reserve; Tokomaru Gorge; Hkandallah; Orongorongo Field Stn.

South Island. SD. Bulwer, Pelorus Sound.; Maud Is, Old Homestead. NN. Maungatapu Valley; Roding River; Knuckle Hill, Mangarakau; Takaka; Pepin 1. BR. Greymouth. 156 specimens examined — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. Northland to NW South Island.

ND, AK, CL, WO, BP, TK, TO, GB, HB, RI, WN, WA / SD, NN, BR.

Host plants for adult and larva (in alphabetical order of plant families): Araucariaceae (Agathis australis); Asteraceae (Brachyglottis repanda); Corynocarpaceae (Corynocarpus laevigatus); Lauraceae (Beilschmiedia taraire, B. tawa); Malvaeeae (Hoheria spp.); Meliaceae (Dysoxylum spectabile); Monimiaceae (Hedyccya arborea, Laurelia novae-zelandiae); Podocarpaceae (Dacrydium cupressinum); Proteaceae (Knightia excelsa); these families involving principally dicotyledons.

Remarks. This spectacular beetle of New Zealand is known as ‘giraffe weevil’. A highly informative paper on its biology was written by Meads (1976). The specific name ‘barbicornis’ is Latin for bearded horn in reference to the relative hairiness of the male antenna.

Apioninae

The taxonomy of Apioninae has undergone radical changes since Alonso-Zarazaga (1990) revised the Palaeartic fauna of the subfamily. The genus Apion Linnaeus, for instance, had hundreds of species from all over the world, but is now reserved for fewer than 20 Palaeartic species, all associated with Polygonaceae. New Zealand has only five native species in four endemic genera. These are here assigned to the tribe Rhadinocybini Alonso-Zarazaga proposed on the basis of the New Caledonian genus Rhadinocyba Faust. The introduced species of the genus Exapion is a member of the tribe Apionini. The two tribes are readily distinguished by the condition of the middle coxae, which are disjunct in Apionini, and contiguous in Rhadinocybini.

Zelapterus gen. nov.

Fig. 10, 11, 110–121
Type-species Apion terricola Broun

Head strongly tapering apicad, not or hardly constricted, not strigose across at base, temples twice as long as an anteroposterior diameter of eyes. Frons as wide as rostrum or a little narrower, flat, lacking impression, appearing somewhat depressed because of a deep saddle (Fig. 111) jointly formed with rostrum. Eyes partially glazed, oval, strongly, almost angularly protruding laterally, small, perched on upper half of sides, dorsoventral diameter only half a rostral depth. Rostrum as in (Fig. 111), as long as prothorax, subcylindrical or slightly widening to antennal insertion point, then gently tapering, in profile strongly curved. Scrobes sulciform, directed to gular angle. Antenna as in Fig. 110, distinctly antemedian in both sexes; scape slender, reaching eyes, weakly clavate, curved outwards; funicle slender, segment 1 much larger and thicker than 2; club large, oblong, subcompact, segment 1 more than half of total length.
Prothorax longer than wide, strongly constricted at basal one-third to an unrimmed broad collar, truncate, without trace of an apical constriction, its axial and tangential convexity pronounced, in profile weakly procline, only 1.4X longer dorsally than ventrally; notum lacking impressions. Scutellum concealed.

Elytra broadly elliptical, inflated, lacking humeral callus, jointly rounded to a rather narrow apex, vertical at base, in profile highly humped, strongly, uniformly convex. Striae totally erased on upper surface, but striae conspicuous on underside, here showing nearly as wide as interspaces, also stria 10 visible at posterior end; vestiture highly caducous, whence usually not present anymore; interalateral flange continued as a fine line a little beyond the locking groove. No hind wings, not even stumps present.

Mesepimeral suture obsolete, not sulcate but occasionally with a slight impression against elytra; meso- and metasternal processes not meeting between coxae; metasternum short, hind margin in front of coxae distinctly concavely curved. Process of ventrite 1 broadly rounded; suture 1 of abdomen laterally distinct; ventrite 5 in male subtruncate, shallowly binemiscus, not rimmed at apex, in female rounded. Tergite 1–6 totally depigmented; membrane between tergites 7 and 8 lacking pouch in both sexes.

Fore coxae long, slender, slightly antemedian owing to prothorax being ventrally rather long, a little less long in front than behind coxae. Trochanters elongate, all on lower edge longer than wide. Femora weakly swollen, hind ones front than behind coxae. Femora weakly swollen, hind ones well short of reaching apex of elytra. Tibiae lacking mucro in both sexes. Tarsus lineal, tarsite 2 weakly broadened apically, tarsite 3 with long, slender lobes; claw segment passing tarsite 3 by half the length of this tarsite; claws divaricate, slender, simple, without a tooth or lamina, Fig. 114.

Male. Tergite 8 as in Fig. 112–113, strongly rounded at apex, a good deal visible ventrally behind abdomen, lacking carinae or flanges. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 115, with deep emargination. Sternite 9 as in Fig. 115–116, with somewhat symmetrical arms, these not or hardly shorter than apodeme, with a heavily pigmented transverse sclerite articulating with the tips of arms. Tegmen as in Fig. 117–118, as long as aedeagus, distinctly articulated on sides, unusually robust as a whole below articulation; the dorsal sector short, strongly pigmented laterally and apically, entire at apex, with a very short membrane at apex and a pair of short setae, central area uniformly, weakly pigmented, bilobed cephalad. Aedeagus (Fig. 119–120) very long, extending deeply into the thoracic lumen, pedon parallel-sided, weakly pigmented, ending in a long, subuliform apex; tectum and tectal arms weakly pigmented; apodeme slightly longer than main body, tightly articulating with pedon, internal sac extending to a little beyond middle of apodemes, lacking sclerites but with fine wall lining.

Female. Colleterial gland at base of common oviduct absent. Bursa and spermatheca as in Fig. 121; one very large egg present at any one time, a mature egg measuring 0.875 x 0.50 mm in a 1.4 mm long female, the egg extending into the thoracic cavity.

**Distribution.** New Zealand, endemic.

**Host plant.** Unknown.

**Remarks.** One species, usually obtained from sifted bush floor litter. In habitus not unlike the flightless Apotapion Zimmerman (1943) of Fiji and Vanuatu and, apparently, nearest to this genus in affinity for sharing similarly gibbous prothorax and elytra, a rather long prosternum in front of coxae, a subcompact antennal club, lack of an apical constriction of prothorax, a concealed scutellum, no humeral callus, no mucro on any tibia in both sexes, and simple claws. Apotapion differs, however, considerably in having a short antennal scape, broad tarsi, a shorter first antennal club segment, an intersegmental sclerite near the emargination of sternite 8, a distinct sclerite in the internal sac, no bladal sclerite on sternite 9 of male, and normal eyes without any glaze over ommatidia. One of the dissected females had an egg (Fig. 157) that filled up virtually the entire abdomen and good part of the mesothoracic lumen. It is not uncommon that very small beetles have very large eggs in relation to their size, for instance Ptiliidae (Dybas 1966) and Limnichidae (Britton 1977).

**Etymology.** Zelápterus is derived from ‘zel’, short for the Latin name of New Zealand (Nova Zelandia), and apterus for the lack of hind wings; gender masculine.

**Zelapterus terricola (Broun) n. comb.**

Fig. 10, 11, 110–121; Map 12

Broun, 1923: 702 (Apion)

Shiny black, antennae and legs reddish or dark brown. Vestiture absent except for some hairs on legs and last ventrite (Fig. 10). Other features are contained in the description of the genus above. Because the original publication shows accurate and detailed observations by Broun, his description of Apion terricola is here reproduced in full.

**Original description.** ‘Minute, elongate, very convex, the elytra especially; glabrous, shining, nigrescent, rostrum, antennae, and legs piceo-rufous, its punctiform sculpture obsolete.’

‘Rostrum rather longer than thorax, arched, stout, cylindrical, slightly narrower in front. Head of equal length and breadth, gradually narrowed to almost the same width
as the rostrum. Eyes as far apart as they are from the thorax, prominent, subrotundate. Thorax truncate at base and apex, a little longer than broad, rounded, widest, and most convex at or before the middle, its basal half much constricted and depressed. Scutellum absent. Elytra oval, apparently truncate and of the same width as thorax at the base, about double its length and almost twice as broad and convex near the middle."

‘Scape inserted evidently before the middle, attaining the eye, moderately stout, subclavate at the extremity. Funiculus hairy, basal joint slightly longer than second and twice as thick; third at apex as broad as fourth, both together slightly longer than second; fifth to seventh transverse, seventh broadest; club abruptly enlarged, subovate, apparently triarticulate.’

‘Legs elongate, simple. Tarsi elongate, second joint of the anterior a little shorter than the basal, the third with long narrow lobes, fourth narrow, longer than the first. Underside dull, with a few slender grey hairs. Prosternum truncate in front, the coxae prominent, the intermediate also contiguous, the posterior distinctly separated. Basal two ventral segments apparently connate, large, third and fourth very short.’

‘This remarkable little weevil disagrees with 828 [Apion metrosideros] in nearly all specific details of form and sculpture.’

Length 1.3–1.5 mm.

**Type material.** Holotype ♂, 1.5 x 0.70 mm, Pakarau [in error for Pekerau], no number [4312 in publication], 19 May 1918, BMNH.

**Material examined.** Holotype and 18 non-type specimens. **North Island.** ND. Te Paki Coastal Park, North Cape; Te Paki Trig; Kohuranaiki; Pekerau (holotype); Butterfly Valley, Tauranga Bay; Mangamuka Saddle; Maungataniwha Range, Mangamuka saddle; Waipoua Forest; Waipoua, Teatoa site; Waipoua, Toronui Track; Waitangi State Forest. 19 specimens.

**Distribution.** ND / –.

**Host plant.** Unknown.

*Cecidophy us* gen. nov.

Fig. 12, 13, 122–136

Type-species *C. nothofagi* spec. nov.

Head elongate, behind eyes about twice as long as an anteroposterior diameter of eye, constricted at basal one-third or quarter, densely strigose across constriction, temples in front of constriction rugose, slightly rounded. Frons in male a little narrower, in female a little wider than rostral apex, shallowly depressed, with shallow median fovea. Eyes round, dorsoventral diameter less than an apical depth of rostrum, slightly more than depth of temples in male, a little less than depth of temples in female, coarsely faceted. Rostrum shorter than prothorax, straight, tapering towards antennal insertions, then cylindrical in male, slightly widening in female, not broader at antennal insertion point; epistome distinct, vertical, biowfeate; scrobes shallow, directed towards gular angle. Antenna (Fig. 127) inserting at rostral middle in male, a little behind middle in female, extending to anterior margin of prothorax, robust; scape reaching eyes, straight, weakly clavate; segment 1 of funicle longer than wide, segment 5 smaller than 4 or 6; club elongate, loosely segmented, segment 1 equal to one-third of club length.

Prothorax longer than wide, with distinct apical collar on sides, rounded on sides, rounded off at basal angles, truncate at base, without basal rim, in profile moderately procline, 1.7x longer dorsally than ventrally. Scutellum large, triangular, gently ascending, with large impression.

Elytra slightly widening to just passed the middle, independently rounded at apex, with humeral callus, with sloping basal declivity near scutellum, with vertical basal declivity towards sides not sinuous; longitudinal convexity gentle, transverse convexity pronounced; stria 10 at end shallow, very finely, indistinctly punctate; sutural stria slightly impressed from basal third to apex, more distinctly punctate than 10; striae 7 and 8 only briefly, if at all, coalescent at base. Interstriae slightly convex, sutural one at apex flat at basal one-quarter, raised along stria. Vestiture consisting of sparse, short, and fine erect pilosity intermingled on interstriae 4–7 with usually longer sensory hairs. Interlateral flange uninterrupted continued to junction with stria 2. Hind wing largely as in *Strobilobius*, Fig. 130, but differing in having a small, lineal or narrowly elliptical radial window, a wide radial stripe behind R, a radomedial sclerotisation merging with the radial stripe, a much more extensive pigmentation in the radial area of the apical field divided nearly all the way to the apex of the wing by a clear line that runs parallel with the anterior margin of the wing, and in having a uniformly wide, uninterrupted medial stripe and no pigmentation next to Cu.

Mesepimeral suture deeply sulcate throughout; meso- and metasternal processes disjunct owing to coxae being contiguous. Process of ventrite 1 broadly truncate; first abdominal suture distinct, grooved on sides; ventrite 5 in male broadly truncate, not rimmed at apex, in female subtriangularly rounded, rimmed on sides and apex. Tergites
undivided, deeply pigmented; intersegmental membrane between tergites 7 and 8 in male (Fig. 122, 123) with a simple, deep, broadly open pouch (p), the pouch bluntly pointed at bottom, internal walls densely lined with microtrichia.

Fore coxae large; fore and middle trochanters short, their lower edge about as long as trochanters wide; femora weakly swollen, hind ones in male extending to end of elytra, in female a little shorter; all tibiae in male with a small mucro (Fig. 125), this often obscured by pilosity, in female lacking mucro; tarsite 3 with strongly diverging, elongate-oval lobes, about twice as wide as 2; claw segment slender, passing tarsite 3 by one length; claws (Fig. 126) divaricate, robust, short, strongly curved, with large laminate expansion.

Male. Tergite 8 (Fig. 122–123) lacking carina at top, its posterior declivity vertical, with low subapical carina. Sternite 8 (Fig. 124) transverse, undivided, heavily pigmented except for a median emargination crossed by a membrane. Sternite 9 (Fig. 124) robust, with broad, symmetrical arms and a strong apodeme, with weak, rather indistinct articulation at attachment of connective membrane. Tegmen (Fig. 128–129) with well marked lateral articulation, robust below articulation; dorsal part deeply pigmented on sides and across anterior to membranous apical flaps, with two contiguous, weakly pigmented acute extensions; pilosity inconspicuous, very short, emerging from very fine puncta. Aedeagus as in Fig. 131–133, articulated against apodemes; internal sac extending to beyond apodemes, with five diverticula and a robust, deeply pigmented basal sclerite, sclerite channelled at first, then cylindrical; duct inserting ventrally a good distance from base of sclerite.

Female. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 134, with medially sclerotised blade. Genitalia as in Fig. 135, hemisternites long, heavily pigmented, with elongate styli; common oviduct with a large bilobed gland at base (Fig. 135–36); spermatheca very slender, with subcylindrical gland close to duct insertion, duct long, thin, inserting at end of bursa.

Etymology. Cecidóphyus is derived from the Greek kekís (kekid-), meaning gall, and phy meaning induce; gender masculine.

Cecidophyus nothofagi spec. nov.
Fig. 12, 13, 122–136; Map 13
Dull black, fore coxae bright orangy yellow, scape reddish brown, funicle and tarsi dark brown. Vestiture sparse, on elytra and sides of head (temples) semierect, intermingled with some erect sensory hairs on elytra, but vestiture easily rubbed off on dorsal surface (Fig. 12).

Head sparsely punctate, postrostrum in male coarsely and densely punctate, prorostrum more finely and sparsely punctate, in female similarly punctate on postrostrum but much more finely punctate and shiny on prorostrum, in profile distinctly convex, but more so in female than male. Prothorax sparsely, shallowly punctate, faintly rugose transversely, pilosity a little shorter and less raised than on elytra. Elytra faintly rugose transversely, often less asperate and more shiny on basal one third or half.

Other characters in description of genus.

Length 3.5–5.1 mm.

Types. Holotype male, 4.4 x 1.6 mm, [Mt Arthur] Salisbury’s Opng., 30.12.1928, E. S. Gourlay, NZAC. 208 paratypes AMNZ, CMNZ, FRNZ, LUNZ, MONZ, NZAC, OMNZ.

Material examined. Holotype and 208 paratypes. North Island. TK. 2 km W of Waitanga. South Island. NN. Mt Arthur; Mt Arthur, Salisbury’s Opening; Mt Arthur, Flora Stream; Cobb, Canaan, Takaka Hill; Buller River nr Newtons Flat. BR. Mt Murchison.; Croesus Knob Track, Paparoa Range. NC. Lewis Pass. FD. Homer Saddle. 209 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. TK / NN, BR, NC, FD.

Host plant. Nothofagus menziesii (Fagaceae), larva inducing a woody gall on up to 1-cm thick branches.

Remarks. As all attempts to secure specimens from all species of Nothofagus have turned out negative, Cecidophyus nothofagi is assumed to be associated only with N. menziesii.
Strobilobius gen. nov.

Fig. 14, 130, 137–148
Type-species S. libocedri spec. nov.

Head in male weakly widening towards base, in female more strongly so, not constricted, rather indistinctly strirose at base; temples about as long as an eye diameter. Frons slightly broader than apical width of rostrum, with large impression. Eyes round, their dorsoventral diameter greater than an apical depth of rostrum, slightly wider than temples, rather finely facetted, ommatidia distinctly convex. Rostrum longer than prothorax, subcylindrical, curved more than the axial convexity of pronotum, shallowly saddled at base; epistome not, if at all, declivous, emarginate; scrobes shallow, directed towards gular angle, invisible in dorsal view. Antenna as in Fig. 137, inserting near basal third of rostrum, long, extending to posterior margin of prothorax; suture slightly overlapping eyes, weakly clavate and curved at apex; club elongate, loosely segmented, segment 1 a third of club length.

Prothorax wider than long, weakly constricted at apex, rounded on sides, right-angled and finely rimmed at base, lacking antebasal impression, truncate; in profile moderately proclinate, 1.7x longer dorsally than ventrally. Scutellum moderate in size, rather steeply ascending to level of elytra, with large impression.

Elytra strongly widening in straight line to middle, then sinuously tapering apicad, with a rather distinct lateral bulge at top of declivity between striae 5 and 8, each elytron briefly rounded at apex; with humeral callus, with vertical, not undermined basal declivity, with weakly sinusoidal margin; dorsum in lateral view not or hardly convex on basal half, strongly convex on apical half; transverse convexity of dorsum gentle; ten striae at apex, all striae basad, without a tooth or laminate expansion, Fig. 145. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 146, sclerotised along sides and apex, in female rounded. Tergites pigmented, undivided; membrane between tergites 7 and 8 lacking a pouch in both sexes.

Mesoraphe suture deeply sulcate; meso- and metapleural processes not meeting between coxae. Process of ventrite 1 broadly rounded; suture 1 of abdomen distinct, grooved on sides; ventrite 5 in male broadly truncate, rimmed on sides and apex, in female rounded. Tergites pigmented, undivided; membrane between tergites 7 and 8 lacking a pouch in both sexes.

Remarks. Easily recognised from the characters in the key to genera. The tegmen, aedeagal armature, and the unusual shape of the spermatheca coupled with a very wide spermathecal duct set the internal features of the genus well apart from other Rhadinocybini presently known. One species.

Host plant. Libocedrus (Cupressaceae).

Distribution. New Zealand; endemic.

Fore coxae of moderate size; fore and middle trochanters short, their lower edge as long as corresponding trochanter wide; femora weakly swollen, hind femora in both sexes well short of reaching end of elytra; tibiae in both sexes lacking mucro; tarsite 1 broadening apicad, tarsite 2 triangular, tarsite 3 distinctly wider than 2, broadly lobed; claw segment short, strongly widening apicad, passing tarsite 3 by about half its length; claws divaricate, thickening basad, without a tooth or laminate expansion, Fig. 145.

Male. Tergite 8 as in Fig. 143–144, convex and smooth as far as a high flange on either side; declivity steep, nearly flat at a deep, pale transverse groove and a sharp carina rimming the groove. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 142, transverse, undivided, broadly, shallowly emarginate. Sternite 9 as in Fig. 142, with narrow, symmetrical arms; junction at attachment of connective membrane appearing slightly articulated. Tegmen as in Fig. 138–139, slightly longer than aedeagus, with conspicuous lateral articulation; dorsal sector peculiarly pigmented on sides and across before apex, with narrow, acutely pointed membranous apical flaps; preapical part with conspicuous puncta centered with a short seta; anterior area above ring weakly pigmented with two acute extensions. Aedeagus as in Fig. 140–141, pedon parallel-sided, downcurved at apex; apodemes hardly longer than aedeagal body, pedal arm distinctly articulated, tectal arms slender, strongly directed apicad to fuse with a narrow tectum; internal sac extending to end of apodemes, with a small, robust basal sclerite and a long, for most part tubular, sclerite, this almost as long as the aedeagal body channeled at base.

Female. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 146, sclerotised along median line of the blade, appearing as a continuation of a long, slender apodeme. Genitalia as in Fig. 147–148, with a bilobed vaginal gland and an elongate bursa; spermatheca unusual, somewhat crescently shaped with incurved ends; duct inserting on a knob of convex side, extremely thick, gradually increasing in thickness from spermatheca to bursa where inserting ventrally near bursal end; gland very small, sacciform, inserting at bottom of an indentation between the duct bulge and the outer curvature of spermatheca.

Rostrum longer than prothorax, subcylindrical, curved more than an apical depth of rostrum, slightly wider than tem-

Kuschel (2003): Nemonychidae, Belidae, Brentidae (Insecta: Coleoptera)
Strobilobius libocedi spec. nov.

Fig. 14, 130, 137–148; Map 14
May, 1993: 50, fig. 364–372 (as Neocyba species B, larva)

Head and rostrum black, shiny, prothorax, sternum, antennae and legs usually dark brown, dull, swollen part of femora reddish, elytra and abdomen yellowish red, moderately shiny, elytral suture darker. Vestiture very fine, inconspicuous on elytra, fine, appressed on pronotum, short and more conspicuous on underside and legs (Fig. 14).

Anterior half or third of head capsule punctate. Rostrum in male 1.9x longer than prothorax, in female 2.25x, finely, sparsely punctate in male, indistinctly punctate in female. Funicular antennites 1–4 longer than wide, 5–7 usually as long as wide, 1 distinctly longer than 2. Prothorax 1.10–1.15x wider than long, alutaceously dull, finely punctate. Elytra 1.4–1.5x longer than wide. Finely transversely coriaceous; interstriae with a row of shallow puncta. Sides of metasternum and ventrites finely punctate. Remainder of characters in generic description.

Length 2.4–2.9 mm.

Types. Holotype male, 2.4 x 1.65 mm, Pouakai Trig, 1400 m, 1 Dec 1975, sweeping, A. K. Walker, NZAC. Paratypes AMNZ, NZAC, FRNZ, MONZ.

Material examined. Holotype and 19 paratypes. North Island. TO. Makotuku Flat, Ohakune Mt Road; Turoa, Mt Ruapehu. TK. Pouakai Trig, Pouakai Ra; Tatakangi Peak, Pouakai Ra. South Island. DN. Dunedin Botanical Gardens. 20 adult specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

Distribution. TO, TK / DN.

Host plant. Libocedrus bidwillii (Cupressaceae), larva in female strobili, two preserved at Forest Research Institute, Rotorua by Len Newman, who had attended to the rearing and found parts of a eulophid parasitic wasp in dissected cones.

Remarks. There are two species of Libocedrus in New Zealand, and this weevil was found only on L. bidwillii. Kuschel (1995: 20) remarked that Apioninae were highly host-specific, almost exclusively associated with dicotyledons, with the exception, among two others on conifers, of "a species of Neocyba on Libocedrus".

Neocyba Kissinger

Fig. 15, 149–157
Kissinger, 1968: 7, 17 (type-species Apion metrosideros Broun)

Head subcylindrical, faintly constricted a short distance behind eyes, strigose only laterally behind eyes, not across dorsal surface of base; temples as long as an anteroposterior diameter of eye. Frons flat, a little narroower than rostrum. Eyes distinctly elongate, weakly protruding laterally, dorsoventrally little wider than depth of rostrum, finely faceted. Rostrum nearly as long as prothorax, cylindric, slightly curved; in lateral view almost continuous with frons; epistome slightly sloping, emarginate; scrobes sulcate, directed towards gular angle, invisible in dorsal view. Antennae short, just reaching fore coxae, slightly antemedian in male, inserting on the middle in female; scape weakly clavate, curved outward at apex; first two segments of funicle elongate; club elongate-oval, outline of segments well defined, segment 1 not or hardly a third of the length of club.

Prothorax longer than wide, subcylindrical, truncate at base, gently constricted at apex, not rimmed at base; in profile moderately procline, 1.7x longer dorsally than ventrally. Scutellum small, punctiform, ascending vertically to level of elytra, lacking impression.

Elytra gently widening with a slight curve to middle, more strongly curved on apical half, with humeral callus, without a lateral bulge on top of declivity, base vertical, simous, sutural interstriae seemingly curved, tapering to the sides as a raised margin at base, dorsum in profile gently convex, nearly level with promontum, more strongly curved on apical half, transverse convexity on dorsum moderate; ten striae, all deeply sulcate, much narrower than interstriae, indistinctly punctate; striae 7 and 8 coalescent from base to well behind humeral callus; interstriae nearly flat; inferolateral flange abruptly discontinued beyond the locking groove, whence without an incurring line or carina towards stria 2. Vestiture of elytra and pronotum locally variable, from sparse to nearly absent, from obvious to inconspicuous, from prostrate to raised; one sensory hair on the posterior one-quarter of interstria 7, another on interstria 9 near junction with 10, but one or both wanting with some frequency. Hind wing largely as for Strobilobius, Fig. 130, but radial window very narrow, elliptical or lineal; the medial stripe interrupted at the middle, and only two anal veins present.

Mesepimeral suture deeply sulcate; meso- and metasternal processes not meeting between coxae. Process of ventrite 1 truncate; suture of abdomen indistinct, just traceable; ventrite 5 in male in concave arc, in female broadly rounded, rimmed only on sides. Tergites pigmented, undivided; membrane between tergites 7 and 8 with small, shallow pouch in male.

Etymology. Strobilóbius is a Greek compound formed with the Greek word strobilos, meaning vortex as well as pine cone, and bio for living; gender masculine.
Fore coxae elongate, subconical, of moderate size; fore and middle trochanters short, their lower edge subequal to width of trochanter; femora gently swollen, hind ones well short of end of elytra in both sexes; fore and middle tibiae in male mucronate; tarsite 1 elongate, 2 triangular, truncate, a little wider than one, 3 wider than 2; claws divericate, with laminate expansion.

Male. Tergite 8 as in Fig. 150–151, extending cephalad at base, with a small median lobe, in profile nearly flat and smooth dorsally, delimited posteriorly by a weakly raised line on either side, with very small, setiferous puncta, hairs decumbent on basal area, erect on declivity, large part of the tergite (pygidium) tucked under against abdomen and showing in ventral view beyond abdomen. Sternites 8 and 9 as in Fig. 149, sternite 9 with long, slender arms. Tegmen as in Fig. 152–153, with distinct lateral articulation, anular part of ventral sector short, broad; dorsal sector deeply pigmented except for a central window and a pair of short, membranous flaps at apex, with two moderately long apical setae on either side of the pigmented apex, the supra-anular area not pigmented. Aedeagus as in Fig. 154; pedon asymmetric, parallel-sided at first, tapering at distal one-third to a long, narrow apex but left side (right in drawing) with an elongate excision or emargination; apex in profile straight, not up- or downcurved; tectum very narrow, well abbreviated at apex; apodemes a fraction shorter than aedeagal body, pedal arm distinctly articulated with pedon, dorsal arm continuous with tectum; internal sac extending to middle of apodemes, with a basal sclerite consisting of two arms of uneven length and thickness; duct inserting ventrally near base.

Female. Sternite 8 and hemisternites much as described for the other genera above; colleterial gland, bursa, and spermatheca as in Fig. 155–156; spermatheca with large, bulbous base and slender stalk and apex, the gland moderately sacciform, close or far from duct insertion; duct a good deal longer than bursa, thin throughout, inserting ventrally at base of bursa.

**Distribution.** New Zealand, endemic.

**Host plant.** *Metrosideros spp.* (**Myrtaceae**).

**Remarks.** *Neocyba* is closely related to *Rhadinocyba* Faust from New Caledonia. Two species are recognised, one somewhat variable from North Island and South Island and the offshore islands on the eastern side of North Island, the other is confined to the Three Kings group of islands.

**Etymology.** It was said that the name ‘neocyba’ was just ‘an arbitrary combination of letters’: it can, however, be derived from the Greek néos = new, and kýbe = head used as a suffix for related genera; gender feminine.

**Neocyba metrosideros** (Broun)

Fig. 15, 149–156, 170–172; Map 15


Black or reddish brown with slight bronze coloration, if reddish brown then suture darker; scape and first 1 or 2 funicular antennites reddish brown, legs a shade redder than body. Vestiture sparse, consisting of fine, rather long pubescence applied to surface or, frequently, somewhat raised in the humeral area, the pubescence becoming more obvious on black specimens; frons and base of rostrum in lateral view distinctly hairy (Fig. 15).

Head on sides behind eyes impunctate. Frons dull, finely punctate. Rostrum in male as long as prothorax, dull, finely punctate, in female 1.25x longer than prothorax, shiny, nearly smooth.

Prothorax 1.25–1.35x longer than wide, dull with alutaceous minisculpature, indistinctly punctate.

Elytra shiny, interstriae much wider than striae, slightly convex, with one or two rows of shallow punctuation; marginal interstria alongside metepisternum distinctly pubescent, here with trace of stria 10 showing as a slightly impressed line. Remainder of characters as in the description of genus above.

Male. Asymmetry of pedon rather pronounced, with a long indentation or excision on the left side before apex, this excision ending in an obvious angle or tooth on the somewhat upcurved sides.

Female. Bulbous base of spermatheca transverse, without a duct extension, duct and gland far apart.

Length 1.4 - 2.3 mm.

**Types.** Lectotype female, 2.0 x 0.72 mm, Tairua, 828, *Apion metrosiderae* [sic], T.Broun, BMNH. A paralectotype plus two non-type specimens in T. Broun Coll., BMNH.

**Material examined.** 2 type specimens and 500+ non-type specimens. **North Island, ND.** Coopers Beach; Mangamuka Saddle, Maungataniwha Range; Fern Flat Road, Maungataniwha Range; Te Mattua Ngahere, Waipoua SF; Waipoua Forest, Yukas Track; Warawara SF; Horahora Bush; Tutukaka Harbour; Smugglers Cove, Whangarei Heads; Manaia, Whangarei Heads; Whangarei Heads; Whangarei; Beach Cove, Whangarei Heads; Parahaki; Parua; Waipu; Tawhiti Rahi I, Poor Knights Is; Aorangi, Poor Knights Is; Maori Bay I, Mokohinau Is; Fanal I, Mokohinau
Is. AK. Tiritiri Matangi I; Kawau I; Wenderholm; Helensville; Clevendon; Paparoa nr Howick; Titirangi; Waitakere; Scenic Drive, Auckland. CL. Little Barrier I; Little Barrier I, Caretaker’s Garden; Little Barrier I, Te Maraeroa; Great Barrier I; Kaitoke, Great Barrier I; Rangiwakae Bay, Great Barrier I; Coromandel Peninsula, West Coast; Te Hono Beach; Tairua; Pioneer Ridge, Cuvier I; Stanley I, Mercury Is; Red I, Mercury Is; Middle I, Mercury Is; Ohinau (Ohena) I, Ohinau Is; Koruenga I, Ohinau Is; Ruamahuiti I, Aldermen Is. TK. Midhirst. WN. Akatarawa. South Island. NN. Pigeon Saddle, Takaka; Mt Burnett; Oparara. BR. Punakaiki. 500+ adult specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** ND, AK, CL, TK, WN / NN, BR

**Host plant.** *Metrosideros excelsus* (pohutukawa), *M. robustus* (rata), *M. umbellatus* (southern rata), and *M. sp.* (prob. *albiflorus*) (Myrtaceae).

**Remarks.** A very common species on North Island eastern offshore islands from Poor Knights Is (lat. 35°28’S) south to Mayor I (lat. 37°17’S), rather sparse in the North Island proper but present in the Northland, Auckland, and Coromandel Peninsula districts as far south as Tairua (lat. 37°01’S). Single records only from Taranaki (Midhurst), Wellington (Akatarawa), and Buller (Punakaiki, lat. 42°07’S), and in NW Nelson one record each from Pigeon Saddle and Oparara, and two from Mt Burnett. No records from the northern 70 km of Northland from North Cape (lat. 34°25’S) to Coopers Beach (lat. 34°59’S).

Adults and larvae are associated principally with the arboreal species of the myrtaceous genus *Metrosideros*, the larva living subcortically in one- or two-year-old live twigs (May 1987). Adults and larvae were only once found on a liane species (probably *M. albiflorus*).

**Etymology.** *Metrosideros* (‘steelmeasure’) is the genus of the host plant, here used as a noun in apposition; the gender is determined by that of *sideros* (steel), which is masculine, and is to be treated as such in its transliterated form of *siderus*; whence its genitive or possessive form is *metrosideri* (not *metrosiderae* or *metrosiderosi* as sometimes published).

**Neocyba regalis new species**

Fig. 157, 179, 180; Map 16

Bronze coloured black, bronzier on pronotum and elytra; head anteriorly, frons, pronotum, apex and sides of elytra, and entire underside of body dull; legs and antennae, except for the reddish shaft of scape, black. Vestiture minute, under 25µm, pronotal disc and elytral dorsum and sides seemingly glabrous; frons and base of rostrum in lateral view not obviously hairy.

Rostrum in male 1.10–1.15x longer than prothorax, in female 1.35–1.40x so, otherwise as in *N. metrosideros*, but punctuation finer, indistinct.

Pronotum as in *N. metrosideros* except for much less conspicuous pubescence.

Elytra similar to those of *N. metrosideros*, but appearing glabrous at 10x magnification; interstriae impunctate, marginal one alongside metepisternum glabrous or with extremely minute pubescence only, here without any indication of a rudimentary stria 10.

Male. Pedon weakly asymmetric, left side before apex without a distinct excision and without a tooth or blunt point.

Female. Bulbous base of spermatheca oblique, with a curved, tubular duct extension, duct and gland insertions rather close (Fig. 157).

Length 1.7–2.2 mm.

**Types.** Holotype male, 2.2 x 0.9 mm, Tasman Valley, Great I, Nov 1970, on *Metrosideros excelsus*, G. Kuschel, NZAC. 62 Paratypes AMNZ, CMNZ, LUNZ, MONZ, NZAC.

**Material examined.** Holotype and 62 paratypes. TH. Great I; North East I; South West I; West I. 63 adult specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens examined.

**Distribution.** TH / – / –.

**Host plant.** *Metrosideros excelsus* (Myrtaceae).

**Remarks.** *N. regalis* differs strikingly from *N. metrosideros* in having the dorsal surface of elytra glabrous instead of conspicuously pubescent, the apex and sides of elytra and the entire underside dull instead of shiny, and a nearly symmetric aedeagus with a pedon only slightly excised on the left side before the apex.

**Etymology.** The specific name refers to the geographic area of origin of this apionine.
**Exapion Bedel**

Fig. 16–18, 158–166


Head spherical, temples shorter than an anteroposterior diameter of eye. Frons flat, as wide as rostrotrum. Eyes oval, dorsoventral diameter much greater than depth of prothorax. Rostrum longer than prothorax, curved; scrobicula lateroventral, short, concealed under a basal rhomboidal expansion ending lateroventrally in a tooth. Antennae long, if folded back reaching hind margin of prothorax, if stretched forward passing by a club length the tip of rostrum in male, not quite reaching the tip in female, slender, subbasal; scapes long, weakly thickened apicad, directed down or forwards, not curved outwards at apex; funicle slender, long, slightly deflected from scape; club elongate, subcompact, segment 1 less than half club length.

Prothorax transverse, bisinuous at base, without a basal rim, faintly constricted at apex, rounded on sides, widest near basal third, weakly convex, with prescutellar groove, in profile strongly proclivous, twice as long dorsally as ventrally. Scutellum small, ascending vertically to level of elytra.

Elytra with humeral callus, gradually widening in straight line to middle, converging in convex curve to a faintly rounded-off apex, sinuous at base, falling vertically on to mesonotum; axial convexity on dorsal gent to middle, tangential convexity more pronounced; with nine deeply sulcate, distinctly punctate striae; interstriae flat or nearly so; vestiture densely squamose, concealing integument, with a sensory seta on middle of interstria 7; lateroventral flange continued as a carina to stria 2 behind preapical bulge. Hind wing lacking radial window and anal lobe, showing only one faintly marked anal vein.

Prosternum and area behind fore coxae very short; mesepimeral suture sulcate; meso- and metasternal processes meeting between coxae; process of ventrite 1 broadly rounded, suture 1 of abdomen obsolescent, ventrite 5 in male truncate, not rimmed at apex, in female rounded. Tergites pigmented, undivided except for 7; intersegmental membrane beyond 7 lacking pouch in both sexes.

Fore and middle trochanters short, their longer edge not greater than width; femora weakly swollen, hind ones slightly passing tip of elytra in male, not quite reaching end of abdomen in female; tibiae lacking mucro in both sexes, first two tarsites elongate, tarsite 3 distinctly broader than 2; claw segment weakly widening apicad, passing 3 by half its length, claw divericate, with broad tooth.

Male. Tergite 8 as in Fig. 163–64, smooth anterior area cut off by a high flange across, posterior area strongly convex, not or hardly showing in ventral view beyond abdomen. Sternite 8 transverse, undivided, with deep emargination. Sternite 9 as in Fig. 152, with a small, weakly pigmented blade and no arms, with a long, very thin apodeme fused to blade. Tegmen as in Fig. 158–159, distinctly shorter than aedeagus, articulated on sides; ventral section with long arms; dorsal section as long as ventral, with broad, vertical sides embracing compressed part of aedeagal body, with a well-pigmented transverse bridge and an arc enclosing a window, with two long, narrow, contiguous membranous parameres. Aedeagus as in Fig. 160–161, very long, slender, rather weakly pigmented; pedon strongly compressed at basal half, in lateral view deep owing to highly upturned sides; tectum and apodemal tactual arms indistinct; apodemes considerably shorter than aedeagal body, weakly articulated, joining body dorsally; internal sac with fine wall lining.

Female. Sternite 8 as in Fig. 165, blade weakly pigmented, fringed with very short setae, the clear connective membrane usually showing beyond; apodeme slender, about 3x as long as blade. Genitalia (Fig. 166) with long hemisternites and styli, long vagina and bursa, bursa subcylindrical; spermatheca with cylindrical gland on a brief promontory at proximal end; duct insertion on inner face close to gland, duct fine all the way, relatively short.

**Distribution.** Paleartic.

**Host plants.** On the tribe Genisteae (Fabaceae).

**Remarks.** One species in New Zealand, deliberately brought in for partial control of gorse, *Ulex europaeus*. Easily distinguished from native species by a dense scaly cover and subbasal antennae inserted under a basal rostral expansion.

**Etymology.** *Exápión*, a Greek compound from the prefix ex = from, and the basic genus *Apion*.

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**Exapion ulicis (Forster)**

*Exapion ulicis* (Forster)        *gorse weevil*  

Fig. 16–18, 158–166; Map 17


Black or piceous, scape, funicle, fore femora and tibiae reddish brown, middle and particularly hind femora distinctly darker than fore legs. Vestiture of pronotum and...
elytra dense, concealing nearly completely integument, ash grey, consisting of lineal or lanceolate scales, vestiture less dense on head, rostrum, legs and underside except last ventrite (Fig. 16).

Head spherical; temples short, one-third or quarter of an anteroposterior diameter of eyes, sparsely pubescent. Rostrum in male 1.25–1.35 × longer than prothorax, rather strongly curved, postrostrum rhomboidal in dorsal view, ending in a lateroventral tooth, dull, sparsely squamose, prorostrum shiny, glabrous, finely punctate; rostrum in female 1.75–1.90 × longer than prothorax, distinctly less curved, also shiny and finely punctate.

Prothorax 1.15–1.25 × wider than long, with a deep median groove on basal third, with a weak lateral constriction. Remainder of characters as in the description of the genus above.

Length 1.7–2.4 mm.

Material examined. North Island. ND. Kawakawa; Whangarei Heads; Bay of Islands, Paroa Bay; Mt Manaia. AK. Waiheke, Man O’War Stn; Palm Beach; Mt Albert; Waitakeres; Auckland; Whangaparaoa Peninsula; Auckland Wharf; Noises Is, Motuhoropapa I, Snail Flat; Pollen I, Bethells, Matuku Res; Glen Eden, Waikumete Cemetery; Riverhead SF; Lynfield; Kaikapakapa; East Tamaki. CL. Mayor I, Otiore Bay. WO. Onehewho. BP. Blue Lake, Rotorua; Waitawheta Gorge, nr Waahi; Mt Te Aroha. HB. Puketitiri, Little Bush; Ocean Beach. WI. Marton. WN. Mt Hector; Tararua Ra, River Forks; Dundas Ridge. WA. Martinborough. South Island. SD. Kenepuru Sound; Okiwi Bay; French Pass. NN. Nelson; Aniseed Valley; Richmond; Nelson, Monaco; Mt Fell, Richmond Ra; Mt Arthur; Mt Robert; Mt Johnson Saddle; Parkes Farm, 88 Valley; Dun Mt; Dun Tk, Third House; Nelson, Botanical Hill; Pretty Bridge Valley; Takaka Hill, Canaan Tk; Takaka Hill Saddle; Canaan; Mt Owen; Cawthron Institute; Ben Nevis summit; Ruby Bay; Kaituna R, Collingwood; Mt Peel; Totaranui. BR. Lewis Pass; Ada Pass; Maawahe SF; Fletchers Ck; Reefton, Inangahua V; Mt Dewar. WD. Lake Paringa. MB. Mt Altimarlock; Black Birch Ra; Jollies Pass, Hamner Springs. KA. Charwell; Mt Percival; Mt Terako. NC. 3 km W Cass; Waipara. MC. Banks Peninsula, 4 km E Akaroa; Lincoln; Christchurch; Porters Pass; Ellesmere, Greater Rakaia I; Mt Hutt; Ashburton. SC. Opiki R; Orari Gorge; Tengawhai R, nr Pleasant Pt; Ikawai R. MK. L. Pukaki, Te Kohai I. OL. Coronet Peak; Fog Peak; Takatimu Mts. CO. Tuapeka County, 2 km E Beaumont; Dunstan Ra, Castle Rock; Bannockburn; Alexandra; Earnscleugh. DN. Oamaru. SL. Invercargill; Hedgehope Summit, Hokonui Hills; Orepuki; Lumsden; Orepuki. 431 specimens — see Appendix 2 for details of specimens.

Distribution. North Island. Throughout wherever gorse (Ulex europaeus) is established. South Island. Everywhere in gorse country.

Type. Not seen, but species well defined and easily recognised.

Host plant. Only on Ulex europaeus (gorse) (Fabaceae) in New Zealand; adults feeding on leaves and flowers, larvae feeding on developing seeds in pods.

Remarks. Exapion ulicis, known as ‘gorse seed weevil’, was introduced on purpose for partial biological control of gorse and released in Nelson on 25 Feb 1931 and Alexandra on 27 Feb 1931, becoming quickly established all over the country. It is essentially a lowland species but may, on occasion, be found in enormous numbers also on subalpine and alpine mats and cushion plants. The gorse seed weevil is apparently carried up by thermals in the summer, especially after gorse bush fires in valleys and foothills below.
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Appendix 1. Phylogenetic relationships of the genera of Belinae

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Introduction

The current classification of Belidae follows that of May (1994), Kuschel (1995), and Lawrence & Newton (1995) where three subfamilies are recognised: Belinae Schoenherr, Oxyccoryninae Schoenherr, and Aglycyderinae Wollaston (see also Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal 1999). We focus our study on the subfamily Belinae because it is the principal group present in New Zealand and Chile and is relatively well known taxonomically.

Belidae is a monophyletic family and its three subfamilies have been defined by Kuschel (1995). Two tribes were recognised in Belinae by Kuschel (1959) — Belini Schoenherr and Pachyurini Kuschel — which were based mainly on mandibular (C9, see list of characters below) and aedeagal characters (C43–45). The tribes were elevated to subfamily rank by Vanin (1976). Zimmerman (1994) added a third tribe, Agnesiotidini Zimmerman, to separate two groups from Pachyurini based on the presence of sulci on the frons (C6 and C7). This character has not been described with sufficient precision in Zimmerman (1994) as it consists of more than one character state. Moreover, the placement of some genera in these two tribes is rendered rather doubtful, because of the variability found in the sulci by Zimmerman (1994).

There are also several problems with the taxonomic limits of some genera as recognised at present. The South American Atractuchus and Dicordylus seems to be very closely related because they share two unique features, the presence of teeth on the aedeagal pedon and the presence of a submedian dorsal suture on each elytron, while differing in the shape of the prothorax, a character considered of little phylogenetic significance. Because these two genera share two strong synapomorphies and differ only in a weak character, Atractuchus is here synonymised with Dicordylus (new synonymy), although these genera were placed in different tribes by Zimmerman (Table 1). The genus Pachyura was determined to be paraphyletic by Kuschel (1959) who proposed Pachyurinus for the Pachyura species described by Broun (1880, 1893, 1915) from New Zealand. In this treatment, three species of Pachyurinus are placed in the new genus Rhiconobelus. The monotypic Australian genus Pachyura is listed by Zimmerman (1994) in Agnesiotidini, as well as in Pachyurini in the keys because frontal sulci may be present in some specimens and absent in others. The genus Agathinus Broun of New Zealand was synonymised by Zimmerman (1994) with the Australian genus Cyrotyphus (3 species) though the former differs from Cyrotyphus in a number of characters (C3, 4, 7, 12, 19). The species of Agathinus and Cyrotyphus are treated as terminals in the cladistic analysis.

The genus Rhinotia from Australia and Papua New Guinea contains well over 80 species in Zimmerman (1994). It is remarkably diverse and could easily turn out polyphyletic. We include two rather disparate species in the data matrix, among them the type-species R. haemoptera.

Methods

A total of 28 species in 22 genera were examined (Table 1) for the data matrix (Table 2). The sample includes all of the New Zealand and Chilean species. The taxa selected represent the full spectrum of variation of the subfamily of Australasia and South America. Only the following four genera were left out of consideration because no specimens were available for examination:

- Habrobelus Zimmerman (Pachyurini, 1 sp., Queensland). Distinguished by the following jointly occurring characters of an elongated prosternum, long temples, and no concave curvature between head and rostrum.
- Isacanthodes Zimmerman (Belini, 2 described and 5 undescribed spp., widespread in Australia). This genus has the facies of Isacantha, but differs considerably from all other Belini in femoral, tibial, and elytral features, particularly in having long hind femora that extend beyond ventrite 2.
- Pachybelus Zimmerman (Pachyurini, 1 sp., Queensland and New South Wales). The presence of elytral tubercles and tufts render this genus unique amongst Pachyurini.
- Rhinotildes Zimmerman (Belini, 1 sp., Queensland and New South Wales). Said to be rather similar to Rhinotia haemoptera, but has a very inflated metasternum, an elytral suture that ends in a prominent tooth, and dentate femora.

To root the trees we chose the basal chrysomeloid Palophagus (Megalopodidae) because this genus has the ancestral features considered basal for Curculionoidea.
Table 1. Terminal taxa selected for phylogenetic analysis of Belinae (Belidae). Placement according to Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal (1999).

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(Kuschel and May 1990, 1996a,b). A total of 48 characters from adults of both sexes were scored for a cladistic analysis. The data were coded and entered into MacClade version 3 (Maddison and Maddison 1992) and analysed using PAUP* Version 4.0b8 for Macintosh (Swofford 2001). The settings used in PAUP* for heuristic tree searches included a 100 random addition sequence with stepwise addition (holding 25 trees at each step) set with steepest descent; character states were treated as unordered; TBR branch swapping on all trees; and zero-length branches were collapsed. Polarity of character states was determined after the trees were produced. To further resolve relationships and find consistency for character congruence in these trees, successive approximations character weighting (SAW; Farris 1969; Carpenter 1988, 1994), an a posteriori weighting method, was performed on the resulting trees (weights were set at 10 and based on the consistency index with analyses truncated). Ambiguous characters were plotted onto trees using standard ACCTRAN and DELTRAN optimisations (Maddison et al. 1984) and in the discussion below, characters that reverse to other states are indicated by the superscript $C^r$.

**Character list and argumentation**

1. **Shape of temples in dorsal view.** Converging caudad (0); parallel-sided or broadening caudad (1). This character is to be observed with the head in normal position, not extruded.

2. **Length of temples ($t$) to length of eyes ($e$).** $t = or < e (0); t > e (1)$. A usually unequivocal character, but is marginally distinct for *Cyrotyphus* and the *Atractuchus/Dicordylus* complex.

3. **Breadth of frons in relation to apex of rostrum.** Equal or narrower (0); wider (1). The frons is the whole area between the eyes when viewed from above. The breadth of the frons is the minimum distance between the eyes. Variations may be encountered, particularly in *Cyrotyphus* and the *Atractuchus/Dicordylus* complex, rendering a safe scoring somewhat difficult.

4. **Surface of frons in lateral view.** Flat or convex (0); depressed (1). A depression at the front and base of rostrum is ignored for coding this character. It is primitive if the frons above the middle is level or convex in relation to the upper margin of the eyes.

5. **Frontal carina.** Absent (0); present (1). This character refers only to the presence of elongate, high carinae; consequently a small, inconspicuous carina sometimes present is not considered. This feature is exclusive of *Hadrobelus* and *Pachyura*.

6. **Sides of frons near eyes.** Lacking depressions (0); with superficial or well defined grooves (1). A superficial groove, longitudinal depression, or deep groove may be present on many beline taxa.

7. **Form of groove of frons near eyes.** Shallow (0); deep (1); inapplicable for taxa coded as 6-0. A shallow superficial groove is a longitudinal, rather broad depression without sharp sides and with microsculpture at the bottom; a deeply engraved or incised groove is a narrow sulcus with sharply defined sides and a smooth,
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Impunctate bottom. Shallow impressions in some species are often covered by setae or scales, and the latter state is a rather distinctive feature given prominent status by Zimmerman (1994) when proposing his tribe Agnesiotidini.

8. **Apex of epistome.** Truncate or bilobed (0); bidentate (1). There often is a slight emargination or fovea on either side of a median emargination or excision of the epistome that induces a pointed or blunt tooth. The difference between the two states is obvious except in *Sphinctobelus* which has a minute, punctiform fovea not producing a distinct bidentate epistome.

9. **Apical tooth of mandibles in dorsal view.** Exposed in front of median tooth (0); hidden, tucked under the median tooth (1). Closed mandibles of Belini and Pachyurini are noticeably different if viewed from the side, the front and above. Some practice with viewing this character is required to assess it safely.

10. **Labial palp.** 3-segmented (0); 1-segmented (1). It is advisable to dissect the mouthparts to count the palpal segments with confidence. The derived state is found only in the South American *Homalocerus* and *Trichophthalmus*.

11. **Ommatidia.** Coarse (0); fine (1). The varying coarseness of eyes is the result of the time of prevalent activity; fine eyes for diurnal species and coarse ones for nocturnal species. Careful observations are required to distinguish character states. If, for instance, the eyes
of *Rhicnobelus* and *Rhinotia* are checked against those of *Agathinus* and *Cyrotyphus*, the difference is immediately apparent. If, on the other hand, the eyes of *Pachyura* are examined, it may not be easy to decide its state. Colour appears to also vary with development of the ommatidia. In general, if the integument of the species has a metallic sheen and its tergites are heavily pigmented, that would indicate a diurnal habit.

12. **Protrusion of eyes.** Moderately convex (0); hemispherical (1). The eyes of all Belinae protrude to the sides, but the convexity varies. This character is of limited value; the extreme, spherical state is found only in the New Zealand *Agathinus* and the Chilean *Dicordylus binotatus*.

13. **Insertion of antennae.** Antemedian or median (0); postmedian (1). The measurements are done from the suprainsetional knob to the epistomal apex and from the middle of the knob to the anterior margin of the eyes.

14. **Antennomere reaching eyes.** 1 or 2 (0); 3 (1) These states are easily determined if antennae are folded back and/or the first two segments, excluding the condyle of the scape, are measured to verify whether their combined length would reach the eyes. The first segment reaches the eyes in *Homalocerus* and *Trichopthalmus*. The character is of limited value in certain taxa, because the two segments pass the front margin in *Atractuchus*, only slightly in *D. marmoratus*, and not at all in *D. binotata*.

15. **Length of antennal segment 3 in relation to 1+2 combined.** Equal or shorter (0); longer (1). The 3rd antennal segment is distinctly longer than the first two combined in *Agnesiotis* and *Atractuchus*, and is only marginally longer in *Dicordylus*.

16. **Pronotal impressions on either side of median line.** Absent (0); present (1). Impressions on the pronotum are present in some Agnesiotodini and *Pachyurini*.

17. **Groove at midline of pronotum.** Absent (0); present (1). A median groove is usually obvious as a sulcus or a median scaly stripe; it is rather weak in *Rhicnobelus* and *Sphinctobelus*.

18. **Sides of prothorax at apex in dorsal view.** Not or hardly constricted (0); strongly constricted to form a collar (1). If the constriction is distinct enough, it shows as a collar on the sides and sometimes also on the dorsal surface.

19. **Widest breadth of prothorax.** Near middle (0); at basal third (1); at basal angle (2). The lateral outline of the prothorax can vary individually a good deal in some species. The derived states are sometimes difficult to separate if the widths of the sides and hind angles are about the same.

20. **Surface of scutellum.** Flat (0); impressed (1); convex (2).

21. **Anterior declivity of scutellum.** Sloping (0); vertical (1); procline (2). A sloping condition is always evident, but the prothorax and elytra must be slightly apart to see whether the anterior declivity of the scutellum is vertical or overhanging, i.e., inclined forward or procline.

22. **Base of elytra and prothorax in dorsal view.** Elytra with weak or no lobe, prothorax subtruncate (0); elytra with large lobe, prothorax strongly bisinuous (1). The shape of the base of the prothorax is a direct response to the degree of protrusion and overhang of the elytral lobes, the two features being directly interdependent.

23. **Base of elytra in profile relative to pronotum.** Level or lower (0); higher (1). This character may define two distinct groups in *Pachyurini*. Elytra that are present at a lower level than the pronotum are found in a number of Belini.

24. **Elytral declivity at apex in profile.** Pronounced (0); absent or gentle (1). State 1 is characteristic for most *Rhinotia* species, their elytral apex with some frequency somewhat upturned. *Macrobelus* is the sole pachyurine genus approaching this feature which otherwise is common in Belini.

25. **Transverse rugae on elytra.** Absent (0); present (1). An autapomorphy for *Rhicnobelus*.

26. **Tubercles and/or tufts on elytra.** Absent (0); present (1). State 1 is present only in *Agathinus*. *Cyrotyphus* and *D. binotatus*.

27. **Integumental sheen.** Non-metallic (0); metallic (1). Among the selected terminal taxa, *Callirhynchinus*, *Macrobelus*, and *Rhicnobelus* have a metallic, usually bronze sheen.

28. **Shape of radial cell window of hind wing.** Trigonal (0); pentagonal or tetragonal (1). For trigonal state see Fig. 46–49, 54–56, for the other state see Fig. 50–53.

29. **Extension of Cu in relation to hind margin of wing.** Extending to the hind margin or very nearly so (0); ending some distance from it (1). Samples of an abbreviated Cu are shown in Fig. 50–53 and 56, a feature of Agnesiotodini and the South American Belini.
30. Crossvein \( a_2-a_3 \). Present (0); absent (1). Individual variations in the wing venation occur and discrepancies even in the two wings of the same specimen may be noticed on occasions. The crossvein \( a_2-a_3 \) is usually present, though the length may vary (see next character) and it may be absent where veins \( a_1 \) and \( a_2 \) are fused at their bases (Fig. 49).

31. Crossvein \( a_2-a_3 \). Present as a relatively long vein (0); rudimentary (1); inapplicable for taxa coded as 30-1. Samples of a long \( a_2-a_3 \) are shown in Fig. 46–48, 59–53 [correct fig???, correct state 1]. No figure is provided for a crossvein of state (1), but it is considered rudimentary if the crossvein is only about as long as wide.

32. Shared track of \( A_1 \), apicad of \( a_1 \), or junction of the shared track with \( A_2 \). Long (0); short (1). This character separates Pachyurini and Belini. Vanin’s (1976) Figure 23 for \( Trichophthalmus \) shows a long shared track, at odds with our observations and Fig. 56.

33. Vein \( A_2 \). Complete (0); interrupted or absent (1). This vein is consistently interrupted in Agnesioidini (Fig. 50–53) and two species of New Zealand Pachyurini (Fig. 49) and absent only among the taxa surveyed in \( Rhinobelus metallicus \).

34. Direction and distance of \( a_1-a_2 \) in relation to \( cu-a \). Oblique and distant (0); transverse and close (1). There is no figure here provided to illustrate this character. State 1 is peculiar to \( Apogobulus \) and \( Basiliobelus \).

35. Position of procoxae. Slightly postmedian (0); slightly antemedian (1). The position of the procoxae relative to the front and hind margin of the prothorax distinguishes the two tribes Belini and Pachyurini.

36. Sides of pro- and mesocoxae. Partially or entirely open (0); completely closed (1). The coxal cavities are completely closed if the lobes that enclose the coxae show not even an indentation at the suture. In state 0 the lobes leave at least a triangular gap right next to the coxae. Closed coxal cavities may constitute a strong apomorphy for Agnesioidini.

37. Length of hind femora in relation to hind margin of ventrite 2. Passing it (0); at most reaching it (1). This character may be useful for separating the tribes Belini and Pachyurini.

38. Crenulated ridge on laterodorsal surface of tibiae. Absent (0); present (1). Tibiae must be seen at the right light and turn to be certain of the presence or absence of the ridge. A crenulated ridge is present in all taxa of Belini and Agnesioidini.

39. Tibial formula of spurs. 2-2-2 (0); 1-2-2 (1). Spurs are always distinct and hardly ever different in size on the middle and hind tibiae. If the protibiae have two spurs, these may be small and of uneven length, and could be missing from a tibia because of breakage.

40. Denticulation on lower edge of tibiae. Absent (0); present (1). Presence of denticulation on the protibiae is observed in all Belini and in over half of the terminal taxa of Pachyurini selected, but the denticulation is sometimes rather fine (e.g., \( R. metallicus \)).

41. Macro on fore and/or middle tibia in male. Absent (0); present (1). Among the taxa considered, a macro is absent only in \( Agathinus \), \( Cyrtotyphus \), and \( Pachyurinus \).

42. Spines on lower edge on one or more femora. Absent (0); one spine present (1); two or more spines present (2). Having femoral teeth is a feature of the Agnesioidini (except in odd males of \( Atractuchus annulifer argus \)) and the vast majority of Belini.

43. Pedon and tectum of aedeagus. Free throughout (0); at least partially fused to a tubular structure (1). This character invariably separates the two recognised tribes.

44. Basal and guide sclerites in internal sac. Absent (0); present (1). A basal sclerite is absent from \( Macrobelus \), \( Pachyura \), and \( Sphinctobelus \), the remainder of Pachyurini have a rigid basal sclerite, apart from other small sclerites.

45. Form of basal and guide sclerites in internal sac. Basal sclerite present as a rigid ‘flagellum’ (0); basal and a long sclerite with a snare-like structure when viewed in profile (1). Belini have a very strange sclerite illustrated by Zimmerman’s (1994) Figure 216a with a conspicuous ‘snare’. The South American genera \( Homalocerus \) and \( Trichophthalmus \) have a weakly sclerotised guide-sclerite much like that of \( Stenobelus \) illustrated in Figure 235 of Zimmerman (1994).

46. Length of parameral sector relative to epandrium. Shorter or equal (0); distinctly longer (1). A long parameral sector is a salient feature for Agnesioidini.

47. Length of spermathecal duct relative to hemisternites. As long as or longer than hemisternites (0); very short, sessile, or sub sessile (1). All Belini examined have a thick and short spermathecal duct, but some among these may be as long as or even a little longer than the hemisternites.

48. Median or postmedian spots of elytra. Absent (0); present (0). \( Rhinotia haemoptera \) has spots, but these are more laterally placed on the elytra and are considered not homologous to those present in \( Atractuchus annulifer \), \( Dicordylus binotatus \), \( D. marmoratus \), and \( Rhinotia bidentata \).
Results

Support for the tribes and generic groups we discuss here are provided in Table 3. An initial analysis resulted in 309 equally parsimonious trees (Tree length (TL) = 125; Consistency Index (CI) = 0.40; Retention Index (RI) = 0.77), and a consensus of these trees is shown in Fig. 188. In this tree only Belini (B in Fig. 188) are monophyletic, as well as a group that includes Agathinus, Agnesiotis, Atractuchus, Cyrotyphus, and Dicordylus (we call this the Agathinus-group, A in Fig. 188). Successive weighting of these trees resulted in 12 trees by 2 iterations (the consensus of these is shown in Fig. 189). In this tree the Agathinus-group is monophyletic and is sister group to the remaining Belinae with a monophyletic tribe Belini.

The relatively poor resolution in the initial parsimonious trees suggests that some of the characters we recognise may be either too variable, intrinsically difficult to score due to ambiguous character states, or morphological features that are simply not useful for recognising monophyletic groups. We decided to a priori weight characters 9, 23, 28, 30, 36, 43, and 46 because these were recognised as critical characters in the classification of the group. We applied a base weight of 10 to the aforementioned characters and 8 trees were produced in this analysis (TL = 191; CI = 0.59; RI = 0.90), a consensus of these trees is shown in Fig. 190. In these trees, Belini and the Agathinus-group are monophyletic, but in this case Belini is sister taxa to the remaining members of Belinae which includes a monophyletic Agathinus-group.

Since adult characters have not been completely useful to resolve the beline tree, we decided to determine if larval data could provide useful phylogenetic signal to resolve relationships in Belinae, and we scored 6 larval characters to this matrix based on the larval work of May (1993, 1994). The larvae that have been described thus far are Agathinus, Cyrotyphus blandus, Hadrobelus, Rhincobelus rubicundus, Pachyurinus sticticus, Sphinctobelus niger Zimmerman, Rhinotia bidentata, and R. haemoptera as well as the outgroup taxon Palophagus (Kuschel & May 1990, 1996). Note that a broad selection of larval Agnesiotidini is not available and only represent taxa from the Agathinus-group. The characters are as follows (data matrix in Table 4):

49. Mandible. Bidentate (0); tridentate (1); adentate (2).
50. Tormae. Present (0); absent (1).
51. Frontal horn. Absent (0); present (1).
52. Ocelli. Six (0); one (1); two (2).
53. Occipital foramen. Closed (0); open (1).
54. Median suture. Present (0); absent (1).
55. Form of spiracles. Annular (0); bicameral (1).
56. Placement of anus. Terminal or subdorsal (0); ventral or subterminal (1).

Before combining larval data with the original data matrix we ran the larval data separately with the terminals represented in the data matrix (Table 4) which resulted in 12 trees (TL = 17, CI = 0.59, RI = 0.63). In these trees (a

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Note that a broad selection of larval Agnesiotidini were not available and the included species are representative of the Agathinus-group.

Table 4. Larval data matrix, characters 49-56.
consensus is shown in Fig. 191) Belini is monophyletic and an SAW analysis resulting in 9 trees (by two iterations, consensus tree shown in Fig. 192) resulted in a monophyletic Belini which is sister group to the remaining taxa which includes a monophyletic Pachyurini. Using these exemplar taxa, we added the adult characters which resulted in 1 tree (TL = 83, CI excluding uninformative characters = 0.63, RI = 0.6824) shown in Fig. 193. This tree shows a monophyletic Agnesiotidini which is sister taxon to the remaining taxa which includes a monophyletic Belini.

A completely combined analysis (all taxa and characters) resulted in 536 trees (TL = 144, CI = 0.42, RI = 0.76) with the same relationships shown in Fig. 188 (the SAW analysis resulted in the same trees as shown in the consensus tree in Fig. 189). A priori weighting of characters 9, 23, 28, 30, 36, and 43 and 46 resulted in 168 trees (TL = 209, CI = 0.59, RI = 0.89) that are similar to those seen with in Fig. 190 but with poorer resolution (consensus tree in Fig. 194). A consensus of 12 trees found by SAW is shown in Fig. 195.

**Agnesiotidini**

To this group we add *Atractus* from Pachyurini and formally remove *Agathobelus, Apagobelus, Basiliobelus,* and *Macrobelus,* which are transferred to Pachyurini. The Agnesiotidini is monophyletic based on the following characters (reference tree in Fig. 189 and unique characters indicated by an *): shape of temples in dorsal view parallel-sided or broadening caudad (1-1, present also in Agnesiotidini), sides of frons near eyes with superficial or well defined grooves (6-1), third antennomere reaching eyes (14-1*), reverse in *Atractus* and *Dicordylus marmoratus,* surface of scutellum convex (20-2*), base of elytra in profile relative to pronotum higher (23-1*), shape of radial cell window of hind wing pentagonal or tetragonal (28-1*), extension of Cu in relation to hind margin of wing ending some distance from it (29-1, present outside this group in *Trichophthalmus*), sides of pro- and mesocoxae completely closed (36-1*), crenulated ridge on laterodorsal surface of tibiae present (38-1, present outside this group in all Agnesiotidini), one spine present on lower edge on one or more femora (42-1, present outside this group in some Belini), length of parameral sector relative to apodeme distinctly longer (46-1*). The following characters are concordant with these, including larval characters which are coded as missing for most terminals: sides of prothorax at apex in dorsal view strongly constricted to form a collar (18-1, equivocal ancestral reconstruction), median suture absent (54-1), and spiracles bicameral (55-1). If Agnesiotidini are a derived group in Pachyurini (Fig. 190), the following characters support its monophyly: apex of epistome truncate or bilobed (8-0), ommatidia coarse (11-0*), reverse in *Agnesiotis,* (20-2*), (22-0*), (23-1*), (28-1*), (29-1), crossvein a1-a2 present as a relatively long vein (31-0, DELTRAN), vein A1, interrupted or absent (33-1), (36-1*), (38-1), (42-1), and (46-1*).

*Dicordylus marmoratus* is more closely related to *Atractus annulifer* than it is to *D. binotatus,* according to characters 4-0, 12-0, 19-2, and 26-0, which would suggest that these two species could be merged under one genus or that an additional genus would have to be proposed for *D. marmoratus.* We adhere to the synonymy of the two genera as stated previously as their differences are too slight to warrant independent status, although appearing in the trees as separate taxa. Though *Agathinus* groups as sister taxon to *Cyrotus* in one case it should not be included in this genus (see Remarks in taxonomic section, p. 28).

**Belini**

Belini is a monophyletic group based on (reference tree in Fig. 190): shape of temples in dorsal view parallel-sided or broadening caudad (1-1, present also in Agnesiotidini), shared track of A1-A2, apical of a1-a2, or junction of the shared track with A1, short (32-1*), position of procoxae slightly antemedian (35-1*), length of hind femora in relation to hind margin of ventrite 2 not or just reaching it (37-1*), crenulated ridge on laterodorsal surface of tibiae present (38-1, present outside this group in all Agnesiotidini), aedeagus with pedon and tectum at least partially fused to a tubular structure (43-1*), insertion of antennae postmedian (13-1, equivocal ancestral reconstruction), and ventral or subterminal placement of anus (56-1, larval character that is coded as missing for most terminals) are concordant with these. If Belini is derived within Pachyurini (Fig. 189), then the following characters support its monophyly: (1-1), apical tooth of mandibles in dorsal view exposed in front of median tooth (9-0*), elytral declivity at apex in profile absent or gentle (24-1*), reverse in *Homalocerus, Isacantha,* and *Trichophthalmus,* (32-1*), (35-1*), (37-1*), (38-1), (43-1*), mandible adenate (49-2, unique and probably specialised in *Rhinotia*), tormae absent (50-1, unique and probably specialised in *Rhinotia*), occipital foramen closed (53-0, shared with Agnesiotidini).

**Pachyurini**

As stated above to this group we add *Agathobelus, Apagobelus, Basiliobelus,* and *Macrobelus* from Agnesiotidini, and formally transfer *Atractus* to Agnesiotidini. By fixing Pachyurini as a monophyletic group in MacClade, this group is supported by the absence of a crenulated ridge on laterodorsal surface of tibiae...
APPENDIX 2: Collection details of specimens examined

Family Nemonychidae

Rhinorhynchus rufulus (Broun, 1880)


Rhinohornycthes holocarpus sp. nov.


Rhinohornycthes phylocodi sp. nov.


Family Belidei

Subfamily Belinae

Pachyvinaria stictica (Broun, 1893)

North Island. TO. Chateau, Ruapehu, 1080 m, 1, 19 Feb 1965, G. Kuschel; Mt Ruapehu, 1050 m, 1, 10 Apr 1965, in beech forest, B. M. May; Chateau, Mt Ruapehu, 1280 m, 2 3/4 V, 16 Jan 1975, J. C. Watt; Waipark, K. Kamimawas, 11/10 V, 21 Nov 1961, M.N.; Ohakune Rd, 760 m, 1, 20 Jan 1977, K. J. Fox. South Island. SD. Picton, 7, 6 Apr 1918, A. O'Connor. NN. Upper Maitai, 1 4/4 V, 22 Nov 1925, E. S. Gourlay; Maitai Valley, 22/4 V, 22 Nov 1977, J. S. Dugdale; Saddle Hill, 900 m, 1, 2 3/4 V, 12 Jan 1961, E. S. Gourlay; Mt Dunt, 1, 14 Jan 1909; no coll., 600 m, 2 3/4 V, 6 and 14 Dec 1920, A. Philpott; 900 m, 2 3/4 V, 22 Feb 1921 and 9 Feb 1922, A. Philpott; 1, 2 3/4 V, 2 Jan 1930; Fairbank, 600 m, 2 25 V, 25 Jan 1931 and 3 Jan 1933, E. S. Gourlay; 900 m, 1, 17 Jan 1934, E. S. Gourlay; 1, 15 Dec 1962, B. A. Holloway & G. Kuschel; Third House, 600 m, 10 3/4 V, 13 Dec 1953, E. S. Gourlay; Roding Valley, 1, 25 Apr 1967, used on Nothofagus cunninghamii (J. S. Dugdale & J. I. Townsend; Gordon's Pyramid, 1, 6 Apr 1918, no coll.; Gordon's Pyramidal Ridge, 1080 m, 3 1/2 V, 12 1/2 Jan 1978, a. R. Scott; MC. Miester, 600 m, 1, 8 Nov 1977, ex N. plicatum (J. S. Dugdale & A. O'Connor; Belgrove, 1, 16 Jan 1933, E. Fairburn; Takaka Hill, 1050 m, 1, 19 Dec 1933, E. S. Gourlay; Takaka Valley, 1, 26 Nov 1963, J. S. Dugdale; Canaan, 4 1/4 V, 12—30 Jan 1949, A. E. Brooks; Canaan, Takaka Hill, 1 2/4 V, 20 Jan 1972, ex Phyllocladus trichomanoides, G. Kuschel; Mt Arthur, 1000 m, 1, 30 Dec 1968, E. S. Gourlay; Katia, Collingwood, 2 3/4 V, 14 Dec 1968, G. Kuschel; Happiness Track, Aorangi Valley, 2 3/4 V, 16 Nov 1977, on Podocarpus tataua, G. Kuschel; Scout Hut Happy Track, 2, 2 Jan 12, 1995, A. O'Connor.

Rhinorhynchus halli sp. nov.


*Rhizoglossus rubicans* (Broun, 1880) comb. nov.

Ackermania, 1, 20, 1, 5–10 Nov 1972, on M. excelsus, G. W. Ramsay, TK.
Runatiki, 1, 1 Apr 1943, E. S. Gourlay. Adult specimens examined: 500+.

Neocyba regalis sp. nov.

Tribe Apionini

Exaption ulicina (Forster, 1771)
North Island, G. Kaschel, Bay of Islands, Karo Bay, 1, 28 Feb 1985, O. Long; Mt Manaia, 400 m, 1, 21 Jan 1961, B. A. Holloway, beating mixed shrubs. J. C. Watt, Mt Manaia, 1, 1, 1, Nov 1983, 1, Dec 1983, J. C. Watt; South West I, 10, 10, 10, 1 Dec 1970, on M. excelsus. G. Kaschel; Waitawheta Gorge, nr Waihi, 1, 30 Jan 1957, B. M. May; Mt Te Aroha, 900 m, 1, 27 Jan 1985, 1, Nov–Dec 1984, R. A. Galbreath, S. Grant, Malaise trap South in 1977, B. A. Holloway, on flowers of Papaver rhoeas; Riverhead SF, 1, 25–27 Apr 1982, P. A. Maddison; North Island. ND.

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Fig. 1–5  (1–4) Habitus: (1) *Rhinorhynchus rufulus*; (2) *R. halli*; (3) *Pachyurinus sticticus*; (4) *Rhincobelus metallicus*; (5) *Rhincobelus metallicus* variant with scaly elytral designs.
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Fig. 50–53 Hind wing: (50) Cyrotyphus fascicularis; (51) Dicordylus marmoratus; (52) Agathinus tridens; (53) Agnesiotis pilosula (all after Kuschel 1959).
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