

AUSTRALIAN BARK AND TIMBER BEETLES.

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155, CONTRIBUTION TO THE MORPHOLOGY AND TAXONOMY OF THE SCOLYTOIDEA.

Among a lot of Australian Brentidae I received also seventeen Scolytidae and Platypodidae from the National Museum of Victoria, and nine specimens from the collection of Mr. F. E. Wilson.

In spite of the small number of specimens, this collection contains seven species of Scolytidae, and three species of Platypodidae, including one new. The locality records given below are quite interesting.

NEW RECORDS.

*Scolytidae.**Acacicis abundans* Lea

Black Rock, Vic., J. E. Dixon, 1 ♂ (Nat.Mus.Vic.)

Pachycotes australis Schedl

Sydney, N.S.W., 20.VIII.1924, ex. Hoop Pine, W. W. Froggatt, 1 sp. (Nat.Mus.Vic.)

Stephanoderes darwinensis Schedl

Darwin, N. Terr., G. F. Hill, 2 sp. (Nat. Mus.Vic.)

Xyleborus solidus Eichhoff

New South Wales, without exact locality, 3 ♀ ♀ (Nat.Mus. Vic.)

Xyleborus pseudosolidus Schedl

Queensland, from Mr. Search, II.1887, 3 ♀ ♀ (Nat.Mus.Vic.)

Xyleborus compressus Lea

Victorian Alps, Vic., C. French coll., 6.I.1908, 3 ♀ ♀ (Nat. Mus.Vic.)

Xyleborus pseudoangustatus Schedl

Camington, W. A., R. P. McMillan, 3 ♀ ♀ (F. E. Wilson coll.)

*Platypodidae**Diapus 5-spinatus* Chapuis

Mt. Lamington, Papua, C. T. McNamara, 1 ♀ (F. E. Wilson coll.)

Platypus subgranosus Schedl

Australia, without exact locality, 3 sp. (Nat.Mus.Vic.)

Platypus hastulifer n. sp.

Male: Reddish-brown, 3.9 mm. long, 3.6 times as long as wide. A very distinct new species nearly allied to *Platypus severini* Blandf. but much smaller, the pronotum more coarsely punctured, the punctuation of the elytral interstices more distinct, the elytral processes trifid.

Front: Flat, subopaque, very densely but shallowly punctured, pubescence very short and inconspicuous.

Pronotum: Feebly longer than wide, rather densely covered with punctures varying in size, coarser and more numerous behind, femoral emarginations moderately deep.

Elytra: Feebly wider (32:30) and more than twice as long as the pronotum, with the sides subparallel on the basal half, gradually incurved and then drawn out into two slender processes very similar to those of *Platypus severini* Blandf. from Japan; disc regularly and rather finely striate punctate, the striae punctures rather densely placed, the interstices wide, each one with a not quite regular row of punctures being little finer than those of the striae; declivity gently convex, the striae gradually fading out, the interstitial punctures bearing short erect yellowish bristles; the apical processes trifid, the sculpture fine, semirugose, the short hairs more densely placed.

Holotype and one paratype in coll. F. E. Wilson, two paratypes in collection Schedl.

Locality: Crocodile Is., and Millingimbi, N. Aust., C. Barrett.