

A NEW CERAMBYCID BEETLE FROM THE CANAL ZONE (*)

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During the past four years a species of cerambycid beetle has been taken in large numbers in the traps used in connection with the fruitfly investigations in the Canal Zone by James Zetek, and since the species seems to be undescribed, it seems advisable to describe it at this time so that the name will be available for use in economic papers.

Ceragenia insulana, new species

Elongate, strongly flattened above, subopaque; pale brownish-yellow, except seven small spots on pronotum, antennae and elytra in part, trochanters, bases and apices of femora, tibiae in part, and tarsi, which are black or brownish black.

Head with the front strongly transverse, flattened on occiput, deeply, transversely, arcuately grooved below the antennal tubercles, which are strongly, obliquely elevated and acutely angulated at apices; surface inconspicuously punctate, rather densely clothed with short, recumbent, yellow pubescence; eyes finely granulated, deeply emarginate. Antenna slender, about two and one-fourth times as long as body (male), slightly longer than body (female), densely ciliate beneath with moderately long, brownish-yellow hairs, the second and apical four or five segments entirely and intermediate segments at apices, black or brownish black.

Pronotum slightly wider than long, slightly wider at base than at apex, widest at middle; sides narrowly constricted near base and apex

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and armed with a large, obtuse tubercle at middle, and a smaller tubercle at apical fourth; disk strongly convex, transversely flattened along base and anterior margin, armed with four obtuse tubercles, two in front and two behind, the anterior pair black, and the surface more or less depressed between the tubercles; surface inconspicuously punctate, densely clothed with short, recumbent, yellow pubescence, and ornamented with a small, elongate, median, glabrous black spot in front of the scutellum. Scutellum transverse, broadly rounded at apex, densely y pubescent.

Elytra as wide as pronotum; sides feebly converging from base to near the tips, which are broadly, transversely truncate or feebly sinuate, with a short, obtuse tooth at each outer angle; disk more or less uneven, strongly flattened on top, each elytron with two broadly rounded, longitudinal costae extending from base to near apex; surface with the lateral and sutural margins and apical halves blackish (the two longitudinal costae on each elytron yellow to apical third, the inner one glabrous and interrupted in front of the middle by two coarsely punctured black spots), densely, coarsely punctate basally, obsoletely punctate toward apices, densely clothed with short, recumbent, yellow pubescence on the yellow parts, and with short, recumbent, silvery white pubescence on the blackish parts.

Body beneath no conspicuously punctate, rather densely clothed with short, recumbent, yellow pubescence, except on the abdomen at middle, which is more or less glabrous and strongly shining; prosternum and mesosternum strongly tuberculate between the coxal cavities.

Length 15-24 millimeters; width 4-6.5 millimeters.

TYPE LOCALITY.—Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone.

OTHER LOCALITY.—La Campana, Panama.

TYPE, ALLOTYPE, AND PARATYPES.—N.o 52896, United States National Museum.

Described from a large series of specimens. The type (male), allotype, and many paratypes were collected from fruitfly traps during August, September, and December 1936, and January 1937, by James Zetek (N.os 3783 and 3748); five paratypes were collected during February 1929 by S. W. Frost, all from the type locality, and nine paratypes were collected from fruitfly traps at La Campana, Panama, during February and March, 1938, by James Zetek (N.o 4138). (*).

(*) El autor ha obsequiado dos paratipos de esta nueva especie a la colección de la Sección Zoología Agrícola del Departamento de Sanidad Vegetal (N. de la D.).

This species resembles *lepricuri* Buquet, but it differs from that species in having the underside of the abdomen uniformly pale yellow and the apical halves of the elytra blackish, and in having the tips of the elytra transversely truncate or feebly sinuate, with a short tooth on each outer angle.

S U M A R I O

Se describe una nueva especie *Ceragenia insulana* Fisher, de Cerambicido (Col.) de la zona del Canal (Panamá), que parece ser muy común en esa región habiendo sido cazada en gran número en trampas contra las moscas de la fruta. La especie es cercana de *C. lepricuri* Buquet.
