

A Record of *Xenophyes cascus* Bergroth (Homoptera: Coleorrhyncha) from the Waewaepa Range

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While making general collections of insects in the dwindling bush remnants on the Waewaepa Range on 29.3.57, two adults (male and female) of the above-named peloridiid were taken. They were recovered from mossy materials growing on a large fallen tree trunk in marginal bush at about 1,500 feet. *M. cascus* is the most widely distributed species of this interesting group in New Zealand (Woodward, 1956, 1958).

The Waewaepa Range appears as a northern continuation of the more southern Haurangi Mountains, both being to the east of, and separated from the roughly parallel Tararua Range of the main axial chain by the relatively low-lying country which is now bare of forest. Only small remnants of the original forest of the Waewaepa Range now exist and it is highly desirable that the fauna of this excellent collecting area be sampled before it is gone.

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