

New Xylophagous Beetles (Insecta: Coleoptera) on Poplars in Bulgaria

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Abstract: During the period 2006-2009, nine xylophagous insect species from five coleopteran families were established on white and hybrid euramerican poplars (*Populus alba* and *P. x euramericana*) in Struma and Maritsa river valleys in Bulgaria: *Oryctes nasicornis* (LINNAEUS) (Dynastidae), *Dicerca aenea* (LINNAEUS), *Trachypteris picta* (PALLAS) (Buprestidae), *Mycetochara axillaris* (PAYKULL) (Tenebrionidae), *Aegosoma scabricorne* (SCOPOLI), *Aegomorphus clavipes* (SCHRANK), *Rhaesus serricollis* (MOTSCHULSKY), *Rhamnusium bicolor* (SCHRANK) (Cerambycidae) and *Trypophloeus tremulae* STARK (Scolytidae). Five species (*M. axillaris*, *A. scabricorne*, *A. clavipes*, *R. serricollis* and *O. nasicornis*) were found for first time on poplars in the country, and the remaining ones – in new localities.

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