

Manual for the Identification of the Ground Beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae) (including tiger beetles) of Florida

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The ground beetles of Florida (Coleoptera: Carabidae) including tiger beetles, tribe Cicindelini

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Introduction

One of the most intimidating tasks challenging an aspiring entomologist is the identification of species within a family as diverse as ground beetles. Regional faunal works have dealt with northeastern states (Blatchley 1910, Downie and Arnett 1996, and Lindroth 1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1969a, 1969b) and the northwest (Hatch 1953). Accurate identification of specimens collected south of New England becomes a challenge, even at the generic level. My intent here is to provide keys to identify genera of ground beetles (including tiger beetles) found or likely to be found in Florida, then provide as many species keys as possible. When necessary, problematic species complexes are indicated, with suggestions for further study.

The inclusion of potentially occurring species is a controversial topic. Where does one draw the line for exclusion? I have based potential species occurrences in Florida upon my own personal collecting experiences in Georgia, Alabama, and the southern Appalachian mountains. I have also indicated my best guess as to the likelihood that certain species will be found.

Literature citations are included here for many references that may not seem directly applicable to this work. However, for the beginning student, locating literature is a major obstacle. Therefore, as a service to aspiring students of ground beetle taxonomy I have included a wide variety of references that may simplify literature searches in the future.

Preliminary aspects of a faunal study necessarily involve literature records. Many records may ultimately prove false, being based upon misidentified specimens. But these records are needed to identify new state records, and to provide species lists that are to be used in modern revisions. Therefore, Choate (1990) listed Florida species without attempting to validate their actual presence. Actual specimens seen by me have greatly increased the number listed (Choate, *loc. cit.*). Many new species await description. Large portions of the state remain unsurveyed, and undoubtedly will produce new records. Most new generic records have come from the panhandle of Florida, and these from only a few selected sites. Generic keys have not been available specifically for Florida Carabidae. However, modifications of recent keys (Ball 1968, Reichardt 1977, Erwin & Sims 1984) should permit most gener-

ic determinations. Works by Lindroth (1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1969a, 1969b) are useful for many species determinations, but must be used with the knowledge that genera and species occur in Florida that are not covered in his volumes on Canada and Alaska. Species keys for Florida genera are virtually non-existent except as part of recent revisions of some genera. When relevant such species keys are listed. I have modified extant keys or manufactured species keys to fit the Florida fauna.

Two major checklists have dealt with Florida Carabidae. Schwarz (1878) listed 150 species for Florida. Leng (1915) increased the list to 262 species (excluding Cicindelidae). Adjacent states of Georgia and Alabama had their ground beetle fauna listed by Fattig (1949) and Lodding (1945) respectively. A more recent listing of North American Carabidae (Erwin *et al.* 1977) listed 267 species for Florida, but this list had many omissions. Bousquet and Larochelle (1993) listed 373 species. They also dealt with doubtful records and made decision regarding the likelihood of such records being validated. Therefore their list may be considered the most recent attempt at accurately portraying the known Florida ground beetle fauna composition. However, much remains to be completed before the ground beetle fauna of Florida is as well known as that of Canada and Alaska as published by Lindroth (*loc. cit.*).

Materials and Methods

I repeat here species literature records for Florida listed by me (Choate 1990), and as added by Bousquet (*loc. cit.*). Carabidae (*sensu strictu*) are presented under their currently accepted tribal ranking (Ball 1968, Reichardt 1977, Bousquet and Larochelle 1993). Literature records are listed without species description date, but with literature citation involving the species record for Florida. Species are listed as they were presented in their respective literature. Synonyms are not listed, but may be found in more recent revision. Tiger beetles (Cicindelidae) were previously omitted from this list, but are included here. The word "Rev" following a generic name indicates that a recent revision exists by the author(s) cited.

Keys are provided for tribes of ground beetles (including subfamily Cicindeliniae), then followed by ge-

neric, and where possible, species keys. In many cases it has been possible to provide a dorsal habitus photograph which may simplify the identification process. Most genera of Florida ground beetles are recognizable from photographs, especially when compared with other genera and their photographs. Most Florida tiger beetles may be identified to species from photographs. In keeping with popular trends I list the tiger beetles as a subfamily of Carabidae. This popular group of beetles is presented first following tribal and generic keys. Then individual species keys are provided for most Florida genera. Distribution maps, host records, collection tips, and seasonal distribution are provided for each species when known. A detailed list of specimens seen is not presented, but location of material and summary statements are given for each species. Localities are plotted on Florida maps as closely as possible to exact sites.

List of genera of ground beetles (including Cicindelinae) known or expected to occur in Florida

Rhysodini

- Clinidium* Kirby
Omoglymmius Ganglbauer

Cicindelini

- Cicindela* Linnaeus
Megacephala Latreille

Carabini

- Carabus* Linnaeus
Calosoma Weber

Cychrini

- Sphaeroderus* Dejean (new record)
Scaphinotus Latreille

Elaphrini

- Elaphrus* Fabricius
Omophron Latreille

Omophronini

Nebriini

- Nebria* Latreille (not yet recorded from Florida but may possibly be found on panhandle rivers)

Notiophilini

- Notiophilus* Dumeril

Scaritini

- Pasimachus* Bonelli
Scarites Fabricius
Dyschirius Bonelli
Clivina Latreille
Halocoryza Alluaud
Schizogenius Putzeys
Oxydrepanus Putzeys
Ardistomis Putzeys
Aspidoglossa Putzeys

Bembidiini

- Mioptachys* Bates

Tachya Kirby

Elaphropus Motschulsky

Pericompus LeConte

Tachys Stephens

Paratachys Casey

Polyderis Motschulsky

Lynnastis Motschulsky (Cuba)

Micratopus Casey

Anillinus Casey

Stylulus Schaufuss

Bembidion Latreille

Pogonini

Diplochaetus Chaudoir

Perileptus Schaum (Cuba)

Patrobini

Patrobus Dejean

Nomius Laporte (SC, GA, Florida Keys)

Morionini

Morion Latreille

Loxandrini

Loxandrus LeConte

Pterostichini

Neomyas Allen

Pterostichus Bonelli

s.g. *Lophoglossus* LeConte

s.g. *Poecilus* Samouelle

Piesmus LeConte

Abacetus LeConte

Evarthrus LeConte

Zabrini

Amara Bonelli

Harpalini

Amerinus Casey (Miss, FL; Torreya St. Park)

Bradycellus Erichson

Stenolophus Stephens

Acupalpus Latreille

Notiobia Perty

Anisodactylus Dejean

Geopinus LeConte

Amphasia Newman

Cratacanthus Dejean

Harpalus Latreille

Episcopellus Casey (SC, to be looked for in northern forests, panhandle)

Trichotichnus Morawitz

Selenophorus Dejean

Athrostictus Bates (Mex CA., intercepted in Miami)

Discoderus LeConte

Gynandropus Dejean

Amblygnathus Dejean

Stenomorphus Dejean

Licinini

Diplocheila Brulle

Dicaelus Bonelli

Badister Clairville

Panagaeini

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<i>Panagaeus</i> Latreille	<i>Thalpius</i> LeConte
<i>Coptia</i> Brulle (Cuba)	<i>Pseudaptinus</i> Laporte
	<i>Zuphium</i> Latreille
	Chlaenini
<i>Chlaenius</i> Bonelli	
	Oodini
<i>Oodes</i> Bonelli	<i>Galerita</i> Fabricius
<i>Stenocrepis</i> Chaudoir	
<i>Anatrichis</i> LeConte	Helluonini
<i>Evolenes</i> LeConte	<i>Helluomorphoides</i> Ball
<i>Dercylinus</i> Chaudoir (LA)	Pseudomorphini
	<i>Pseudomorpha</i> Kirby (SC,GA,ALA,LA)
	Brachinini
	<i>Brachinus</i> Weber
	Ctenodactylini
<i>Leptotrachelus</i> Latreille	
	Odacanthini
<i>Colliuris</i> Degeer	
	Pentagonicini
<i>Pentagonica</i> Schmidt-Goebel	
	Platynini
<i>Agonus</i> Bonelli	
<i>Olisthopus</i> Dejean	
<i>Platynus</i> Bonelli	
<i>Atranus</i> LeConte	
<i>Rhadine</i> LeConte	
<i>Synuchus</i> Gyllenhal (GA)	
<i>Calathus</i> Bonelli	
<i>Pristonychus</i>	
<i>Tetraleucus</i> Casey	
	Cyclosomini
<i>Tetragonoderus</i> Dejean	
	Lebiini
<i>Cymindis</i> Latreille	
<i>Apenes</i> LeConte	
<i>Pinacodera</i> Schaum	
<i>Somotrichus</i> Seidltz (intercepted in Florida)	
<i>Phloeoxena</i> Chaudoir	
<i>Coptodera</i> Dejean	
<i>Mochtherus</i> Schmidt-Goebel	
<i>Lelis</i>	
<i>Calleida</i> Latreille	
<i>Euproctinus</i> Leng & Mutchler	
<i>Onota</i> Chaudoir	
<i>Plochionus</i> Dejean	
<i>Nemotarsus</i> LeConte	
<i>Lebia</i> Latreille	
<i>Philorrhizus</i> Hope	
= <i>Dromius</i> Bonelli	
	Perigonini
<i>Perigona</i> Laporte	
	Lachnophorini
<i>Euphortirus</i> Horn	
<i>Calybe</i> Castelnau	
= <i>Ega</i> Laporte	
<i>Eucaerus</i> LeConte	
<i>Apristus</i> Chaudoir (Cuba, NC)	
<i>Axinopalpus</i> LeConte (ALA)	
<i>Microlestes</i> Schmidt-Goebel	
	Zuphiini

Florida Carabidae Species List
(Published records, including Cicindelini)

Tribe Cicindelini
(See pages 22-25)

Tribe Omophronini

Omophron Latreille, 1802 (Key: Lindroth 1961)
americanum Dejean [Choate & Rogers 1976: 364]
labiatum (Fabricius) [Schwarz 1878: 435]

Tribe Carabini

Calosoma Weber, 1801 (Key: Gidaspow 1959)
sayi Dejean [Leng 1915: 565]
scrutator Fabricius [Ibid.]
splendidum Mannerheim [Ibid.]

Carabus Linnaeus, 1758 (Key: Lindroth 1961)
sylvosus Say Leng 1915: 546
vinctus georgiae Csiki Harris & Whitcomb 1974: 99

Tribe Cychrini

Scaphinotus Dejean, 1826 (Key: Lindroth 1961)
unicolor Fabricius Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 6
 ssp. *floridanus* Leng Harris & Whitcomb 1974: 97
elevatus floridanus Leng Leng 1915: 564
viduus Dejean Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 6

Tribe Notiophilini

Notiophilus Dumeril, 1806 (Key: Lindroth 1961)
novemstriatus LeConte Leng 1915: 565

Tribe Elaphrini

Elaphrus Fabricius (Rev: Goulet 1983)
ruscarius Say Goulet 1983: 371
californicus Mannerheim Ibid.: 373

Tribe Scaritini

Pasimachus Bonelli, 1813 (Key: Banninger 1950)
marginatus (Fabricius) Schwarz 1878: 435
floridanus Casey Casey 1913: 79
subsulcatus Say Schwarz 1878: 435
 ssp. *subnitens* Casey Casey 1913: 79
opaciennis Casey Casey 1913: 80
sublaevis Dejean Schwarz 1878: 435
strenuus LeConte Ibid.
 ssp. *robustus* Casey Casey 1913: 78
depressus Fabricius Leng 1920: 47

Scarites Fabricius, 1801

- subterraneus* Fabricius Schwarz 1878: 435
substriatus Haldeman Schwarz 1878: 435
californicus LeConte Ibid.
alternans Chandoir Leng 1915: 567
patruelis LeConte Erwin, Whitehead, & Ball 1977: 6

Dyschirius Bonelli, 1810 (Keys: Lindroth, 1961; Whitehead, 1969a; Bousquet 1988)

- pumilus* Dejean Leng 1915: 568
falciger LeConte Schwarz 1878: 435
pallipennis Say Leng 1915: 568
sphaericollis Say Ibid.
erythrocerus LeConte Schwarz 1878: 435
haemorrhoidalis Dejean Ibid.
globulosus Say Ibid.
filiformis LeConte Ibid.
sublaevis Putzeys Ibid.
sellatus LeConte Ibid.
dentiger LeConte Whitehead 1969a: 186
terminatus LeConte Lindroth 1961: 136
abbreviatus Putzeys Whitehead 1969: 185
edentulus Putzeys Whitehead 1969: 182
exochus Whitehead Frank 1985: 481
curvispinus Putzeys Blatchley 1925: 161
sculptus Bousquet Bousquet 1988: 370
larochellei Bousquet Ibid.: 374
comatus Bousquet Ibid.: 378

Clivina Latreille, 1802 (No comprehensive species keys)

- morula* LeConte Leng 1915: 569
americana Dejean Schwarz 1878: 435
striatopunctata Dejean Ibid.: 435
bipustulata (Fabricius) Ibid.
dentipes Dejean Ibid.
cordata Putzeys Ibid.
rufa LeConte Ibid.
rubicunda LeConte Ibid.
picea Putzeys Ibid.
floridæ Csiki Erwin, Whitehead, & Ball 1977: 13
picipes Putzeys Schwarz 1878: 435
sulcipennis Putzeys Erwin, Whitehead, & Ball 1977: 13

Schizogenius Putzeys, 1846 (Rev: Whitehead 1972)

- sallei* Putzeys Schwarz 1878: 435
ferrugineus Putzeys Ibid.
lindrothi Whitehead Whitehead 1972: 199

Oxydrepamus Putzeys, 1866

- rufus* Putzeys Darlington 1935: 162

Ardistomis Putzeys, 1846

- obliquata* Putzeys Schwarz 1878: 435
viridis Say Ibid.
puncticollis Putzeys Ibid.
schaumi LeConte Ibid.
morio (Dejean) Leng 1915: 571

Aspidoglossa Putzeys, 1846

- subangulata* Chaudoir Schwarz 1878: 435

Halocoryza Allaud, 1919

- arenaria* (Darlington) Whitehead 1969b: 36

Tribe Rhysodini

(Rev: Bell 1970; Bell&Bell 1982, 1985)

Clinidium Kirby, 1835

- baldufi* Bell Bell 1970: 313
sculptile (Newman) Bell & Bell 1985: 92

Omoglymmius Ganglbauer, 1892

- americanus* (Castelnau) Bell & Bell 1982: 144

Tribe Patrobini***Patrobus*** Dejean, 1821

- longicornis* Say Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 25

Tribe Bembidiini

(Rev. Genera: Erwin 1974b)

Mioptachys Bates, 1882

- flavicauda* (Say) Schwarz 1878: 438

Tachyta Kirby, 1837 (Rev: Erwin 1975)

- nana* Gyllenhal Schwarz 1878: 438
 ssp. *inornata* (Say) Erwin 1975: 45
parvicornis Notman Erwin 1975: 50

Paratachys Casey, 1918

- albipes* (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 438
columbiensis (Hayward) Ibid.
pumilus (Dejean) Leng 1915: 574
scitulus (LeConte) Ibid.
ventricosus (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 438
corruscus (LeConte) Leng 1915: 574
aenescens Motschulsky Schwarz 1878: 438

Polyderis Motschulsky, 1862

- laevis* (Say) Schwarz 1878: 438

Micratopus Casey, 1914

- aenescens* (LeConte) Barr 1971: 33

Elaphropus Motschulsky, 1839

- fuscicornis* (Chaudoir) Leng 1915: 573
granarius (Dejean) Schwarz 1878: 438
xanthopus (Dejean) Ibid.
incurvus (Say) Ibid.
capax (LeConte) Leng 1920: 53
fatua Casey Ibid.

Anillinus Casey, 1918

- dohrni* (Ehlers) Leng 1915: 573

Pericompus LeConte, 1851 (Rev: Erwin 1974a)

- ephippiatus* (Say) Erwin 1974a: 41

Tachys Stephens, 1829

- bradycellinus* Hayward Leng 1915: 574
litoralis Casey
 = *occultator* Casey Leng 1915: 574
pallidus Chaudoir Schwarz 1878: 438

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- Bembidion** Latreille, 1802
 contractum Say Schwarz 1878: 437
 constrictum LeConte Leng 1915: 572
 versicolor LeConte Schwarz 1878: 437
 laevigatum Say Leng 1915: 573
 fraternum LeConte Ibid.
 assimile Gyllenhal Ibid.
 confusum Hayward Choate & Rogers 1976
 aenulum Hayward Choate & Miliotis 1979
 affine Say Schwarz 1878: 437
 picipes Kirby Blatchley 1920: 259
 prosperum Casey Casey 1918: 122
 luculentum Casey Ibid.
 viridicolle Laferte Lindroth 1963: 374
- Tribe Pogonini**
(Rev. Bousquet and Laplanche, 1997)
- Diplochaetus** Chaudoir, 1871
lecontei (Horn) Leng 1915: 575
- Tribe Panagaeini**
(Rev: Ogueta 1966)
- Panagaeus** Latreille, 1804
crucigerus (Say) Schwarz 1878: 435
fasciatus (Say) Leng 1915: 571
- Tribe Morionini**
(Rev: Allen 1968)
- Morion** Latreille, 1810
monilicornis Latreille Schwarz 1878: 435
- Tribe Pterostichini**
- Pterostichus** Bonelli, 1810
ebeninus Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
erythropus Dejean Leng 1915: 575
- Lophoglossus** LeConte 1852
(Rev. Will, 1999)
haldemani (LeConte) Ibid.
tartaricus (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 436
- Gastrosticta** Casey, 1918
(Rev. Bousquet 1992)
ventralis (Say) Leng 1915: 576
obesusulus (LeConte) 1873
- Piesmus** LeConte, 1852
submarginatus (Say) 1823:45
- Abacidus** LeConte, 1873
fallax (Dejean) Leng 1915: 575
permundus (Say) Ibid.
- Evarthrus** LeConte, 1852 (Rev: Freitag 1969)
 = *Cyclotrachelus* Chaudoir 1838 Bousquet 1984
 obsoletus (Say) Schwarz 1878: 436
 laevipennis (LeConte) Ibid.
 morio Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
 approximatus (LeConte) Leng 1915: 577
 faber (Germar) Schwarz 1878: 436
 seximpressus LeConte Ibid.
 americanus Dejean Ibid.
 nonnitens LeConte Ibid.
 engelmanni LeConte Leng 1915: 577
- ovulum* Chaudoir Freitag 1969: 118
 sigillatus (Say) Ibid.: 133
 unicolor Say Ibid.: 110
 floridensis Freitag Ibid.: 132
 blatchleyi Casey Casey 1918: 360
 hernandensis Van Dyke Van Dyke 1943: 26
 brevoorti LeConte Freitag 1969 114
- Loxandrus** LeConte, 1852 (Rev: Allen 1972)
 reflexus LeConte Schwarz 1878: 436
 calathinus LeConte Ibid.
 floridanus LeConte Ibid.
 brevicollis (LeConte) Leng 1915: 578
 erraticus Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
 celeris Dejean Ibid.
 agilis Dejean Ibid.
 rectus Say Leng 1915: 578
 crenatus (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 436
 rectangulus LeConte Ibid.
 pravitubus Allen Allen 1972: 72
 unilobus Allen Ibid.: 76
 gibbus Allen Ibid.: 146
 velocipes Casey Ibid.: 136
 lateralis Casey Casey 1918: 381
 cursitans Casey Ibid: 387
 comptus Casey Ibid.
 contumax Casey Ibid.: 388
 suturalis Casey Ibid.: 384
 mundus Casey Ibid.: 385
 concinnus Casey Ibid.: 391
 breviusculus Casey Casey 1924: 80
 brunneus Blatchley Blatchley 1918: 417
 flavilimbus Blatchley Ibid.
 nitidulus (LeConte) Allen 1972: 150
 saphyrinus Chaudoir Blatchley 1918: 417
 uniformis Allen Allen 1972: 130
 vitiosus Allen Ibid.: 115
 aduncus Allen Ibid.: 96
 rossi Allen Ibid.: 106
 taeniatus LeConte Ibid.: 84
 minutus Allen Ibid.: 134
 cervicalis Casey Ibid.: 98
 velox Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
- Calathus** Bonelli, 1810
 gregarius Dejean Leng 1915: 581
 opaculus LeConte Harris & Whitcomb 1974: 99
- Olisthopus** Dejean, 1828
 parmatus (Say) Leng 1915: 582
- Agonum** Bonelli, 1809
 decorum Say Schwarz 1878: 436
 floridanus LeConte Ibid.
 = *elongatulum* (Dejean) Liebherr 1986;
 aeruginosum Dejean Leng 1915: 581
 punctiforme Say Schwarz 1878: 436
 octopunctatum Fabricius Ibid.
 picticorne Newman Leng 1915: 582
 nutans Say Ibid.
 gravidulum Casey Casey 1920: 59
 collisum Casey Ibid.

californicum Dejean Erwin, Whitehead & Ball
1977:26

striatopunctatum Dejean Leng 1915: 582

crenulatum LeConte Ibid.

limbatus Say Ibid.

sulpicenne Horn Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 28

americanus Dejean Ibid.

Stenocrepis Chaudoir, 1857

duodecimstriata (Chevrolat) Schwarz 1878: 437

quatuordecimstriata Chaudoir Ibid.

cuprea Chaudoir Ibid.

Platynus Bonelli, 1809 (Rev: Lindroth 1966; Whitehead 1973)

cincticollis Say Leng 1915: 581

jonesi Barr Choate & Rogers 1976: 364

Anatrichis LeConte, 1853 (Rev: Spence 1982)

minuta Dejean Schwarz 1878: 437

Oodinus Motschulsky, 1864 (Rev: Spence 1982)

picea Horn Leng 1915: 593

Evolenes LeConte, 1853

exaratus Dejean Leng 1915: 594

Tribe LACHNOPHORINI

Ega Castelnau, 1834

sallei Chevrolat Schwarz 1878: 435

Euphorticus Horn, 1881

pubescens, Dejean Ibid.

Eucaerus LeConte, 1853 Ball & Hilchie 1983

varicornis LeConte Schwarz 1878: 435

Tribe LICININI

(Rev: Ball, 1959, 1992)

Diplocheila Brulle, 1834

laticollis LeConte Leng 1915: 579

major LeConte Schwarz 1878: 437

nupera Casey Casey 1897: 347

Dicaelus Bonelli, 1813 (Rev: Ball, 1959)

crenatus LeConte Leng 1915: 580

ambiguus Laferte Ball 1959: 113

purpuratus Bonelli Leng 1915: 580

ssp. *quadratus* LeConte Ibid.: 158

ssp. *darlingtoni* Fall Fall 1932: 19-20, Ball, 1959: 159

quadratus LeConte Schwarz 1878: 437

carinatus Dejean Ibid.: 437

alternans Dejean Ibid.

elongatus Dejean Ibid.

subtropicus Casey Casey 1913: 151

politus Dejean Leng 1915: 580

furvus Say Ibid.

dilatatus Say Ball 1959: 126

costatus LeConte Ibid.: 166

Badister Clairville, 1802 (Rev: Ball 1959)

elegans LeConte Leng 1915: 580

micans LeConte Schwarz 1878: 436

reflexus LeConte Leng 1915: 581

flavipes LeConte Schwarz 1878: 436

maculatus LeConte Ball 1959: 208

laticeps Blatchley Leng 1920: 62

Tribe HARPALINI

Bradyceillus Erichson, 1837

rupestris Say Leng 1915: 599

tantillus Chaudoir Ibid.

nigriceps LeConte Ibid.

veronianus Casey Casey 1924: 142

Stenolophus Dejean, 1829

conjunctions Say Leng 1915: 599

spretus Dejean Schwarz 1878: 437

plebejus Dejean Ibid.

ochropezzus Say Ibid.

infuscatus (Dejean) Ibid.

carbonarius Dejean Blatchley 1918: 419

Tribe OODINI

(Rev. Bousquet, 1996)

Oodes Bonelli, 1809

amaroides Dejean Schwarz 1878: 437

parallelus (Say) Ibid.

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Acupalpus Latreille, 1829

- testaceus* (Dejean) Schwarz 1878: 437
pauperculus (Dejean) Leng 1915: 599
longulus Dejean Blatchley 1914: 63
flavilimbus LeConte Ibid.
rectangulus Chaudoir Hamilton 1894: 251

Notiobia Perty, 1830 (Rev: Noonan 1973)

- nitidipennis* (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 437
terminata (Say) Ibid.
picea LeConte Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 46

Anisodactylus Dejean, 1829 (Rev: Noonan 1973)

- lodingii* Schaeffer Leng 1915: 599
rusticus Dejean Ibid.
merula Germar Schwarz 1878: 437
laetus Dejean Ibid.
harpaloides Laferte Noonan 1973: 360
haplomus Chaudoir Ibid.: 363

Cratacanthus Dejean, 1829

- subovalis* Casey Casey 1914: 59

Harpalus Latreille, 1802

- erythropus* Dejean Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 48
affinis Schrank Lindroth 1968: 768
caliginosus Fabricius Ibid.
pensylvanicus DeGeer Schwarz 1878: 437
texanus Casey Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 48
fulgens Csiki Lindroth 1968: 811
bicolor Fabricius Lindroth 1968: 763
herbivagus Say Ibid.

Selenophorus Dejean, 1829

- opalinus* LeConte Schwarz 1878: 437
gagatinus Dejean Slosson 1895: 9
pedicularis Dejean Leng 1915: 597
depressulus Casey Blatchley 1918: 419
vigilans Casey Casey 1914: 137
fossulatus Dejean Schwarz 1878: 437
palliatus Fabricius Slosson 1895: 9
fatuus LeConte Leng 1915: 597
mustus Casey Casey 1914: 152
trepidus Casey Casey 1924: 117
ellipticus Dejean Leng 1915: 598
stigmatus Germar Ibid.
discopunctatus Putzeys Darlington 1935: 162

Gynandropus Dejean, 1831

- hyalacis elongatus* LeConte Schwarz 1878: 437

Amblygnathus Dejean, 1829 (Rev: Ball & Maddison 1987)

- mexicanus* Bates Ibid.
= *delumbis* (Casey) Casey 1914: 140
iripennis (Say) Slosson 1895: 9
subtinctus (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 437

Tribe Cyclosomini***Tetragonoderus*** Dejean, 1829 (Key: Lindroth 1969a)

- intersectus* Germar Schwarz 1878: 436

fasciatus Haldeman Choate & Rogers 1976: 364

Tribe Pentagonalicini

(Rev: Reichardt 1968)

Pentagonica Schmidt-Goebel, 1846

- flavipes* LeConte Leng 1915: 589
nigricornis Darlington Darlingtron 1934: 121

Tribe Odacanthini***Colliuris*** DeGeer, 1774 (Key: Lindroth 1969a)

- pensylvanica* (L.) Leng 1915: 583
ludoviciana Salle Schwarz 1878: 435

Tribe Ctenodactylini***Leptotrachelus*** Latreille, 1829

- dorsalis* Fabricius Schwarz 1878: 435
depressus Blatchley Blatchley 1923: 15

Tribe Lebiini***Nemotarsus*** LeConte, 1853

- elegans* LeConte Schwarz 1878: 436

Lebia Latreille, 1802 (Rev: Madge 1967)

- tricolor* (Say) Schwarz 1878: 436
pulchella Dejean Ibid.
marginicollis Dejean Ibid.
viridis Say Ibid.
rhodopus Schwarz Ibid.
pumila Dejean Leng 1915: 585
pectita Horn Madge 1967: 193
lecta Horn Horn 1885: 131
viridipennis Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
lobulata LeConte Ibid.
ornata Say Leng 1915: 586
collaris Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
analis Dejean Leng 1915: 586
fuscata Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
abdominalis Chaudoir Ibid.
scapularis (Dejean) Ibid.
vittata (Fabricius) Leng 1915: 586
furcata (LeConte) Schwarz 1878: 436
chloroptera Chaudoir Leng 1915: 586;
Chaudoir 1835: 437
nigripennis Dejean Blatchley 1920: 260
atritiventris Say Madge 1967: 153
solea Hentz Ibid.: 187

Coptodera Dejean, 1825 (Rev: Ball 1975)

- aerata* Dejean Leng 1915: 587

Phloeoxena Chaudoir, 1869 (Rev: Ball 1975)

- signata* Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436

Dromius Bonelli, 1810

- atriceps* LeConte Blatchley 1928: 61

Calleida Dejean, 1825

- purpurea* Say Leng 1915: 587
fulgida Dejean Schwarz 1878: 436
decora Fabricius Ibid.
striata Casey Casey 1913: 177
viridipennis Say Schwarz 1878: 436

punctata LeConte Erwin, Whitehead & Ball 1977: 59

Philophuga Motschulsky, 1859 (Rev: Larson 1969)
viridicollis LeConte Leng 1915: 588

Euproctinus Leng & Mutchler, 1927 (Rev: Shpeley 1986)
trivittata (LeConte) LeConte 1878: 373

Plochionus Dejean, 1825
discoideus Schaupp Schaupp 1880: 86
amandus Newman Newman 1840: 32
vittatus LeConte LeConte 1844: 48
pallens Fabricius Leng 1915: 588
timidus Haldeman Schwarz 1878: 435
bicolor Notman Notman 1919: 234

Pinacodera Schaum, 1857
limbata Dejean Leng 1915: 588
platicollis Say Schwarz 1878: 436
 ssp. *fuscata* Dejean Ibid.
complanata Dejean Dejean 1826: 224
atripennis Casey Casey 1920: 284

Cymindis Latreille, 1805
elegans LeConte Leng 1915: 588
planipennis LeConte Ibid.: 589

Apenes LeConte, 1851
angustata Schwarz Schwarz 1878: 354
sinuata Say Schwarz 1878: 436
opaca LeConte Ibid.

Onota Chaudoir, 1872
floridana Horn Horn 1881: 159

Tribe Dryptini

Pseudaptinus Castelnau, 1834
lecontei (Dejean) Schwarz 1878: 435

Thalpius Leconte, 1851
pygmaeus Dejean Schwarz 1878: 435
dorsalis Brulle Leng 1915: 584

Tribe Galeritini

Galerita Fabricius, 1801 (Rev: Reichardt 1967; Ball & Nimmo 1983)
janus Fabricius Schwarz 1878: 435
lecontei Dejean Schwarz 1878: 435
bicolor Drury Leng 1915: 583
 ssp. *obliquata* Casey

Tribe Agriini

Agra Fabricius, 1801 Leng 1915: 584
 (Reported with doubt by Leng, *loc. cit.*)

Tribe Zuphiini

Zuphium Latreille, 1806 (Rev: Mateu 1981)
americanum Dejean Mateu 1981: 118

Tribe Helluonini

Helluomorphoides Ball, 1951 (Rev: Ball 1956)

ferrugineus (LeConte) Leng 1915: 589
praeustus (Dejean) Schwarz 1878: 435
 ssp. *bicolor* Harris Ball 1956: 80
 ssp. *floridanus* Ball Ball 1956: 80
clairvillei (Dejean) Leng 1915: 589

Tribe Brachinini

Brachinus Weber, 1801 (Rev: Erwin 1970)
alternans Dejean Leng 1915: 590
americanus LeConte Ibid.
fumans Fabricius Schwarz 1878: 435
quadripennis Dejean Ibid.
cordicollis Dejean Ibid.
lateralis Dejean Schwarz 1878: 435
puberulus Chaudoir Leng 1915: 590
cyanipennis Say Ibid.
adustipennis Erwin Erwin 1970: 81
viridipennis Dejean Ibid.: 90
perplexus Dejean Ibid.: 141
texanus Chaudoir Ibid.: 60
tenuicollis LeConte Ibid.: 123
sublaevis Chaudoir Ibid.: 149
neglectus LeConte Ibid.: 110
ichabodopsis Erwin Ibid.: 150
oxygonus Chaudoir Ibid.: 151
vulcanoides Erwin Ibid.: 155
conformis Dejean Ibid.: 119
rugipennis Chaudoir Ibid.: 91

Discussion

Literature records of Florida Carabidae number 380 species in 87 genera. For comparison, Loding (1945) listed 345 species from Alabama, and Fattig (1949) listed 531 species from Georgia. I have seen specimens of 420 species, including many undescribed forms. At least 12 additional genera are known to occur in Florida (personal collection). Therefore, I estimate the Florida carabid fauna to consist of between 450 and 500 species.

Recent Florida faunal lists of Coleoptera include Scarabaeidae (Woodruff 1973) and Staphylinidae (Frank 1986). Woodruff (1973) lists 248 species of scarabs, and Frank (1986) lists 324. Both authors note that additions to each list will be necessary. Frank (1986) estimates the Staphylinidae fauna of Florida to number 450 species. Certain tribes of Carabidae are well studied and will change little in number of species. Others, especially Bembidiini, will expand significantly as generic revisions are completed. Frank (1986) hypothesized that the larger component of Florida Staphylinidae is nearctic, with a smaller neotropical component. He also suggested that a larger nearctic component would exist except for the lack of mountain chains. I concur with his assessment of the composition of Staphylinidae fauna, and feel that the same is true for Florida Carabidae.

Species diversity decreases in Florida from north to south. Florida gulf coastal species suggest closer relationships to Texas and Mexico, rather than with Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. A small percent-

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age of species is known to occur in Florida, the Yucatan peninsula, and Central America. Panhandle elements exhibit a close affinity with northern and western faunas, especially Texas to the west and the Appalachians to the north.

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There are approximately 30,000 described species of ground beetles, making it the largest family among Adephaga. Literature dealing with the identification of ground beetle species is voluminous. Maddison (1995) presented a comprehensive outline of currently accepted higher classification of the ground beetles, citing disagreement over placement of several Adephaga "families", namely the tiger beetles (family Cicindelidae or supertribe Cicindelitae) and the wrinkled bark beetles (family Rhysodidae or tribe Rhysodini). That classification is followed here. Tribes are listed beginning with the most "primitive" groups. The following abbreviations are used in the listing of ground beetle taxa (f = family; s.f. = subfamily; s.t. = supertribe; t = tribe;).

Tribes of Ground Beetles

Coleoptera: Carabidae

s.f. Paussinae

t. Metriini

t. Ozaenini

t. Paussini

s.t. Nebriitae

t. Notiophilini

t. Notiokasini

t. Pelophilini

t. Opisthini

t. Nebriini

s.t. Carabitae

t. Carabini

t. Ceroglossini

t. Pamborini

t. Cychrini

s.t. Cicindelitae

t. Collyridini

t. Megacephalini

t. Ctenostomatini

t. Manticorini

t. Cicindelini

t. Loricerini

t. Omophronini

t. Cicindini

t. Elaphrini

t. Migadopini

t. Amarotypini

t. Promecognathini

t. Siagonini

t. Hiletini

t. Clivinini

t. Scaritini

t. Rhysodini

t. Gehringiini

The remaining tribes of ground beetles are informally grouped into the category classified as "Carabidae conjungtae", referring to middle coxal cavities which are completely surrounded by the mesosternum and metasternum.

t. Psydrini

t. Melaenini

t. Cymbionotini

t. Broscini

t. Apotomini

s.t. Trechitae

t. Trechini

t. Zolini

t. Pogonini

t. Bembidiini

t. Patrobini

t. Amblytelini

s.t. Brachinitae

t. Crepidogastrini

t. Brachinini

s.f. Harpalinae

t. Pterostichini

t. Morionini

t. Cnemalobini

t. Catapieseini

t. Pseudomorphini

t. Platynini

t. Zabroni

t. Bascanini

t. Peleciini

t. Cuneipectini

t. Chaetogenyini

t. Licinini

t. Oodini

t. Panagaeini

t. Chlaeniini

t. Harpalini

t. Dryptini

t. Zuphiini

t. Galeritini

t. Physocrotaphini

t. Anthiini

t. Helluonini

t. Idiomorphini

t. Orthogoniini

t. Hexagoniini

t. Ctenodactylini

t. Amorphomerini

- the informal category "Lebiomorpha" contains the

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last few tribes of ground beetles.

- t. Lachnophorini
- t. Odacanthini
- t. Calophaenini
- t. Perigonini
- t. Graphipterini
- t. Cyclosomini
- t. Masoreini
- t. Lebiini

Morphological Characters used to Identify Ground Beetles

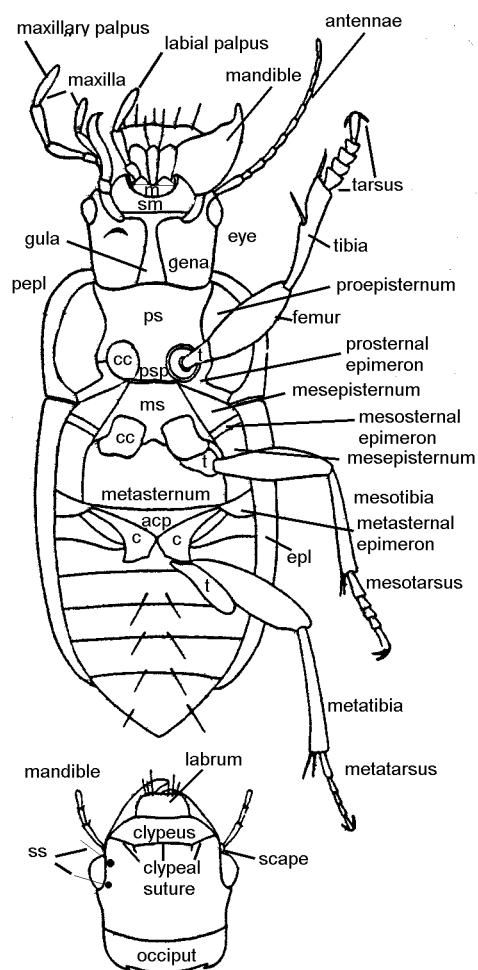


Fig. 1 Ventral view of ground beetle (top), dorsal view of head (bottom). Abbreviations: **m** = mentum; **sm** = submentum; **pepl** = proepipleuron; **cc** = coxal cavity; **ps** = prosternum; **psp** = prosternal process; **ms** = mesosternum; **t** = trochanter; **epl** = epipleuron; **acp** = antecoxal process; **ss** = supraorbital setae.

meso- and metasternum showing coxae disjunct

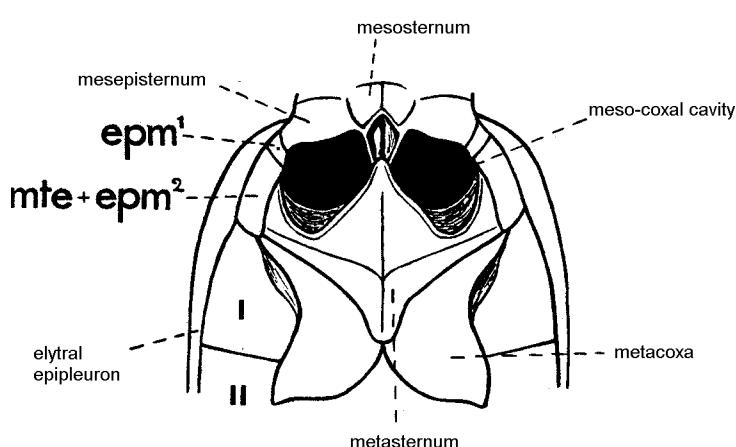


Fig. 2. mesocoxae disjunct - epm¹ **reaching**
coxal cavity

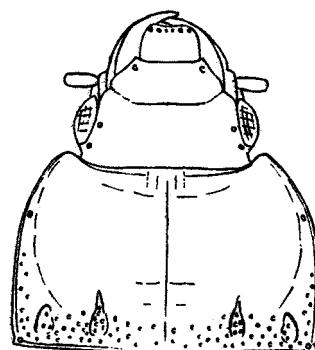


Fig. 5. 2 supraorbital seta

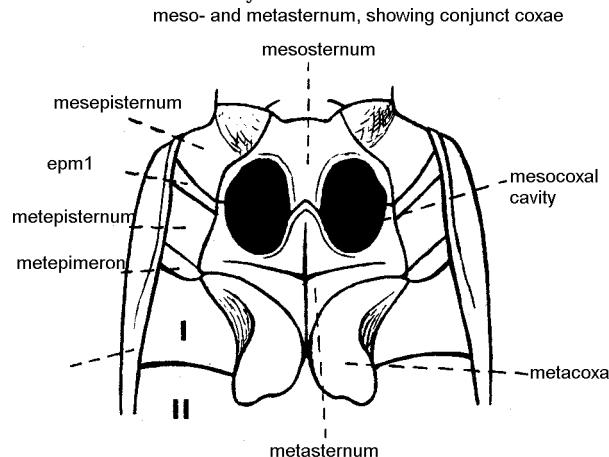


Fig. 3. mesocoxae conjunct - epm1
not reaching middle coxal cavity

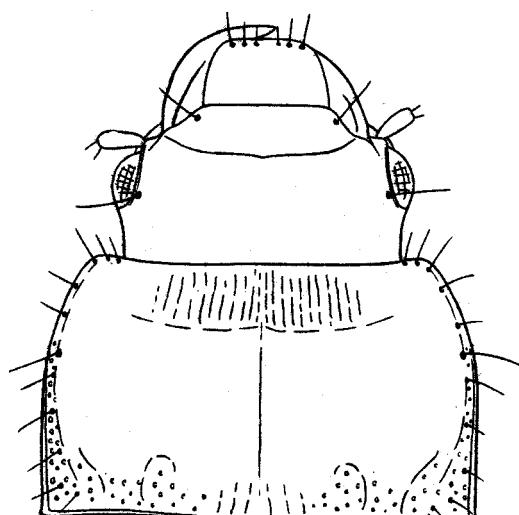


Fig. 6. 1 supraorbital seta

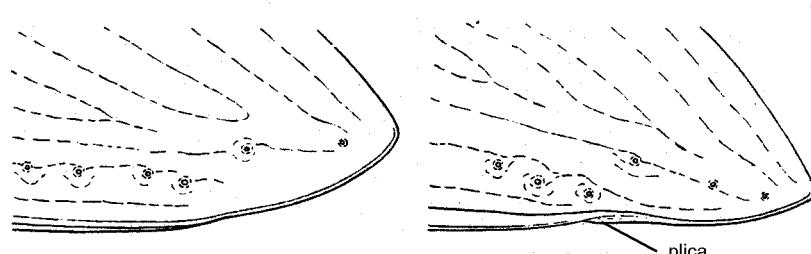


Fig. 4 Elytral pica - fold of the epipleuron near apex of elytra

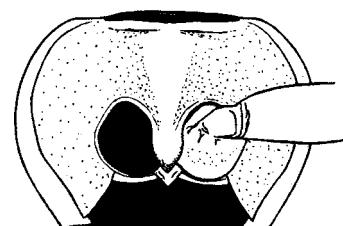


Fig. 7. Procoxae **closed** behind - the majority of ground beetles

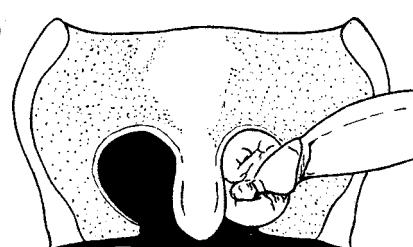
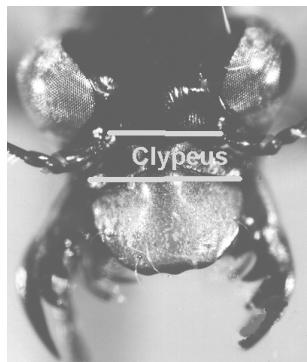
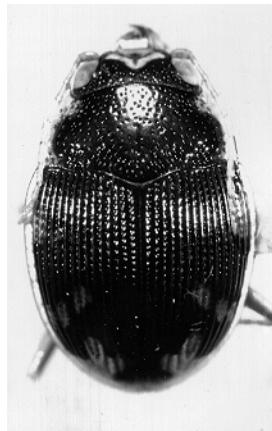


Fig. 8. Procoxae **open** behind - incompletely surrounded by prosternum behind (occurs in a few tribes, Cychrini, Carabini, Nebriini, and Notiophilini)

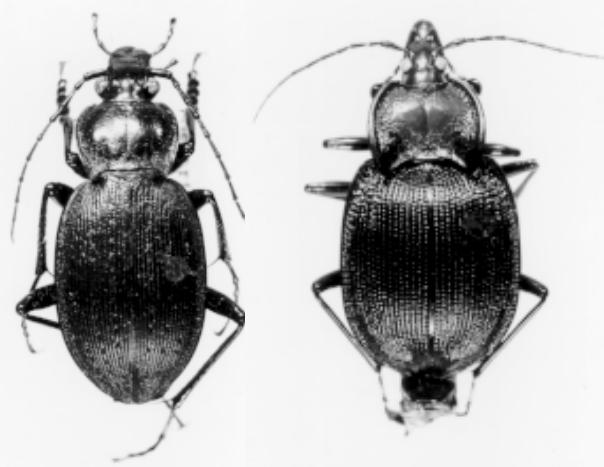
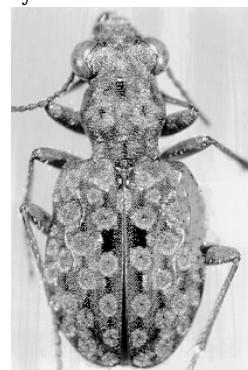
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Key to the tribes of Florida ground beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae, including Cicindelini)

1. Clypeus broader than distance between sockets of antennae. (Fig. 9.) Florida species not less than 12mm. in length, frequently brightly colored or with maculation. **Cicindelini** (tiger beetles) 2
 - Clypeus narrower than distance between antennal sockets 3
2. Anterior angles of pronotum more advanced than anterior margin of prosternum, scutellum hidden. Major portion of body glabrous (Fig. 2). (*Megacephala*)
 - Anterior angle of pronotum not more advanced than anterior margin of prosternum. Scutellum visible. Body often with dense pilose setae on head/underside (*Cicindela*)
3. Scutellum concealed by posterior margin of pronotum. Intercoxal process of prosternum very broad, covering mesosternum. Body shape circular in outline (Fig. 11). **Omophronini** (*Omophron*)
 - Scutellum visible. Intercoxal process of prosternum not enlarged 4
4. Scape of antennae not visible from above. Head with short deep sulcus ventrally between eyes and mouthparts. Body shape. **Pseudomorphini** (Fig. 12) (*Pseudomorpha*)
 - Antennae with scape dorsally visible. Body shape various 5
5. Abdomen with 7-8 visible sterna. Florida species bicolored; head and pronotum testaceus - orange, elytra blue black or brown, legs pale. (Fig. 13) **Brachinini** (*Brachinus*)
 - Abdomen with 6 sterna normally exposed 6
6. Metasternum without antecoxal suture, almost as long as combined length of abdominal sterna. Front tibia without apical spur (with pair of apical spines). Antennae moniliform. Head and pronotum deeply grooved. (Fig. 14) **Rhysodini** (*Clinidium*)
 - Metasternum with antecoxal suture and shorter in length. Front tibia with one or more apical spurs(?) .. 7
7. Middle coxal cavities disjunct (Fig. 2) 8
 - Middle coxal cavities conjunct (Fig. 3) 12
8. Anterior coxal cavities open behind (Fig. 8) 9
 - Anterior coxal cavities closed behind (Fig. 7) 11
9. Mandibles without a setigerous puncture in scrobe. 10
 - Mandible with a setigerous puncture in scrobe. **Nebriini** (no Florida records)(Fig. 15) (*Nebria*)

Fig. 9. *Cicindela* sp.Fig. 10. *Megacephala virginica*.Fig. 11 *Omophron labiatum*, dorsal viewFig. 13. *Brachinus* sp.
also known as "bomber-beetles."Fig. 12. *Pseudomorpha excrucians*Fig. 14 *Clinidium*
from Florida. Specimens are found in moist hardwood logs.Fig. 15
Nebria pallipes.

10. Posterior coxae contiguous in midline of body (**Fig. 16**) Carabini.
 – Posterior coxae separated in midline of body. Head narrowed anteriorly (modified to feed on snails) (**Figs. 17, 18**) Cychrini
11. Mandible with setigerous puncture in scrobe, head with 2 supraorbital setae (**Fig. 19**). *Elaphrus*
 – Mandible without seta in scrobe, head with 1 supraorbital seta, body pedunculate (**Fig. 20**) Scaritini
12. Terminal article of maxillary palpus arising obliquely from preceding article. Body covered with dense erect setae. Elytra with orange and black pattern (**Fig. 21**) *Panagaeini* (*Panagaeus*)
 – Terminal article of maxillary palpus arising apically from preceding article 13
13. Elytra with striae more deeply impressed in anterior half. Anterior half of striae coarsely punctate, posterior half finely punctate. Hair of integument erect and at least some are about as long as antennal scape (**Fig. 22**). Size small, 5mm. or less, ant-like in appearance. Antennal segments 2-11 densely pubescent *Lachnophorini*
 – Characters other than above. If body pubescent, hairs of uniform length, short. (Excluding tactile setae which may be longer than surface pubescence) 14
- 14 Head with several longitudinal grooves between eyes (**Fig. 23**), eyes large, bulging. Body flattened dorsally, with some of outer elytral striae obsolescent....
 *Notiophilini* (*Notiophilus*)
 – Head lacking interocular grooves. Body shape various 15
15. Scrobe of mandible with 1 or more setigerous punctures 16
 – Scrobe aetose (**without setae**) 20
16. Penultimate maxillary palpomere pubescent. Frontal grooves more widely separated at middle than at anterior part, and terminated before posterior margins of eyes. *Anophthalmus* specimens with penultimate maxillary palpomere very tumid 17
 – Penultimate maxillary palpomere glabrous 19
17. Dorsal surface of head with transverse sulcus behind eyes. Eyes protruding, legs pale. Size 12 mm. *Patrobus*
 – Dorsal surface of head without transverse sulcus behind eyes. Eyes various, size various. 18

Fig. 16. *Carabus* sp.Fig. 17. *Scaphinotus* sp.,
Torreya State Park.Fig. 18. *Scaphinotus* sp.
head and prothorax,
showing modified
mandibles and expanded
palps, believed to be used
to follow slime trails ofFig. 19. *Elaphrus*
ruscarius. In Florida
there are few literature
records for this
species. One specimen
has been seen
collected on muddy
edge of Apalachicola
River, Torreya StateFig. 20. *Scarites* sp.Fig. 21. *Panagaeus* sp.,
dorsal view.

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18. Terminal maxillary palpomere much shorter and narrower than penultimate segment. (Fig. 24) Size not greater than 7 mm *Bembidiini*
 - Terminal maxillary palpomere normal. Color testaceus, size 7-9 mm, found on saline mud flats. *Pogonini* (Fig. 25) *Diplochaetus*
19. Elytron without internal plica behind epipleuron. Frontal grooves curved, extending posteriorly to gena and to ventral side of eyes *Trechini*
 - Elytron with internal plica. Frontal grooves not extending behind eyes (Fig. 26) *Psydrini*
20. Head with one pair of supraorbital setae 21
 - Head with 2 pairs of supraorbital setae 24
21. Elytron without internal plica near apex *Harpalini*
 - Elytron with internal plica near apex (Fig. 5) 22
22. Surface of elytra and pronotum densely punctate and pubescent. *Chlaeniini* (Fig. 27) *Chlaenius*
 - Surface of elytra and pronotum not densely punctate and pubescent 23
23. Pronotum without erect setae. Interval 8 of elytra delimited internally at apex by distinct carina
 *Oodini*
 - Pronotum with at least median setae. Interval 8 not delimited at apex by carina *Pterostichini* (in part)
24. Antennal segments 5-10 moniliform. Margin of pronotum with several pairs of lateral setae. (Fig. 28) Stria 8 in form of zigzag sulcus. Legs flattened. *Morionini* *Morion*
 - Antennal segments 5-10 filiform, pronotum with 2 pair of lateral setae 25
25. Elytron with internal plica (Fig. 4) 26
 - Elytron without internal plica 27
26. Penultimate labial palpomere plurisetose. *Amarini* ..
 *Amaras*
 - Penultimate labial palpomere bisetose.... *Pterostichini*
27. Pronotum narrow, distinctly longer than wide, at apex as wide as posterior part of head (Fig.s. 29,30) 28
 - Pronotum not longer than wide and/or wider at apex than posterior part of head (Fig. 31) 29
28. Tarsomere 4 deeply notched at apex, bilobed (Fig. 29). Abdominal terga completely covered. *Ctenodactylini* *Leptotrachelus*
 - Tarsomere 4 simple or slightly emarginate at apex. Elytron with apex truncate, exposing last abdominal tergite (Fig. 30). *Odacanthini* *Colliuris*



Fig. 22. *Ega sallei*, occurs in wet areas.



Fig. 23. *Notiophilus* sp.



Fig. 24. *Bembidion*



Fig. 25. *Diplochaetus*



Fig. 26. *Nomius pygmaeus*



Fig. 27. *Chlaenius pusillus*



Fig. 28. *Morion monilicornis*



Fig. 29. *Leptotrachelus dorsalis*

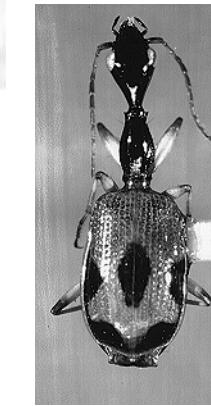
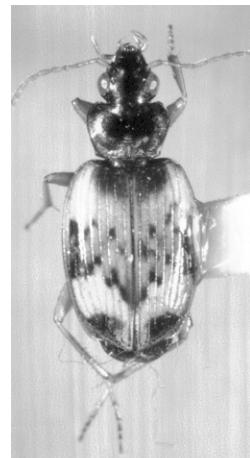


Fig. 30. *Colliuris*

29. Posterior tibia with inner spur more than 1/2 length of hind tarsal segment 1. Inner spur longer than outer spur (**Fig. 31**) 30
 – Posterior tibial spurs more or less equal and shorter than 1/2 length of hind tarsal segment 1 31
30. Labrum elongate, length more than 1/2 width at base. Head markedly constricted posteriorly, in form of a neck. (**Fig. 25**). Pronotum widest at base, narrowed anteriorly. Elytra pale testaceous with dark macula. Lebiini (in part) *Nemotarsus*.
 – Labrum average, head not constricted posteriorly. Pronotum either widest anteriorly, with sides slightly sinuate before base, or base and apex about equal. Masureini *Tetragonoderus*
31. Head with one pair of setae ventrally posterior to submentum. Labrum elongate (**Fig. 33**). Lebiini (in part)
 Pericalina
 – Head without pair of posterior setae ventrally 32
32. Elytron with apical margin truncate 33
 – Elytron with apical margin entire, sinuate or not 37
33. Tarsal claws pectinate(toothed, comblike) Lebiini
 – Tarsal claws normal, smooth 34
- 34 Dorsal surface glabrous, except for normal fixed setae. Antennal segments 1-3 glabrous, except for 1 seta on scape and ring of setae at apex of segments 2 and 3. General aspect of pronotum pentagonal. PENTAGONICINI (**Fig. 34**) *Pentagonica*
 – Dorsal surface finely pubescent. Antennal segments 1-3 pubescent 35
35. Scape of antenna longer than combined lengths of segments 2+3, (**Fig. 35**). Size small, less than 6mm ZUPHIINI *Zuphium*
 – Scape shorter than segments 2+3, size 10mm or more 36
35. Antennal segments 5-11 flattened, finely pubescent. Central area of each article triangular and glabrous (**Fig. 37**). HELLUONINI *Helluomorphoides*
 – Antennal segments 5-11 not flattened, uniformly pubescent. GALERITINI (**Fig. 36**) *Galerita*
37. Clypeus sloped downward, surface concave. Labrum deeply notched (**Fig. 39**) LICININI
 – Clypeus plane not notched. Labrum with anterior margin truncate or slightly concave 38
38. Elytron with stria 8 impressed and obliquely extended almost to apical suture. Posterior trochanter almost 1/2 length of posterior femur. PERIGONINI *Perigona*
 – Elytron with stria 8 normal (**Fig. 38**) AGONINI

Fig. 31. *Tetragonoderus fasciatus*Fig. 32. *Nemotarsus elegans*Fig. 33. *Mochtherus*Fig. 34. *Pentagonica*Fig. 35. *Zuphium*Fig. 36. *Galerita*Fig. 37. *Helluomorphoides*Fig. 38. (Agonini) *Platynus tenuicollis*Fig. 39. (Licinini) *Badister*

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