# The beetle (Coleoptera) fauna of the Chatham Islands

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### ABSTRACT

A total of 286 beetle species is reported from the Chatham Is. For each species the following data are given: whether the species is a Chatham Is endemic, also found in mainland New Zealand, or introduced from outside New Zealand; a reference to the first record of the species in the Chatham Is; collecting methods and habitat; distribution outside the Chatham Is; and for the 249 species represented by specimens in the Entomology Research Museum, Lincoln University, distribution on the various islands of the Chathams group, abundance and months of collection. 131 species are newly recorded from the Chatham Is. A brief history of studies of the Chatham Is beetle fauna is provided. The size of the known fauna on the different islands of the Chathams group does not follow usual species area relationships, probably due to predation, disturbance and forest clearance on the larger islands. The small outer islands of the group are shown to be important sanctuaries for many larger flightless species.

Replacement names are proposed for the homonyms *Aeschyntelus* Waterhouse, 1876 (Bothrideridae) and *Catoptes brevicornis* (Broun, 1904) (Curculionidae). Taxonomic notes are provided for some Chatham Is species.

**Keywords:** beetles, Coleoptera, Chatham Islands, species area relationships, insect conservation, homonyms, taxonomy.

#### INTRODUCTION

The first record of a beetle species from the Chatham Is seems to be that of H. C. Deyrolle (1873), who published a description of the endemic lucanid now known as *Geodorcus capito* (Deyrolle). Further records, including descriptions of newly discovered endemic species, are found in the works of Francis Pascoe (Pascoe 1875, 1876a, 1876b), in which he described seven new species from material sent to him by Henry Travers from Pitt I. The first publication specifically on the insects of the Chatham Is appears to have been by Captain F. W. Hutton (Hutton 1898) who listed a number of new records of species in various insect orders and described two new species of beetles. Hutton recorded several European and New Zealand beetle species that have not been noted since. These were probably misidentifications, so some doubt remains as to what he actually had before him. Papers by Schwarz (1901), Sharp (1903), and Alfken (1904) soon followed, based on material collected by Prof. Schauinsland on an expedition to New Zealand and Hawai'i in 1896-1897, that included a visit to the Chatham Is.

A series of papers by Major Thomas Broun (Broun 1909, 1910, 1911) brought together some of the previous information on Chatham Is Coleoptera and described many new species, bringing the total known beetle fauna to 111 species, including five introduced species. Broun's 1911 paper is particularly noteworthy in adding 61 new records, including 26 newly described species. Nearly all of this material was collected by Thomas Hall on Pitt I. between June 1906 and January 1908. This paper also marked the start of the most productive partnership Broun had with any of his collectors. Over the next few years, Thomas Hall collected hundreds of new species from many New Zealand localities for Broun to describe (Watt 1977). Broun's Chatham Is collection, including the types of most of the new species he described, is housed separately from the rest of his collection in the Natural History Museum, London.

In 1925, Albert Brookes reported on a collection of beetles from the Chatham Is made by Stewart Lindsay in 1923-1924. Brookes (1925) added several new records and reinterpreted some material from Hutton's collection. After this there was a lull in the publication of material from the Chatham Is, but considerable new material was amassed in collections, as a result of a visit by E. S. Gourlay in 1942, an expedition from the Canterbury Museum in 1954, and then a major expedition by Entomology Division (of the D.S.I.R.) in 1967, in which most of the main islands and some of the smaller islands, including the Sisters Is, were visited. An important feature of the latter expedition was much more specialised collecting, including numerous litter samples, which led to the discovery of many additional species. Collections were also made by Wildlife Service personnel visiting the islands in connection with bird research in the 1970s and 1980s. Most of this material is housed in the New Zealand Arthropod Collection (NZAC). Specimens collected from these different sources have contributed significantly to revisions of many groups of beetles over the last thirty years, but no comprehensive account of the Chatham Is beetle fauna was ever published. More recently, Macfarlane (1979) and Macfarlane et al. (1991) reported on insects of the Chatham Is and included a number of new records of beetle species.

My own interest in the Chatham Is beetle fauna began through two visits in 1990 and 1992 to the Chatham Is by groups from the Department of Entomology at Lincoln University. These visits were funded by the Department of Conservation to investigate and report on the status of legally protected invertebrates (Ramsay et al. 1988) on the Chatham Is (Early et al. 1991 unpublished; Emberson et al. 1996). During these visits, insects were collected as widely as possible, but as all the invertebrates on the Chatham Is protected by the Seventh Schedule to the Wildlife Amendment Act 1980 are beetles, this led to us focusing strongly on them and to study the whole beetle fauna.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

The known beetle fauna is treated by way of an annotated list of species. A list of species incorrectly reported from the Chatham Is, based on misidentifications, is also given. The core of the annotated list is a record of all the beetle material collected on a series of extended visits to the Chatham Is by staff associated with the Entomology Research Museum at Lincoln University and on several shorter visits by the author for other purposes, together with very valuable material donated to the Museum.

Personnel and times involved in the major visits were:

10-24 January 1990 J.W. Early, R.M. Emberson, C.A. Muir, B.I.P. Barratt

21 November-5 December 1992 J.W. Early, R.M. Emberson, J.W.M. Marris, P. Syrett

13-26 January 1997 R.M. Emberson, J.W.M. Marris

13-24 January 1998 R.M. Emberson, J.W.M. Marris

This amounts to nearly 150 person days, excluding travel time.

Visits were made to all of the main islands (Fig. 1): Chatham (×4), Pitt (×4), Rangatira (×3) and Mangere. Star Keys was also visited for half a day and a significant collection of material has been received from Little Mangere. A wide range of collecting methods was employed, including intensive night collecting, hand collecting, turning logs and rocks, stripping bark and breaking up rotten logs, sweeping and beating vegetation, beating branch traps, pitfall and yellow pan trapping, Malaise trapping, rearing larvae, sieving leaf litter and collecting litter samples for extraction with Berlese funnels. Particular attention was paid to discrete habitats such as dung, ponds, kelp on beaches, fungal fructifications and carrion.

Material was curated, sorted and identified, where possible, to genus and species. The material is stored separately in the Entomology Research Museum,

Lincoln University (LUNZ), in about 70 standard storage boxes. Expert help was sought with identification for many different groups, but species identifications were not always possible, and a number of apparently undescribed species were found. In several cases, there is doubt concerning the generic placement, usually due to inappropriate use of generic names in the past. In these cases, generic names are enclosed in inverted commas. An unidentified residue of species remains, these are included in the list as 'Genus indet. sp.1' etc.

In addition to species represented in our collection, published records of other species reported from the Chatham Is and a few species known only from material in NZAC have been included in the list. No attempt has been made to locate every species represented by specimens in NZAC, but a group of separately stored boxes containing Chatham Is material has been searched for species not recorded elsewhere.

The list contains records of all species of beetles known to me from the Chatham Is, arranged systematically by family (following Klimaszewski & Watt (1997) and Lawrence & Britton (1991)), and alphabetically by genus and species. The family names follow those used by Lawrence & Newton (1995). The larger families are further broken down into subfamilies or tribes, as appropriate (also based on Klimaszewski & Watt (1997)). One major change to the family classification of New Zealand beetles that has occured since Klimaszewski & Watt's (1997) treatment is that former family Colydiidae is now reduced to subfamily status within an expanded Zopheridae (Ślipiński & Lawrence 1997).

For each species the following information is given: an indication of whether the species is a Chatham Is endemic, also present in New Zealand, or is introduced to the New Zealand region; a reference to the first record of the species from the islands; references to other names used for Chatham Is records of the species. Then for species represented in our collection: new records for the Chatham Is, remarks on the habitat and collecting methods, distribution outside the Chatham Is, and any comments on the taxonomic status and biology. The following additional information is given, in an abbreviated form: records of island distribution in the Chathams group, an indication of abundance in our collection, and the months of collection. For species not represented in our collection, the nature of the record, whether based on the literature or on specimens in NZAC is given.

I have taken a conservative approach in determining which species are introduced to the New Zealand region. To be listed as introduced there had to be some evidence of introduction or establishment since European settlement. A distribution shared with Australia, or perhaps more widely, was not considered enough to indicate introduction. For example, the common diving beetle *Rhantus suturalis* (Macleay) is found continuously from the Chatham Is westward to western Europe and I am not aware that there is any evidence that this distribution is not entirely natural. This diving beetle is a very mobile species.

### Abbreviations used in the list:

\* endemic to the Chathams group + introduced to the New Zealand region. BMNH Natural History Museum, London

LUNZ Entomology Research Museum, Lincoln University

NZAC New Zealand Arthropod Collection, Landcare Research, Auckland

lit record based on literature reference only

nzac record based on specimens in New Zealand Arthropod Collection

# Islands of the Chathams group

C Chatham I. (Main Chatham I., Rekohu, Wharekauri)

P Pitt I. (Rangiauria)

| R  | Rangatira (South East I.)   |
|----|-----------------------------|
| M  | Mangere (Mangere I.)        |
| LM | Little Mangere (Tapuaenuku) |
| SK | Star Keys (Motuhope)        |
| SS | The Sisters (Rangitatahi)   |
| MS | Middle Sister I.            |
| FF | The Forty Fours (Motuhara)  |

# Abundance in LUNZ collections

| р            | present, 1 specimen only       |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| r            | rare, 2-3 specimens            |
| u            | uncommon, 4-9 specimens        |
| $\mathbf{f}$ | frequent, 10-16 specimens      |
| С            | common, 17-27 specimens        |
| a            | abundant, 28 or more specimens |

Months of collection are indicated by the first three letters of each month. The area codes of Crosby *et al.* (1976) are used throughout.

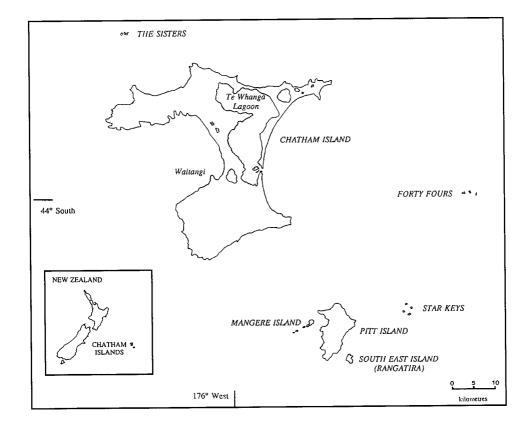


Fig. 1: Islands of the Chathams Archipelago.

# ANNOTATED LIST OF CHATHAM ISLANDS BEETLE SPECIES

### CARABIDAE: Broscini

Mecodema alternans alternans Castelnau, 1867

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: On Pitt I. restricted to the more intact forest remnants; widespread and common on the forest floor and in coastal vegetation on the smaller islands. No known records from Chatham I. Probably vulnerable to rat and mouse predation. The population on the Chathams is apparently indistinguishable from that on the Otago Coast. A geographic subspecies, *M. alternans hudsoni* Broun, occurs on The Snares (Townsend 1971).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Nov, Dec

# CARABIDAE: Bembidiini

Bembidion rotundicolle rotundicolle Bates, 1894

FIRST RECORDED: Lindroth, 1976.

REMARKS: Under debris and freshwater algal mats, in pasture and around lakes, ponds and damp places on the larger islands. Widespread in New Zealand, the nominotypical form is found in the cast of the South I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P f Jan, Dec

Zecillenus albescens (Bates, 1878)

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as Cillenus)

REMARKS: Alfken (1904) recorded a single female specimen from Chatham I. Lindroth (1980) was evidently unaware of the record and no further specimens have been seen. This is the species of the Whangarei to Coromandel region of the east coast of the North I. (ND, AK, CL).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

### CARABIDAE: Psydrini

Mecyclothorax rotundicolle (White, 1846)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Cyclothorax insularis Motschulsky).

REMARKS: Widespread, mainly in open areas on the larger islands. Widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Mecyclothorax n.sp.

REMARKS: New record. In closed forest on Chatham and Pitt Is, and under rocks and logs next to a forest stream on Rangatira. This Chathams endemic is flightless and not closely related to other *Mecyclothorax* species in New Zealand, Australia or the Pacific (Moore in litt.)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R c Jan, Dec

### **CARABIDAE: Platynini**

**+Laemostenus complanatus (Dejean, 1828)** cosmopolitan ground beetle REMARKS: New record. A Palaearctic species now widely distributed through commerce, usually quite synanthropic, found in disturbed areas and gardens, as well as sheds and outbuildings. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P f Jan, Aug, Oct, Nov

\*Notagonum chathamensis (Broun, 1909)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1909 (as Anchomenus).

REMARKS: Widespread, mostly in forest, often in damper patches, under logs and stones. The record by Broun (1911) of *Anchomenus lawsoni* Broun almost certainly also refers to this species as the two species are very similar and no specimens of *A. lawsoni* are present in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, Oct, Nov

Notagonum submetallicum (White, 1846)

submetallic ground beetle

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Anchomenus).

REMARKS: Found in wet places on the larger islands. Widely distributed in damp places in New Zealand, southern and eastern Australia, and Norfolk I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P f Jan, Nov

Jan

### **CARABIDAE: Harpalini**

\*Allocinopus latitarsis Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Common and widespread throughout.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

Euthenarus brevicollis Bates, 1874

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as E. puncticollis Bates).

REMARKS: Under logs and debris, damp places in coastal habitats, beside creeks, on trees at night. Widespread in New Zealand. The records by Alfken (1904) and Broun (1911) of *E. puncticollis* almost certainly refer to this species. No specimens having the distinctive features of *E. puncticollis* have been seen, but there is considerable variation within the Chatham Is populations and the two species are not easy to separate without comparative material. The genus is in need of careful revision.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P f Jan, Oct, Nov

+Haplanister crypticus Moore, 1997

FIRST RECORDED: Moore, 1997.

REMARKS: In open areas on the larger islands. This introduced species, of unknown origin, is also widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan, Oct-Dec

+Hypharpax australis (Dejean, 1829)

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1990.

REMARKS: Single specimens from Chatham and Pitt Is., running in the sun, on rocks by river. An Australian species widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P r Jan

Lecanomerus fulginosus Broun, 1880

REMARKS: New record. Under garden debris, Te One. This species is known from

scattered localities in the east of the South I. (MC,CO,DN). DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C

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Lecanomerus sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Under stones, by beach, Ohira Bay.
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CARABIDAE: Pentagonicini

Pentagonica vittipennis Chaudoir, 1877

REMÅRKS: New record. One specimen in NZAC, from litter. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C nzac

Scopodes edwardsi Bates, 1878

REMARKS: New record. On moss, moorland. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C u Nov

DYTISCIDAE

Antiporus strigulosus (Broun, 1880)

REMARKS: New record. In lakes and ponds. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P u Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Rhantus schauinslandi Ordish, 1989

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as R. schauinslandi Regimb. n.sp.).

REMARKS: Known from several localities on Chatham I., including Lake Huro. It is more closely related to Pacific Is species, particularly *R. vitiensis* Balfour-Brown, than to New Zealand species (Ordish 1989). The species was never described by Regimbart, in spite of Alfken's (1904) listing.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

Rhantus suturalis (Macleay, 1825) cosmopolitan diving beetle FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Colymbetes rufimanus White). Also recorded by Alfken

(1904), as R. punctatus (Fourc.) var. chathamensis Regimb. n. var.

REMARKS: Lakes and ponds. Widely distributed from New Zealand to Western Europe. The new variety ascribed to Regimbart was never described and is unnecessary (Ordish 1989).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P c Jan, Nov, Dec

### HYDROPHILIDAE

Cercyodes nr laevigatus Broun, 1886

REMARKS: New record. Rotting Durvillea, under beach wrack.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANČE: P,R u Jan, Nov

+Cercyon haemorrhoidalis (Fabricius, 1775)

REMÁRKS: New record. In rotting kelp, under cow dung, and beaten from various shrubs. A European species widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P c Jan

Enochrus tritus (Broun, 1880)

scavenging water beetle

REMARKS: New record. Muddy pool. Widespread on islands in the western Pacific (Kuschel, 1990).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Jan

# HISTERIDAE

Saprinus detritus (Fabricius, 1775)

REMARKS: New record. Commonly associated with petrel burrows and carcasses, but also on trees and ground at night, under vegetation, and in a rubbish pit. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M c Jan, Nov, Dec

Saprinus n. sp. 1 (n. sp. 1 NZAC)

RÉMARKS: New record. Under rotting pilot whales on sandy beach.
DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P c Jar

Saprinus n. sp. 2 (n. sp. 2 NZAC)

REMARKS: New record. Commonly associated with petrel burrows, but also found in leaf litter in areas where petrels are nesting, on ground at night, under rocks in coastal vegetation, and in pitfall traps in coastal forest.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,R,M,SK a Jan, May, Nov, Dec

Tomogenius n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Specimens in NZAC, from Chatham Is tomtit nest and under log. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,R nzac

### **HYDRAENIDAE**

Meropathus zealandicus Ordish, 1984

FIRST RECORDED: Ordish, 1971 (as Meropathus n.sp.).

REMARKS: The type locality is Middle Sister I., where it was collected from fern litter. In our collection the species has usually been found associated with coastal vegetation. Outside the Chathams known from several localities in the south of the South I. (DN, SI) (Ordish 1984).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK,LM f Jan, Dec

#### PTILIIDAE

+Acrotrichis insularis (Maklin, 1852)

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1982.

REMARKS: Widespread in forest litter. Originally from north-western U.S.A., but now widespread in Western Europe, as well as New Zealand (Johnson 1982).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,M c Jan, Dec

Notoptenidium kuscheli Johnson, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1982.

REMARKS: Specimens in NZAC were reared from *Embergia grandiflora*. Elsewhere known from several localities in the South I. (NN, MB, WD).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

+Ptenidium laevigatum Erichson, 1845

REMARKS: New record. Forest leaf litter. A European species, previously only known in New Zealand from Lynfield, Auckland (Johnson 1982).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C r Jan

Ptenidium sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Litter in Corynocarpus forest. Not previously reported from New

Zealand (Johnson in litt.).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C r Jan, Dec

\*Ptinella bitumida Johnson, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1982.

REMARKS: Widespread in forest leaf litter and under bark.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M u Jan, Jul

\*Ptinella brunnescens Johnson, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1982.

REMARKS: In forest leaf litter.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,M,LM f Jan, Dec

\*Ptinella chathamensis Johnson, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1982.

REMARKS: Under bark of dead Corynocarpus and Myrsine. Previously known from a single

female from Chatham I. (Johnson 1982).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan

**LEIODIDAE** 

Mesocolon n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Widespread in leaf litter from forest and coastal scrub, also on

dead broad-billed prion.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, May, Oct-Dec

\*Paracatops brunneipes (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Choleva brunneipes).

REMARKS: Originally described from Pitt I. In our material in forest litter on Rangatira and

Mangere, also on dead broad-billed prion.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M c Jan, Nov, Dec

**SCYDMAENIDAE** 

\*Chathamneus chathamensis Franz, 1980

FIRST RECORDED: Franz, 1980.

REMARKS: Under Myrsine bark. Additional specimens in NZAC, from leaf litter, Chatham

I. Chathamneus is a Chatham Is endemic genus.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R p Jan

STAPHYLINIDAE: Omaliinae

Ischnoderus genalis (Broun, 1880)

REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus*, in dead nikau fronds, beating dead trees, malaise trap in *Dracophyllum arboreum* forest, etc. Elsewhere in New Zealand beaten from shrubs and trees or caught in Malaise traps (Kuschel 1990),

widespread.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R a Jan, Aug, Nov

Ischnoderus sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Myrsine.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R p Jan

Macralymma punctiventre Cameron, 1945

REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beaches. Widespread in the South I.

Jan

of New Zealand (NN,DN,SL,SI) on sandy beaches and lakeshores.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Metacorneolabium minus Steel, 1950

FIRST RECORDED: Thayer, 1985.

REMARKS: A single male specimen in NZAC (Thayer 1985). Widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*'Omaliomimus' robustus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as *Omalium robustum*). REMARKS: A seashore species associated with rotting kelp.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan

\*'Omaliomimus' n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beaches, under driftwood and anaerobic organic debris by lagoon.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan, Nov

\*'Omaliomimus' n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Another species associated with rotting *Durvillea* kelp and beach wrack. This species of '*Omaliomimus*' is much larger than any other known species at 6-7 mm in length.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R a Jan, Nov

\*'Stenomalium' n. sp. 1

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Omalium fossigerum Eppelsheim, apparently a

manuscript name that was never published (Thayer in litt.)).

REMARKS: Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus*, beaten from dead *Plagianthus* branches, pitfall traps in *Dracophyllum*/broadleaf forest, forest and coastal scrub leaf litter. According to Thayer (in litt.) the two species included in *Stenomalium* require a new genus, along with several other described species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK,LM u Jan, Nov

\*'Stenomalium'n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. In forest leaf litter, beaten from dead Myrsine and Plagianthus branches. Very similar to 'Stenomalium' n. sp. 1, but with more costate elytra.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M a Jan, Nov, Dec

STAPHYLINIDAE: Pselaphinae

Pselaphaulax sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Leaf litter in Corynocarpus/Melicytus forest. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C u Dec

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Pselaphophus sp. 1
REMARKS: New record. Pitfall trap in Olearia/Macropiper/Plagianthus forest, leaf litter.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,LM r Nov

Pselaphophus sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from coastal vegetation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Jan

Sagola sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Leaf litter and pitfall traps, under rocks in coastal vegetation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: M,SK f Jan, Oct-Dec

STAPHYLINIDAE: Tachyporinae

Sepedophilus helmsi (Bernhauer, 1941)

REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus, in pitfall traps in Dracophyllum/

broadleaved forest, and on bracket fungi.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P c Jan, Dec

+Tachyporus nitidulus (Fabricius, 1781)

REMARKS: New record. Forest leaf litter, coastal vegetation and rotting kelp. A European

species now widespread in New Zealand.
DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P u Jan, Dec

STAPHYLINIDAE: Aleocharinae

Aleochara subaenea Fauvel, 1877

FIRST RECORDED: Klimaszewski & Crosby, 1997.

REMARKS: In our collections only from Rangatira, but also known from Chatham I. Found

Genus indet. sp. 3

Melicytus branch trap.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

throughout New Zealand, except the Kaikoura Coast and Canterbury. Larvae of this genus are ectoparasitoids on calliphorid fly pupae and adults are usually found in habitats where blowflies occur. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Nov r +Amischa analis (Gravenhorst, 1802) REMARKS: New record. Under rocks. A European species widespread in New Zealand, often associated with compost heaps. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: p Jan +Atheta fungi (Gravenhorst, 1806) REMARKS: New record. Beaten from vegetation, also in leaf litter and under driftwood and anaerobic organic debris by lagoon. A widely distributed European species. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov C.P Atheta sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. *Dracophyllum* and tree fern litter. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan Atheta sp. 2 REMARKS: New record. Forest leaf litter. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,LMu Jan, Dec Botromana sp. nr vulcanica (Broun, 1894) REMARKS: New record. Widespread in all types of forest leaf litter, in dead nikau fronds, etc. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C.P.R.M Jan, Aug, Nov, Dec а Botromana sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus, and in malaise trap. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R Jan, Nov, Dec 11 Homalota sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus and Myrsine, forest leaf litter. **DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** C,P,RJan, Dec Ischnoglossa bituberculata (Broun, 1894) REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus, Myrsine, and Plagianthus. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Nov, Dec Leptusa sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Leaf litter in forest and coastal scrub. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M,SK Jan, Nov, Dec ?Leptusa sp. 2 REMARKS: New record. Under rock in coastal scrub. A smaller depigmented species. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: SK Ian p Oligota inconspicua Williams, 1976 FIRST RECORDED: Williams, 1976. REMARKS: Originally described from Motunau I. (NC), Nelson (NN), and Little Mangere. DISTRIBUTION & ÁBUNDANCE: Genus indet. sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Nov p Genus indet. sp. 2 REMARKS: New record. Pitfall traps in Oleania/Plagianthus/Macropiper forest. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,LM Jan, Nov

REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus, on toadstools, beaten from

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Jan, Dec

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devil's coachhorse

Creophilus oculatus (Fabricius, 1775)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Staphylinus oculatus).

REMARKS: In rubbish pit and under rotting kelp. Widespread on both main islands of New

Genus indet. sp. 4 REMARKS: New record. Under rocks in short coastal sward. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan Genus indet. sp. 5 REMARKS: New record. Under beach wrack and rocks in short coastal sward. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Genus indet. sp. 6 REMARKS: New record. On lichen covered rocks. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan р Genus indet. sp. 7 REMARKS: New record. Under rocks in coastal sward. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan STAPHYLINIDAE: Scaphidiinae Scaphisomatini n. genus sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Under bark, on trees at night, forest leaf litter, and on bracket fungi. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,RJan, Nov, Dec STAPHYLINIDAE: Osoriinae Zeoleusis virgula (Fauvel, 1889) REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus and Myrsine. Widely distributed in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan STAPHYLINIDAE: Oxytelinae +Anotylus rugosus (Fabricius, 1775) REMARKS: New record. Specimens in NZAC, from pasture. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Blediotrogus cordicollis (Broun, 1904) REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beaches. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan Carpelimus zealandicus (Sharp, 1900) REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp, beach wrack, and rocks in coastal sward. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,SK c Jan \*Teropalpus n. sp. REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beach, and organic debris and driftwood beside lagoon. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,PJan, Nov STAPHYLINIDAE: Staphylininae Cafius algophilus (Broun, 1894) REMARKS: New record. Under stones on beach. Widespread on beaches in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: an Cafius quadriimpressus (White, 1846) REMARKS: New record. Under beach wrack, in rotting kelp, and in tidal drift beside river. Widespread on beaches in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: CJan, Aug, Nov, Dec Cafius sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beaches. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Ian

Jan

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Zealand, but tending to be replaced by another species in the south of the South I. May also occur in Australia (Šteel 1949b). **DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** u Jan Creophilus n. sp. REMARKS: New record. Petrel burrow entrance, leaf litter, under logs and rocks, and pitfall traps in coastal forest. This species is very similar or identical to the one found in the southern South I. (SL) and Stewart I. Hammond (in litt.) points out that the Creophilus of New Zealand are quite variable and several species may be present. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M,SK Ian, Oct, Nov +Gyrohypnus fracticornis (Mueller, 1776) FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as Xantholinus punctulatus Paykull). REMARKS: Beaten from dead Muehlenbeckia/Rhipogonum tangle and in rubbish pit. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: lan Neoxantholinus brouni (Sharp, 1876) REMARKS: New record. Specimens in NZAC, reared from Myrsine log. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: nzac +Notolinus socius (Fauvel, 1877) REMARKS: New record. Under logs and dried fresh water algal mats. An Australian species, widely distributed in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTIÓN & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,LMIan, Nov, Dec +Philonthus politus (Linnaeus, 1758)
REMARKS: New record. Around house. A European species widespread in New Zealand on farms and in compost heaps. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Feb р +Philonthus sordidus (Gravenhorst, 1802) FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904. REMARKS: A European species, widely distributed in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Quedius antipodum Sharp, 1886 FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911. REMARKS: Pitfall traps, under log, and on tree trunks and the ground at night, sometimes associated with litter in empty petrel burrows. Broun's (1911) record was presumably from Pitt I., but our records are from only the outer islands. Widespread in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R.M Ian, May, Iul, Nov. Dec +Quedius fulgidus (Fabricius, 1792) FIŘST RĚCŎRDED: Alfken, 1904. **DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:**  $\mathbf{C}$ lit \*Thinocafius insularis Steel, 1949 FIRST RECORDED: Steel, 1949a. REMARKS: Under rotting kelp on sandy beaches. Thinocafius is an endemic genus of unknown relationships. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,PJan, Aug Xantholinus labralis Broun, 1880 REMARKS: New record. Under rocks by stream, rotten log. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Oct Xantholini, genus indet. sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Coastal vegetation.

**Xantholini, genus indet. sp. 2**REMARKS: New record. Under log, wet bark, and dried freshwater algal mat.
DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P u Jan, Nov, Dec

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

#### SCIRTIDAE

Cyphon sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from Brachyglottis, Corynocarpus, and Dracophyllum, in leaf litter and malaise trap. Broun (1911) reported Cyphon acerbus Broun from Pitt I. It almost certainly represented one of the Cyphon species recorded here, but no material is present in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH), or in NZAC.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov

Cyphon sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Very common on all kinds of shrubs, such as Brachyglottis, Dracophyllum, Hebe, Hymenanthera, Macropiper, Melicytus, Myrsine, and Olearia; also in branch traps and leaf litter.

DIŜTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Oct-Dec

Cyphon sp. 3

ŘÉMARŘS: New record. Under log, Tuku Valley.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Dec p

Cyphon sp. 4

REMARKS: New record. Coastal vegetation and Dracophyllum arboreum. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R

### LUCANIDAE

Ceratognathus helotoides Thomson, 1862

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: In dead trees, logs and branches. Common and widespread throughout New

Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C.P.R Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

\*Ceratognathus reflexus (Broun, 1909)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1909 (as *Mitophyllus*). This is probably the species referred to as Ceratognathus n.sp. by Alfken (1904).

REMARKS: Widespread in dead trees, logs, and branches, on tree trunks at night. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C.P.RJan, Mar, Jul, Nov

\*Geodorcus capito (Deyrolle, 1873)

FIRST RECORDED: Deyrolle, in Parry, 1873 (as *Lissotes*). This species was redescribed by

Broun (1910) as Lissotes dispar Broun.

REMARKS: On Rangatira and the bush covered parts of Mangere, under logs and on the forest floor at night, under rocks in coastal vegetation on the smaller islands. Much less common on Pitt I. and apparently now confined to the southern end of Chatham I., though formerly also in the north east (Holloway 1961). Probably vulnerable to rodent and pig predation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM c Jan, Jun, Nov, Dec

\*Geodorcus n. sp. (Sisters)

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1961, as a large variety of G. capito.

REMARKS: Apparently confined to the Sisters Is and now regarded as a separate species by

Holloway (in litt.).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: MS

+Syndesus cornutus (Fabricius, 1801)

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane et al., 1991.

REMARKS: An Australian species found once in a hardwood power pole in Waitangi,

Chatham I. Well established in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: lit

#### SCARABAEIDAE

+Aphodius granarius (Linnaeus, 1767)

RÉPORTED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: A European species widely established in New Zealand, but not reported from the Chathams since Hutton (1897). However, there is a recent specimen in NZAC; Point Weeding, sweeping Apium.

lit

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Costelytra zealandica (White, 1846)

grass grub

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1909 (as *Odontria*). Alfken's (1904) record of *Odontria* sp. could also refer to this species.

REMARKS: Widespread on all main islands of the group. Very common and widely

distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a

Jan, Oct-Dec

Odontria varicolorata Given, 1952

REMARKS: New record. Widespread and common on all main islands of the group, mostly on trees at night and in pitfall traps. Most New Zealand records are from Canterbury, and it may be introduced to the Chatham Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M

Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

Phycochus graniceps Broun, 1886

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1984.

REMARKS: Collected from Waitangi Beach, Chatham I. Known from scattered localities around New Zealand and Tasmania on sandy beaches.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*Saprosites sulcatissimus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Aphodius).

REMARKS: Widespread in leaf litter on all main islands.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, Oct

**EUCNEMIDAE** 

Agalba cylindrata (Broun, 1886)

REMARKS: New record. One specimen in NZAC, from Asplenium. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C nzac

Neocharis sp. nr concolor Sharp, 1877

REMARKS: New record. Malaise and pitfall traps, on mossy log at night, under rotting log in pasture.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:. C,P

Jan

**ELATERIDAE** 

\*Amychus candezei Pascoe, 1876 Chatham Islands click beetle FIRST RECORDED: Pascoe, 1876. This species was redescribed by Schwarz (1901) as

A. schauinslandi Schwarz and A. rotundicollis Schwarz.

REMARKS: Originally described from Pitt I., where it has not been seen for many years; it survived at Hapupu on Chatham I., at least until 1967, but could not be found in the same locality in 1992. Widespread on the smaller, rodent free islands, usually found on tree trunks at night, but also under logs and rocks, in rock crevices under tussocks and in pitfall traps.

DIŜTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M,SK,LM c Jan, Nov, Dec

Conoderus exsul (Sharp, 1877)

pasture wireworm

REMARKS: New record. Under a rotten log, in spider web. Widespread and common in New Zealand. Hutton's (1897) record of *Monocrepidius subrufus* Broun may refer to this species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P r Jan

'Ctenicera' agriotides (Sharp, 1877)

FIRST RECÖRDED: Schwarz, 1901 (as Corymbites).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

'Ctenicera' olivascens (White, 1846)

REMARKS: New record. On rocks by river. Additional specimens in NZAC. It is possible that Schwarz's (1901) record of *C. agriotides* also refers to this species as they are very similar, and *C. agriotides* has not been recollected from the Chatham Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C r Jan

Mecastrus convexus Sharp, 1877

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897, also recorded by Schwarz (1901) and Brookes (1925).

REMARKS: Under bark and in rotten logs. Apparently widely distributed in the South I. of

C.P.R

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan, Dec

Thoramus laevithorax (White, 1846)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897, also recorded by Schwarz (1901) and Brookes (1925). REMARKS: Under bark, in rotten logs, on trees at night, at light, reared from rotten Myrsine logs. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R

Jan, Mar, Nov

Thoramus perblandus Broun, 1880

REMARKS: New record. Less common than T. laevithorax, but in similar habitats. Widespread in New Zealand. Not previously recorded from the Chatham Is, but Brookes (1925) records a variety of *T. laevithorax* that may be this species, "Thorax more finely and closely punctate, and has a little in front of the middle, on either side, a sub-circular glabrous spot. Elytra, and especially the head and thorax densely clothed with fine, light tawny, vestiture." This fairly describes the most obvious features that distinguish T. perblandus from T. laevithorax.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

C,P,R

f

Jan

### DERMESTIDAE

\*Trogoderma pictulum Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Specimens in Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH) and NZAC. Originally described from Pitt I. No known specimens since the original collection.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Trogoderma signatum Sharp, 1877

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: In huts on Mangere and Rangatira, with scattered records elsewhere.

Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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Jan, Nov

## ANOBIIDAE

C.P.R.M

+Anobium punctatum (DeGeer, 1774)

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (by the synonym A. striatum (Oliver)).

house borer

REMARKS: In house, additional specimen in NZAC. A European species widely distributed in New Zealand.  $\mathbf{C}$ 

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan

Cyphanobium illustre (Broun, 1880)

REMARKS: New record. Reared from bracket fungi, beaten from tree fern skirts. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov, Dec

P,R

Microsternomorphus oblongus (Broun, 1880) REMARKS: New record. In huts, one specimen crawling on a sandy bank.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

+Ptinus tectus Boieldieu, 1856

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904.

REMARKS: Not collected in recent years from the Chathams (Wise 1964a). The record by Broun (1911) of P. fur (L.) almost certainly refers to this species, as all known specimens identified by Broun as *P. fur* are in fact *P. tectus* (see Wise 1964a, 1964b). Widespread in New

Australian spider beetle

Zealand, where it is a pest of stored products.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

lit

nzac

+Ptinus sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Specimens in NZAC, from Chatham Is tomtit nest.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

### TROGOSSITIDAE

\*Lepidopteryx shandi (Broun, 1910)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Leperina wakefieldi Sharp). Also recorded from both

Chatham and Pitt Is as Leperina sobrina White (Alfken 1904). Broun (1910) established Leperina shandi Broun as a separate Chatham Is species.

REMARKS: Very common everywhere in forested habitats, on trees at night, under dead

bark, reared from rotten Myrsine logs.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,LMJan, Jul, Nov, Dec

# **CHAETOSOMATIDAE**

Chaetosoma scaritides Westwood, 1851

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Under bark and in dead wood of Corynocarpus, Myrsine, and Pseudopanax on tree

trunk at night. Widespread, though not usually numerous, in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Jul, Nov, Dec

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CLERIDAE

+Necrobia ruficollis (Fabricius, 1775)

redshouldered ham beetle

redlegged ham beetle

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane et al., 1991.

REMARKS: On dry sheep carcass. A European species widespread on carrion in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

f Jan

+Necrobia rufipes (Degeer, 1775)

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane et al. 1991.

REMARKS: Similar in origin and habitat to N. ruficollis.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: lit

Phymatophoea sp. 1

RÉMARKS: New record. Beaten from various shrubs, malaise traps.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P.R Jan, Nov

Phymatophoea sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Very similar to Phymatophoea sp. 1, but more greeny bronze and shiny. Swept from shrubs, beaten from dead Pseudopanax, on dead log. Only from Chatham I. in our collection. Additional specimens in NZAC. The record by Hutton (1897) of P. electa Pascoe from Chatham I. probably refers to this species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan

**PHYCOSECIDAE** 

Phycosecis limbata (Fabricius, 1781)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as P. atomaria Pascoe).

REMARKS: On sandy beaches. Widespread all round New Zealand on sandy beaches.

DISTRIBUTION & ÁBUNDANCE: C,P Jan, Dec

MELYRIDAE

\*Dasytes pittensis Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911. Alfken's (1904) record of Dasytes n.sp. presumably refers to this species.

REMARKS: Very common everywhere on flowers and all sorts of vegetation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK Jan, Oct-Dec a

NITIDULIDAE

Epuraea antarctica (White, 1846)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: In hut at night, beating in forest, and sieved litter. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov C,R

Epuraea signata Broun, 1880

REMARKS: New record. Mostly from dead nikau fronds, but also on dead Pseudopanax at night. Widespread in New Zealand.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Jan u

+Omosita colon (Linnaeus, 1758)

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904.

Jan

Jan, Nov

REMARKS: Dry sheep horn, mutton bones, in rubbish pit and under rotting kelp. A European species widespread in New Zealand on dry carrion.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P f

### CAVOGNATHIDAE

# \*Zeonidicola chathamensis Watt, 1980

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1980.

REMARKS: Mainly from petrel burrows, but also found in leaf litter and pitfall traps in areas that are strongly burrowed. According to Watt (1980) it is associated with the nests of seabirds, *Puffinus griseus, Pachyptila turtur, Macronectes giganteus, Diomedea sanfordi* etc., on Rangatira, Mangere, Little Mangere, Mid Sister and East Sister.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R a Jan, May, Jun

### **CRYPTOPHAGIDAE**

Paratomaria n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Beating coastal vegetation, Coprosma and Corynocarpus branch

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

R a

Paratomaria n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from shrubby vegetation and dead Myoporum, Myrsine, and

Plagianthus.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R f Jan, Nov

### **EROTYLIDAE**

Cryptodacne sp. 1

RÉMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead Corynocarpus.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Dec

# **BOTHRIDERIDAE**

\*Ascetoderes paynteri (Broun, 1911), new combination

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Bothrideres).

REMARKS: Under bark, in dead wood, on tree trunks at night, reared from rotten *Myrsine* logs and pupae of *Xuthodes punctipennis* (Cerambycidae). Larvae are ectoparasitoids of the pupae, and perhaps larvae, of wood boring insects. This species has previously been known as *Aeschyntelus paynteri* (Broun) (Ślipiński *et al.* 1989), but *Aeschyntelus* Waterhouse, 1876 is a junior homonym of *Aeschyntelus* Stål, 1872 (Hemiptera). The next available name is *Ascetoderes* Pope, 1961. I am indebted to Adam Ślipiński and John Lawrence for drawing this to my attention.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R a Jan, Jul, Nov

# CERYLIDAE

Hypodacnella rubripes (Reitter, 1880)

FÍRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as Tritomidea rubripes Motschulsky).

REMARKS: The most commonly collected beetle in the Chatham Is. In forest habitats everywhere, under logs, under dead bark, in dead nikau fronds, forest litter, beating woody vegetation etc., also under logs and debris in more open habitats. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, May, Jul, Aug, Oct-Dec

# **COCCINELLIDAE**

+Coccinella undecimpunctata Linnaeus, 1758

elevenspotted ladybird

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Open habitats on the larger islands. A European species widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P f Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Veronicobius macrostictus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Scymnus).

REMARKS: Very common everywhere, mostly collected by beating woody vegetation, but also in branch, Malaise, and pitfall traps, and on tree trunks at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, Jun, Oct, Nov

\*Veronicobius n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Very similar to V. macrostictus but smaller.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDÁNCE: P a Jan, Nov

\*Veronicobius n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Another similar species, but usually lacking pale markings on the elytra, and with long setae. Mostly found on coastal vegetation, but also in Malaise trap on bush edge.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK f Jan, Oct, Nov

### CORYLOPHIDAE

Anisomeristes thoracicus (Erichson, 1842)

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1990.

REMARKS: In leaf litter from coastal scrub and Chatham I. shag nest. An Australian species widely distributed in New Zealand (Kuschel 1990).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: SK r Jan

Anisomeristes sp. 1

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1990.

REMARKS: A smaller, more glossy species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Holopsis nr lawsoni Broun, 1886

REMARKS: New record. Mostly in leaf litter from forests and coastal scrub, but also in *Corynocarpus* and *Myoporum* branch traps, under rocks in coastal sward and one in a flight intercept trap.

lit

DISTRÎBUTÎON & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Oct, Nov

Sacium sp.

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from coastal vegetation, leaf litter from coastal scrub,

under rocks in coastal sward and under drift wood.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,SK f Jan, Aug

#### LATRIDIIDAE

+Aridius bifasciatus (Reitter, 1877)

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1969.

REMARKS: Beaten from trees and shrubs. An Australian species now widely distributed through commerce, widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R f Jan, Nov

+Aridius nodifer (Westwood, 1839)

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1969. REMARKS: In similar habitats to *A. bifasciata*, but also in Malaise traps and dead nikau fronds. An introduced species of unknown origin now very widely distributed through commerce (Watt 1969), widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R c Jan, Aug

+Corticaria fenestralis (Linnaeus, 1758)

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from tree ferns. A European species widespread in New Zealand, though not usually numerous.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Nov

+Cortinicara hirtalis (Broun, 1880)

minute scavenger beetle

FIRST RECORDED: Johnson, 1975.

REMARKS: Mostly beaten from a wide variety of vegetation, but also under dead bark and in a Malaise trap. Although originally described from New Zealand the species is also known from Australia and possibly originates from there (Kuschel 1990). Very widespread and common in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, Oct-Dec

Lithostygnus sp. nr minor Broun, 1893

REMARKS: New record. Reared from rotten Myrsine logs. Watt (1969) reported L. minor

from a number of localities in New Zealand, but was unable to decide whether the material represented one species or several. DÍSTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: u Jan Bicava sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Mostly beaten from a variety of vegetation and dead branches, but also in Coprosma, Myoporum, and Plagianthus branch traps, on a dead Melicytus log, and in pitfall and Malaise traps, very common everywhere. Jan, Jul, Oct, Nov DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDÂNCE: P,R,M Bicava sp. 2 REMARKS: New record. Beaten from coastal vegetation and *Plagianthus* branch traps. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov Bicava sp. 3 REMARKS: New record. Under bark. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Oct р Bicava sp. 4 REMARKS: New record. Beaten from shrubs and dead Pseudopanax. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C.MJan, Oct **MYCETOPHAGIDAE** 'Triphyllus' hispidellus (Broun, 1880) REMARKS: New record. Beaten from Brachyglottis huntii and Dracophyllum arboreum, also in litter and pitfall traps in Dracophyllum forest. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov 'Triphyllus' sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. On fungal fruiting bodies, beating dead Myrsine and Plagianthus branches. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R a Ian 'Triphyllus' sp. 2 REMARKS: New record. On fungal fruiting bodies. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Dec CHDAE Cis boettgeri (Reitter, 1880) REMARKS: New record. Mostly on bracket fungi, but also under bark, in rotten logs, beating dead Corynocarpus, in leaf litter etc. Widespread in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Oct-Dec \*Cis fulgens Broun, 1895 REMARKS: New record. Litter in Dracophyllum/tree fern forest and in Corynocarpus/ Melicytus forest, in pitfall trap and on Fomes fructification. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Dec C,P,RCis zealandicus Reitter, 1880 REMARKS: New record. On bracket fungi. Widespread in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,Ř Jan, Nov, Dec a Cis sp. 1 REMARKS: New record. Woody bracket fungus on Oleana. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Nov Orthocis undulatus (Broun, 1880) FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Cis). REMARKS: Under bark, beating tree ferns. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: f C,PJan, Oct

MELANDRYIDAE

Ctenoplectron vittatum Broun, 1886

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Beaten from dead Muehlenbeckia and Rhipogonum, Malaise trap on bush edge, on

tree trunk at night. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P,R

u Jan, Nov

Hylobia sp. 1

RÉMARKS: New record. On trees at night, Malaise trap in Dracophyllum forest.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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### MORDELLIDAE

Mordella detracta Pascoe, 1876

REMARKS: New record. Under log in forest remnant.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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Jan

### **ZOPHERIDAE**

\*Coxelus mucronatus Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus* and *Olearia traversi*, in basidiomycete fungus growing on *Corynocarpus*, beating vegetation, pitfall traps, reared from rotten *Myrsine* logs.

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C,P,R,M

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Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Coxelus n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Very similar to *C. mucronatus* but smaller and less rugose. Pitfall traps, leaf litter from forest and coastal scrub, under bark.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P,R,M,SK,LM

Jan, May, Jul, Aug, Nov,

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\*Coxelus n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. Litter from coastal scrub and Olearia/Melicytus/Muehlenbeckia forest, pitfall traps. Known only from the smaller islands. Specimens in NZAC from Middle

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

R,M,SK

Jan, Oct

Pristoderus acuminatus (Broun, 1880)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 ( as Tarphiomimus).

REMARKS: On trees and logs at night, from branch traps and reared from rotten Myrsine

logs.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,R

u Jan, Dec

Pristoderus asper (Sharp, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Ulonotus).

REMARKS: Mostly beaten from dead vegetation, tree fern skirts, *Muehlenbeckia* and *Rhipogonum*, branches of dead *Corynocarpus*, *Melicytus*, *Olearia traversi*, and *Plagianthus*, *Melicytus* and *Myrsine* branch traps, but also on tree trunks at night. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P,R,M

Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

Pristoderus bakewelli (Pascoe, 1866)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Enarsus).

REMARKS: Originally recorded from Pitt I., our records are from Rangatira. Under logs, under bark of dead *Plagianthus*, pitfall traps. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABŬNDANCE:

Jan, Jul, Nov

\*Pristoderus plagiatus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Ulonotus).

REMARKS: On trees and logs at night, pitfall and Malaise traps in forest, Coprosma, Corynocarpus, Myoporum and Plagianthus branch traps.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P,R,M

Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

\*Pycnomerus mediocris Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Pitfall traps in Dracophyllum/broadleaved forest and Oleania/Plagianthus/

Macropiper forest, under dead bark of Corynocarpus, Myrsine, and Plagianthus, in rotten logs, reared from rotten Myrsine logs, on tree trunks at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R a Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

Rhitidinotus squamulosus (Broun, 1880)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus*, on tree trunks at night. Fairly widespread in the North I. of New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P r Jan

### TENEBRIONIDAE

\*Mimopeus pascoei (Bates, 1873)

FIRST RECORDED: Bates, 1873 (as Cilibe).

REMARKS: This is the *Mimopeus* of the southern part of the Chathams group (Pitt I., Rangatira, Mangere, Star Keys, Forty Fours), very common in a wide variety of habitats, under logs and rocks, and on the outer islands, on the forest floor at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,M,SK,LM,MS,FF a Jan, Jul, Aug, Oct-Dec

\*Mimopeus subcostatus (Sharp, 1903)

FIRST RECORDED: Sharp, 1903 (as Cilibe).

REMARKS: Described from Chatham I., Watt (1992) also records it from The Sisters and Pitt I. Our material from Middle Sister I. is more like *M. pascoei*, and none of our specimens from Pitt I. have the key features of *M. subcostatus*, but some of our material from Rangatira apparently tends in that direction. More work is clearly required on these species. Our specimens came from tree trunks at night, under dead marram grass, under logs in pasture. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C [an, Dec

Omedes substriatus (Broun, 1880)

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1992.

REMARKS: Under rocks, pitfall traps, *Myrsine* branch trap. Widespread in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R u Nov

Pheloneis simulans (Redtenbacher, 1868)

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane, 1979 (as Amerosoma). This is probably the species mentioned by Brookes (1925) as *Pheloneis* sp.

REMARKS: Únder rocks in coastal sward. Otherwise, only known from northern New Zealand (ND, AK) (Watt 1992).

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DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C

\*Pseudhelops chathamensis Watt, 1992

FIRST RECORDED: Watt, 1992.

REMARKS: Only known from The Sisters Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: SS

**OEDEMERIDAE** 

Baculipalpus rarus Broun, 1880

FIRST RECORDED: Hudson, 1975.

REMARKS: Under logs and seaweed on beach. The record by Hutton (1897) of *Sessinia strigipennis* White (now *Baculipalpus*) possibly refers to this species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDÂNCE: C p Jan

Thelyphassa brouni Hudson, 1975

REMARKS: New record. Scattered specimens mostly at night. Distributed in the southern part of the North I. and throughout the South I. and Stewart I., mostly on beaches.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,M u Jan, Nov, Dec

Thelyphassa diaphana (Pascoe, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Under shells and kelp at drift line on sandy beach, under bark on driftwood. Found on sandy beaches all around New Zealand, including Stewart I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C f Jan

Thelyphassa lineata (Fabricius, 1775)

FIRŜT RECORDED: Alfken, 1904 (as Sessinia).

REMARKS: Mostly on tree trunks at night, but also under bark of Corynocarpus, and in dead wood. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C.P.R Jan, Nov, Dec a

\*Thelyphassa pauperata (Pascoe, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Brookes, 1925 (as T. chathamensis Brookes).

REMARKS: The type locality is Christchurch, but this is thought to be a mistake as all other known specimens are from the Chathams (Hudson 1975), where it is very abundant in all sorts of mainly forested habitats, in pitfall and Malaise traps, on tree trunks at night, reared from dead Olearia branch.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

C,P,R,M,LMа Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

SALPINGIDAE

\*Antarcticodomus n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Under coastal rocks, on lichen covered coastal rocks and under rotting kelp. Other species of Antarcticodomus are known from New Zealand subantarctic islands and Stewart I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P.R.SK

Ian, Nov

Diagrypnodes wakefieldi Waterhouse, 1876

FIRŠŤ RECORDĚD: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Under dead bark on trees and rotten logs including Corynocarpus and Myrsine.

C,P,R

Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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Jan, Feb, Aug, Oct-Dec

Broun's sand beetle

ANTHICIDAE

Anthicus minor Broun, 1886

FIRST RECORDED: Werner and Chandler, 1995.

REMARKS: On coastal lichen covered rocks, beaten from vegetation. Widespread in New

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** P,R Jan, Nov

Lagrioida brouni Pascoe, 1876

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Under bark on driftwood. On sandy beaches throughout New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan

ADERIDAE

Xylophilus sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from coastal vegetation and dead Plagianthus branch, Macropiper branch trap, swept in Dracophyllum forest.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

C.P.R

Jan, Nov

SCRAPTIIDAE

Nothotelus sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from woody vegetation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan, Oct, Nov

**CERAMBYCIDAE:** Cerambycinae

Xuthodes punctipennis Pascoe, 1875

FIRST RECORDED: Pascoe, 1875. Hutton (1897) and Brookes (1925) recorded this species under its synonym, X. divergens Broun and Alfken (1904) recorded it as X. apicalis

Sharp.

REMARKS: Associated with freshly broken *Corynocarpus* branches and in rotten logs, but also reared from *Myoporum laetum* and rotten *Myrsine*. Pupae are parasitized by *Ascetoderes* paynteri (Bothrideridae). Although originally described from Pitt I., the species is found widely in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

C.P.R

c Jan

\*Zorion opacum Sharp, 1903

FIRST RECORDED: Sharp, 1903, though Hutton's (1897) record of Z. minutum (Fabricius) probably refers to this species.

REMARKS: Mostly collected by beating woody vegetation, also in flowers, Malaise traps, and

branch traps of *Melicytus, Myoporum,* and *Myrsine,* reared from rotten *Myrsine* logs. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R a Jan, Nov

# **CERAMBYCIDAE: Lamiinae**

\*Adriopea n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. On *Plagianthus*, on tree trunks at night, beaten from dead *Myrsine* branch, and in leaf litter from coastal scrub.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,

ı Jan, Nov

\*Adriopea n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. On tree trunk at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R

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Psilocnaeia asteliae Kuschel, 1990

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1990.

REMARKS: Associated with *Phormium*, often found in the rolled up tips of frayed leaves.

Widespread throughout New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R

Jan, Nov

Psilocnaeia ?bullata (Bates, 1876)

REMARKS: New record. Very common everywhere, mostly collected by beating woody vegetation and dead branches of *Brachyglottis, Hymenanthera, Myoporum, Myrsine, Plagianthus,* and tree ferns, also from *Coprosma, Myoporum, Myrsine,* and *Plagianthus* branch traps, in leaf litter, on logs and tree trunks at night, in Malaise traps.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

C,P,R,M,SK

a Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

\*Ptinosoma waitei (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Somatidia).

REMARKS: On logs, tree trunks, and fungi at night, pitfall traps, beaten from woody vegetation and dead branches of *Myrsine* and *Plagianthus*, litter from coastal scrub. Originally described from Pitt I., our specimens are all from the smaller islands. *Somatidia vicinus* Broun is assumed to be a synonym, but no material of either species is present in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

R,M,SK

Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

\*Ptinosoma n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Pitfall traps in Oleania/Plagianthus/Macropiper forest. Similar to P. waitei but lacking erect setae on elytra.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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Tetrorea cilipes White, 1846

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Widespread in New Zealand, often associated with species of *Pseudopanax*.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C

Pitt Island longhorn

hissing longhorn

\*Xylotoles costatus Pascoe, 1875

FIRST RECORDED: Pascoe, 1875.

REMARKS: Early records are all from Pitt I. (Pascoe 1875, Hutton 1897), but recent specimens (NZAC, LUNZ) are from Rangatira and extensive searching has failed to relocate the species on Pitt I. On *Coprosma chathamica* tree trunks at night, dead *Coprosma* branch, *Coprosma* branch trap, dead log at night. Apparently associated with *Coprosma chathamica*.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan, Nov

\*Xylotoles traversi Pascoe, 1876

FIRST RECORDED: Pascoe, 1876, also recorded by Sharp (1903) and Alfken (1904) by the

synonym X. schauinslandi Sharp.

REMÁRKS: Very common everywhere on all sorts of woody vegetation, from broken Corynocarpus branches, beaten from Corynocarpus, Griselinia, Melicytus, Myoporum, Myrsine, Olearia, Plagianthus, tree ferns, also from Plagianthus branch trap, on logs and tree trunks at night, reared from dead Lepidium oleraceum stems.

DÍSTRIBUTION & ABUNĎANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Jul, Aug, Oct-Dec

\*Xylotoloides trigonellaris (Hutton, 1897)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Hybolasius). The species was redescribed by Sharp

(1903) as Xylotoles abnormalis Sharp.

REMARKS: Mostly associated with dead branches and foliage of Corynocarpus, Myoporum, Myrsine, Muehlenbeckia/Rhipogonum, Plagianthus, and tree ferns; also from Coprosma, Pseudopanax and Melicytus branch traps and yellow pan trap.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,LM a Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

### CHRYSOMELIDAE

\*Chaetocnema moriori Samuelson, 1973

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Phyllotreta nitida Broun).

REMARKS: Beating coastal vegetation, sweeping grass in coastal sward by creek, flight intercept trap and litter from coastal scrub. *Phyllotreta nitida* (now *Chaetocnema*) is a separate species widespread in the South I. (Samuelson, 1973).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R,SK c Jan, Nov

### ANTHRIBIDAE: Anthribinae

\*Cacephatus propinguus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Anthribus).

REMARKS: On trees at night, under bark, pitfall traps in *Dracophyllum/* broadleaved forest, beaten from dead *Myrsine* and *Plagianthus*, reared from *Melicytus* log, Malaise traps in coastal forest.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R a Jan, Aug, Oct-Dec

Dasyanthribus purpureus (Broun, 1880)

REMARKS: New record. Malaise trap in coastal forest. Not recorded from the Chatham Is by Holloway (1982), and otherwise only known from the northern part of the North I. (Three Kings Is, ND, AK, CL, WO).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R p Jan

Hoplorhaphus spinifer (Sharp, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: Throughout the North I. and north-western South I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*Lichenobius silvicola Holloway, 1970

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1970.

REMARKS: Beating woody vegetation and dead *Oleania*, on tree trunks at night, Malaise traps. Apparently associated with lichens growing on tree trunks (Holloway, 1982).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M f Jan, Oct-Dec

\*Lophus cristellatus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Anthribus).

REMARKS: Beaten from dead Myrsine, Oleania and other woody vegetation, reared from

Melicytus log, under Myrsine bark, on dead Pseudopanax at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R u Jan, Jul, Nov

Lophus rudis (Sharp, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: On dead *Pseudopanax* at night. Widespread from Northland to Stewart I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Jan

Phymatus hetaera (Sharp, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: Widespread in the North I. and extreme north of the South I., in a wide variety of habitats, associated with dead wood of all kinds.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*Sharpius chathamensis Holloway, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: Beaten from a variety of woody vegetation and tree ferns, Malaise, pan, and

branch traps, sieved litter.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,R a Jan, Nov

# ANTHRIBIDAE: Choraginae

\*Dysnocryptus pilicornis (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RÉCORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Anthribus).

REMARKS: Very common everywhere, mostly beaten from coastal shrubs, also from dead branches, *Corynocarpus, Macropiper, Myoporum*, and *Plagianthus* branch traps, pitfall and Malaise traps, on trees at night, and in leaf litter from coastal scrub.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Oct-Dec

\*Notochoragus chathamensis Holloway, 1982

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: Pitfall trap in Olearia/Plagianthus/Macropiper forest, flight intercept trap, yellow

pan trap.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R r Jan, Nov

Notochoragus nanus (Sharp, 1876)

FIRST RECORDED: Holloway, 1982.

REMARKS: Only scattered records from Coromandel, Nelson, and Dunedin (LUNZ).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C

# CURCULIONIDAE: Brachycerinae: Entimini

Catoptes versicolor versicolor (Broun, 1911), reinstated name

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Platyomidia).

REMARKS: Mostly beaten from *Brachygloitis huntii*. Also known from the extreme south of the South I. and Stewart I. (FD,SL,SI). A geographical subspecies *C. versicolor australis* (Kuschel) (as *C. brevicornis australis*) has been described from The Snares (Kuschel 1964). The nomenclatorial history of this species is complex. Kuschel (1969) synonymised *Platyomidia versicolor* Broun, 1911 with *P. brevicornis* Broun, 1904 and transfered them to the genus *Catoptes* Schönherr, but he overlooked the description of *Catoptes brevicornis* Sharp, 1886, which is a senior homonym of *C. brevicornis* (Broun).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P f Jan

Catoptes sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. *Dracophyllum* and tree fern litter, under rocks. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,SK f Jan, Nov

Cecyropa tychioides Pascoe, 1875

FIRST RECORDED: Pascoe, 1875.

REMARKS: Originally described from Pitt I. and Wellington. On sandy beaches all round

New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P lit

\*Inophloeus traversi Pascoe, 1875

FIRŜT RECORDED: Pascoe, 1875.

REMARKS: Mostly feeding on *Myoporum* at night, also on *Hebe, Melicytus, Myrsine* and *Plagianthus* tree trunks at night, and in litter. Originally described from Pitt I., our material is from Rangatira. Sometimes placed in the genus *Brachyolus*.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R a Jan, Jul, Nov

Irenimus aequalis (Broun, 1895)

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1969.

REMARKS: Open areas. Most New Zealand records are from Canterbury, with scattered records in the North I. and Nelson (Kuschel 1969).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P f Jan

Irenimus compressus (Broun, 1880)

compressed weevil

FIRST RECÓRDED: Kuschel, 1969.

REMARKS: Throughout New Zealand, but perhaps introduced to the South I. (Kuschel 1969), also found on the Kermadec Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*Irenimus n. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Forested habitats and scrub, in pitfall traps and leaf litter.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R f Jan, Nov

\*Irenimus n. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. In similar habitats to the previous species.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,R,M a Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Irenimus n. sp. 3

REMARKS: New record. Widespread in forested and scrub habitats, mainly in pitfall traps,

but also in leaf litter.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M a Jan, Nov, Dec

+Otiorhynchus ovatus (Linnaeus, 1758)

strawberry weevil

REMARKS: New record. A European species, widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C nzac

+Otiorhynchus sulcatus (Fabricius, 1775)

black vine weevil

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904. REMARKS: Beating tree fern skirts

REMARKS: Beating tree fern skirts, Malaise trap, leaf litter in coastal scrub. A European species widely distributed through commerce, throughout New Zealand, mostly in gardens and associated with horticulture.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,SK u Jan

+Phlyctinus callosus Boheman, 1834

garden weevil

FIRŠT RECORDED: Macfarlane et al., 1991.

REMARKS: A European species widely distributed in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

\*Thotmus halli Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Only known from the type specimen, in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH), collected on Pitt I., presumed to be associated with sand dunes. *Thotmus* is a Chatham Is endemic genus.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P lit

CURCULIONIDAE: Brachycerinae: Aterpini

Rhadinosomus acuminatus (Fabricius, 1775)

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1970.

REMARKS: On *Haloragis erecta*. Widespread on *Haloragis erecta* in New Zealand, the larvae mine the stems.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: M u N

CURCULIONIDAE: Brachycerinae: Rhytirhinini

+Steriphus diversipes lineata (Pascoe, 1873)

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane et al., 1991 (as Desiantha diversipes Pascoe).

REMARKS: Lichen covered rocks in coastal sward at night. Macfarlane *et al.* (1991) reported it from pastures on Chatham I. An Australian species widespread in pastures in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P u Jar

**CURCULIONIDAE: Curculioninae: Erirhinini** 

Bryocatus sp. 1

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1964 (as Baeosomus sp.)

REMARKS: Associated with moss swards.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C lit

**CURCULIONIDAE:** Curculioninae: Eugnomini

\*Pactolotypus n. sp.

FIRST RÉCORDED: Kuschel, 1964.

REMARKS: Widespread in forest leaf litter, in pitfall and pan traps, also beating coastal vegetation and dead branches of *Muehlenbeckia*, *Myoporum*, *Myrsine* and *Olearia*, *Pseudopanax* branch trap.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec

Stephanorhynchus curvipes White, 1846

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Malaise trap in Dracophyllum forest, on dead Pseudopanax at night, beating tree

ferns and dead Plagianthus branch, on tree trunks at night. Widespread in New Zealand. C.P.RDISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

\*Stephanorhynchus purus Pascoe, 1876

FIRŜT RECORDED: Pascoe, 1876.

REMARKS: Originally believed to be associated with Embergia, but also found on various other Asteraceae, we have a large series reared from Sonchus oleareaceae, also common on Aciphylla flowers and on Urtica.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

P,R,M

Jan, Oct-Dec

Jan, Nov

**CURCULIONIDAE:** Curculioninae: Curculionini

Praeolepra squamosa Broun, 1880

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Malaise traps in various forest types, also beating in forest, Coprosma branch traps. Widely distributed in New Zealand on Coprosma spp.

DIŜTRIBUTÍON & ABUNDANCE: P,R

CURCULIONIDAE: Curculioninae: Cryptorhynchini

\*Adstantes n. sp.

FIRST RECORDED: Lyal, 1993.

REMARKS: Mostly beaten from coastal shrubs and other low vegetation, Oleania branch trap, flight intercept trap.

DIŜTRIBUTION & ABÛNDANCE: P,R u Jan, Nov

Clypeolus sp. 1

RÉMARKS: New record. Pitfall traps in Oleania/Plagianthus/Macropiperforest, on tree trunks at night, leaf litter from coastal scrub, Malaise trap in coastal forest. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,SK Jan, Nov, Dec

\*Crisius lineirostris (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Acalles).

REMARKS: In a wide variety of forest habitats, leaf litter in Oleania/Melicytus/Muehlenbeckia forest and Corynocarpus/Melicytus forest, beaten from Plagianthus and coastal scrub, Plagianthus and Myrsine branch traps, pitfall, yellow pan, and Malaise traps, on tree trunks at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK Jan, Oct-Dec

\*Crisius subcarinatus (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Acalles).

REMARKS: On tree trunks at night, in leaf litter, and in pitfall traps. There are two specimens collected at Lyttelton (Lyal 1993), but these are assumed to be imports. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,R,MJan, Nov, Dec

\*Crisius n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Leaf litter from coastal scrub. Superficially similar to C. subcarinatus, but differing in pattern of elytral tubercles and development of metasternal pit.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: SK u Jan

Ectopsis ferrugalis Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Usually associated with Pseudopanax species, widespread in the North I. of New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

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\*Homoreda flavisetosa (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Kentraulax).

REMARKS: Pitfall trap in Oleania/Plagianthus/Macropiper forest, on dead logs and Oleania buttress roots at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,LM

Jan, Nov u

Homoreda murina (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Lyal, 1993. REMARKS: From scattered localities throughout New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Mecistostylus douei Lacordaire, 1866

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 by the synonym Paranomocerus spiculus Redtenbacher. REMARKS: Beaten from dead branches, North Head. Throughout New Zealand, including Stewart I.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P Nov p

Mesoreda sulcifrons Broun, 1909

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as M. setigera Broun).

REMARKS: Dead Pseudopanax at night, Melicytus branch trap, Malaise traps, etc. Throughout New Zealand, including, Stewart I. Most rearing records are from Pseudopanax

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Ian, Nov

\*Microcryptorhynchus sp. nr latitarsis (Kuschel, 1964)

REMARKS: New record. Very abundant in forest habitats everywhere, beaten from woody vegetation, tree ferns, and Dracophyllum branch trap, in pitfall traps, leaf litter, etc. M. latitarsis is known from the Auckland Is, Stewart I., and the extreme south of the South I. (FD) (Kuschel 1964). The status of the Chatham Is specimens has not been investigated. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,SK,LM Jan, Oct, Nov

Microcryptorhynchus suillus (Kuschel, 1964)

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1971 (as Notacalles).

REMARKS: Beaten from Brachyglottis, Dracophyllum, Olearia and tree ferns, also in Malaise traps. Originally described from the Auckland Is, also known from Campbell I., Codfish I. (SI), and Northland (ND) (Lyal 1993).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Nov

Notacalles sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Leaf litter near the Mangere hut. Kuschel (1997) restored Notacalles to full generic status, rather than regarding it as a subgenus of Microcryptorhynchus. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: M r Jan

\*Pachyderris squamiventris (Broun, 1911)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 (as Xenacalles).

REMARKS: Melicytus, Myrsine, Olearia, and Pseudopanax branch traps, beaten from dead branches, Malaise traps, on tree trunks at night.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** C,P,R,M

Ian, Jul, Oct-Dec а

\*Patellitergum rectirostris Lyal, 1993

FIRST RECORDED: Lyal, 1993.

REMARKS: Mostly in Malaise and pitfall traps, also beaten from coastal vegetation and from Plagianthus, in flight intercept trap. A Chatham Is endemic genus without obvious close relatives (Lyal 1993).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE. P.R Jan, Nov C

Psepholax coronatus White, 1846

FIRST RECORDED: Alfken, 1904.

REMARKS: Under dead bark of dead trees, on tree trunks at night. Thoughout New Zealand, including Stewart I..

f DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P,RNov

Psepholax crassicornis Broun, 1895

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911, by the synonym Aphocoelus [sic] versicolor Broun.

REMARKS: Dead Pseudopanax at night, beaten from Melicytus and Pseudopanax.

Throughout New Zealand, including Stewart I.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Jan, Nov c

Psepholax sulcatus White, 1843

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897. Also recorded by Broun (1911) and Brookes (1925) by the synonym P. barbifrons White.

REMARKS: Mostly on tree trunks at night and in rotten logs, but also reared from Myrsine logs, attracted to light and in a Malaise trap. Throughout New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Dec

# Rhyncodes ursus White, 1846

elephant weevil

FIŘST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Throughout New Zealand, including Stewart I. and perhaps the Kermadec Is (Lyal 1993). There are no recent records of this species from the Chatham Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

\*Scelodolichus n.sp.

REMARKS: New record. Specimens in NZAC, from sand dunes and beaches.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

\*Strongylopterus chathamensis (Sharp, 1903)

FIRST RECORDED: Sharp, 1903 (as Aldonus). This species was redescribed by Broun

(1910) as Aldonus misturatūs Broun and A. lineifer Broun.

REMARKS: Very common everywhere, associated with dead wood, under dead bark, on dead trees and logs at night, in rotting logs, reared from rotten Plagianthus and Myrsine logs. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK,LM a Ian, Aug, Nov, Dec

Strongylopterus hylobioides (White, 1846)

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Aldonus).

REMARKS: In coastal forest according to Lyal (1993), but no specimens have been seen in over 100 specimens of Strongylopterus in LUNZ. Throughout the North I. and in the northern part of the South I. (SD,NN,MB), Stewart I. and the Kermadec Is.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

\*Sympedius sp. nr bufo (Sharp, 1883)

REMARKS: New record. Pitfall traps in forest. Broun (1911) reported S. costatus (Broun) (as Tychanus costatus n.sp.) from the Chathams, but when he eventually described the species (Broun 1913), only mainland New Zealand specimens were mentioned and no specimens from the Chathams are now known to exist (see Lyal 1993). The specimens in LUNZ are more like S. bufo than S. costatus.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Dec

Tychanopais fougeri (Hutton, 1897)

FÍRST RECÖRDED: Hutton, 1897 (as Acalles).

REMARKS: In rotten log. Originally described from Chatham I., but also known from scattered localities from the Bay of Plenty to Canterbury. There are no other recent records of this species from the Chatham Is. The specific epiphet was originally spelt fouger, in spite of the species being named after the collector Mr J.J. Fougère (Hutton 1897).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

### **CURCULIONIDAE:** Curculioninae: Molytini

Arecophaga varia Broun, 1880

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Dead Rhopalostylis fronds. Found wherever nikau palms grow.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

\*Exeiratus n. sp.

FIRST RECORDED: Kuschel, 1964.

REMARKS: Leaf litter and pitfall traps in Olearia/Macropiper/Melicytus forest, Rangatira. Other species of Exeiratus are known from the south of the South I. (DN,FD,SL), Stewart I., The Snares, Auckland Is, and Tasmania (Kuschel 1971, Craw 1990).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,LM Nov

\*Hadramphus spinipennis Broun, 1911

coxella weevil

FIRST RÉCORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: On Aciphylla dieffenbachii, particularly on flowers at night, one specimen on Pseudopanax. Abundant on Mangere. Originally described from Pitt I., but probably now extinct there due to habitat destruction and mouse predation.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R,M,LM Jan, Nov, Dec

Paedaretus hispidus Pascoe, 1876

REMARKS: New record. On tree trunks at night, under bark of dead Corynocarpus. Generally associated with decaying wood.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan, Dec u

### \*Phrynixus asper Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Mostly in pitfall traps in a variety of forest types, also in leaf litter and reared

from rotten Myrsine logs.

DISTRIBUTIÓN & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SKа Jan, Nov, Dec

### **CURCULIONIDAE: Rhynchophorinae**

### +Sitophilus oryzae (Linnaeus, 1763)

FIRST RECORDED: Macfarlane, 1979.

REMARKS: A cosmopolitan pest of stored products, widespread in New Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDÂNCE:

### **CURCULIONIDAE:** Cossoninae

# \*Agastegnus ornatus Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Leaf litter in Dracophyllum/tree fern forest and Oleania/Macropiper/Melicytus forest, pitfall traps in Dracophyllum/broadleaved forest, Coprosma branch trap.

DISTRÎBUTION & ABUNDÂNCE: P,R Jan, Nov

# Euophryum confine (Broun, 1881)

FIRST RECORDED: Thompson, 1989.

REMARKS: Under dead bark, beating tree ferns, Coprosma branch trap, litter in Oleania/ Macropiper/Melicytus forest. Widespread in the south of the North I., throughout the South I., and Stewart I. Widely established in Britain and sporadically in Europe (Thompson 1989). DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,RJan, Nov, Dec

Heteropsis sp. nr lawsoni Wollaston, 1873

REMARKS: New record. Pitfall trap in Dracophyllum/broadleaved forest, beaten from dead Melicytus branch. H. lawsoni is widespread in New Zealand and is often associated with tree ferns. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Jan

### +Macrorhyncolus littoralis (Broun, 1880)

small driftwood beetle

rice weevil

REMARKS: New record. Under rotting kelp on sandy beach and under driftwood in dunes. Kuschel (1990) considers this to be an introduced species, possibly of Australian origin. It is widespread in New Zealand, associated with driftwood. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:

Jan, Aug

Jan

Macroscytalus sp. nr parvicornis (Sharp, 1878)

REMARKS: New record. In dead Aciphylla flower stem, beaten from coastal vegetation. M. parvicornis is widespread in new Zealand. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Oct, Nov

# Microtribus huttoni Wollaston, 1873

REMARKS: New record. Beaten from coastal vegetation. Widespread in New Zealand, often associated with *Phormium* spp.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P.SK

# \*Pentarthrum auripilum Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Abundant in all sorts of forest habitats, under dead bark, in leaf litter, in pitfall traps, Coprosma and Macropiper branch traps, reared from Myrsine, Olearia traversii, and Plagianthus logs. This species has also been referred to as P. spadiceum auripilum (Kuschel 1964), but more work is evidently needed to sort out the exact relationship of material from the south of the South I. (DN), Stewart I., The Snares, Auckland Is, and the Chathams. Thompson (1989) synonymised P. spadiceum Broun with P. carmichaeli Waterhouse, but did not consider P. auripilum, so in the meantime I have chosen to maintain P. auripilum as a separate species.

DÎSTRIBÛTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R,M,SK Jan, Jul, Oct-Dec a

### \*Pentarthrum dissimile Broun, 1911

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Less common than P. auripilum, but in similar habitats, under dead bark, in pitfall traps, on trees and logs at night, and reared from dead Plagianthus log. Jan, Aug, Nov, Dec DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDÂNCE: C,P,R

### Pentarthrum zealandicum Wollaston, 1873

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: Under dead bark, on trees at night, in rotten logs. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P a Jan, Jul, Nov, Dec

Phloeophagosoma cf. corvinum Wollaston, 1873

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911 recorded *P. corvinum*, which is assumed to refer to this species.

REMARKS: Leaf litter in coastal scrub, and under dead *Corynocarpus* bark. DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,M u Jan, Oct

# Phloeophagosoma dilutum Wollaston, 1874

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P li

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### Phloeophagosoma pedatum Wollaston, 1874

REMARKS: New record. Under bracts and in dead *Phormium* flower stems everywhere. Widespread in New Zealand, associated with *Phormium*.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R a Jan, Aug

# Torostoma apicale (Broun, 1880)

FIRST RECORDED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: In rotten logs, on tree trunks at night, under bark of dead trees and logs, reared from rotten *Myrsine* logs. Widespread in New Zealand.

DISTRIBUTIÓN & ABUNDANCE: C,P,R c Jan, Nov, Dec

### \*Torostoma n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus laevigatus*. Additional specimens of this species are present in NZAC, where they are identified as '*Pentarthrum* cf servulum sp. 2'. As pointed out by Thompson (1989) *P. servulum* Broun is a species of *Zenoteratus* Broun, but the specimens listed here lack the specific character of *Zenoteratus*, namely the carinate apical end of interstria 9 fusing with interstria 3. Rather, interstria 9 fuses with interstria 7 to produce an apical flange, which then fuses with the elytral margin, which is exactly the condition found in *Torostoma* Broun.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P u Jan

# \*Zenoteratus n. sp.

REMARKS: New record. Pitfall traps in *Oleania/Plagianthus/Macropiper* forest. Additional specimens of this species are present in NZAC, where they are identified as '*Pentarthrum* n. sp.' In fact these have the carinate apical end of interstria 9 fusing with interstria 3, which is typical of the genus *Zenoteratus* Broun (Thompson 1989).

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: R r Nov

### Genus indet. sp. 1

REMARKS: New record. Under dead bark.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P p Jan

### Genus indet. sp. 2

REMARKS: New record. On *Corynocarpus* trees and logs at night.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C p Jar

### **CURCULIONIDAE: Scolytinae**

### Dendrotrupes vestitus Broun, 1881

REMARKS: New record. Sweeping pasture, under dead bark, beaten from woody vegetation, beaten from dead *Pseudopanax* branches. Widely distributed in New Zealand, associated with *Pseudopanax* spp.

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: C,P c Jan, Oct

### **CURCULIONIDAE: Platypodinae**

# Platypus apicalis White, 1846

FIRST RECORDED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Under bark of dead *Corynocarpus*, Malaise traps in *Dracophyllum* forest, pitfall traps in *Dracophyllum*/broadleaved forest.

DIŜTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: P f Jan

# BEETLE SPECIES MISTAKENLY REPORTED FROM THE CHATHAM ISLANDS

### CARABIDAE

Megadromus antarcticus (Chaudoir, 1865)

metallic green ground beetle

REPORTED: Broun, 1911 (as Trichosternus).

REMARKS: Not represented in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH). This species has never been reported from the Chatham Is since Broun's original record, in spite of being a large, conspicuous ground beetle that usually attracts attention where it occurs. It is most likely a case of mislabelling, or an introduction that failed to establish. M. antarcticus is a widespread Canterbury species, common around Chistchurch and Lyttelton.

Notagonum lawsoni (Bates, 1874)

REPÖRTED: Broun, 1911 (as Anchomenus).

REMARKS: This record seems to be a case of confusion with N. chathamensis, which Broun (1909) had previously decribed. No Chatham Is specimens referable to N. lawsoni are present in the Broun Chatham Is Collection (BMNH), or in other collections examined.

### HISTERIDAE

Saprinus pseudocyaneus (White, 1846)

REPORTED: Alfken, 1904 (as *Hister*).

REMARKS: The record of this species, now regarded as an Australian species, almost certainly refers to one of the three Saprinus species known from the Chatham Is, but in the absence of Alfken's specimens it is not possible to say which one. Saprinus antipodus Dahlgren, 1971 was established for New Zealand specimens of S. pseudocynaeus auctt. but this name was later synonymised with S. detritus (Fabricius) by Kuschel (1987).

# Sternaulax zealandicus Marseul, 1862

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: This record almost certainly refers to one or other of the three Chatham Is Saprinus species. Hutton (1897) refers to their small size, 5 mm, as against 9-10 mm for New Zealand specimens of Sternaulax. No specimens of S. zealandicus have been recorded since from the Chatham Is.

### **ELATERIDAE**

Agrypnus murinus (Linnaeus, 1758)

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897 (as Lacon).

REMARKS: A European species not known to be established in New Zealand. In the absence of Hutton's specimens it is impossible to be sure what he had before him. He could have had specimens of the Australian Agrypnus variabilis (Candeze), which is very common in New Zealand, but which has not been reported from the Chatham Is.

Conoderus subrufus (Broun, 1880)

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897 (as Monocrepidius).

REMARKS: Only one species of *Conoderus* has been seen from the Chatham Is, here regarded as the widespread *C. exsul* (Sharp). *C. subrufus* has not been recorded from the Chatham Is since Hutton (1897).

### Thoramus obscurus Sharp, 1877

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: T. obscurus is generally regarded as a synonym of T. wakefieldi Sharp, a superficially similar species to T. laevithorax (White) and it is most likely that this is what Hutton had before him. Neither T. obscurus or T. wakefieldi have been reported from the Chatham Is since, and no specimens of T. wakefieldi have been seen among more than forty specimens of *Thoramus* examined.

#### ANOBIIDAE

Ptinus fur (Linnaeus, 1758)

REPORTED: Broun, 1911.

REMARKS: All known specimens identified by Broun as P. fur are P. tectus Boieldieu (see Wise, 1964a, 1964b). P. fur has not been recorded from the Chatham Is since.

### **CLERIDAE**

Phymatophoea electa Pascoe, 1876

RÉPORTED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: This is almost certainly the species referred to here as *Phymatophoea* sp. 2, which appears different from New Zealand specimens of *P. electa*, but the genus needs careful revision.

### **OEDEMERIDAE**

Baculipalpus strigipennis (White, 1846)

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897 (as Sessinia).

REMARKS: B. strigipennis has never been reported since from the Chatham Is and no specimens were recorded by Hudson (1975). B. rarus Broun and several superficially similar species of *Thelyphassa* Pascoe are well known on the islands. It is most likely that it was one of these species that Hutton had before him.

## **CERAMBYCIDAE**

Zorion minutum (Fabricius, 1775)

flower longhorn

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897. REMARKS: The Chatham Is

REMARKS: The Chatham Is species of *Zorion* was not recognised as a separate species, *Z. opacum*, until described by Sharp (1903).

## **CHRYSOMELIDAE**

Chaetocnema nitida (Broun, 1880)

REPORTED: Broun, 1911 (as Phyllotreta).

REMARKS: The Chatham Is species of *Chaetocnema* was not recognised as a separate species, *C. moriori*, until described by Samuelson (1973).

#### CURCULIONIDAE

Listronotus bonariensis (Kuschel, 1955)

Argentine stem weevil

REPORTED: Macfarlane, 1979 (as *Hyperodes*), from specimens collected by Kuschel in 1967. REMARKS: Argentine stem weevil has not been recollected from the Chatham Is, and Kuschel, (quoted in Macfarlane *et al.* (1991)) suggested it may have been a contaminant entering samples processed in Nelson. A similar explanation has been given for specimens extracted from an Auckland I. litter sample (Kuschel 1971).

### Psepholax femoratus Broun, 1880

REPORTED: Hutton, 1897.

REMARKS: Not recorded from the Chatham Is by Lyal (1993), or in NZAC Chatham Is material. Known in New Zealand from scattered localities in the North I. (ND, AK, CL, WN).

# Psepholax tibialis (Broun, 1880)

REPORTED: Broun, 1909 (as Pseudoreda tibiale Broun).

REMARKS: Not recorded from the Chatham Is by Lyal (1993), or in NZAC Chatham Is material. Known in New Zealand from the north of the North I. (ND, AK, CL) and from Nelson (NN) in the South I. (Lyal 1993). This could have been a misidentification for *Homoreda flavisetosa* (Broun), as the two species are superficially similar.

## Sympedius costatus (Broun, 1913)

REPORTED: Broun, 1911 (as Tychanus costatus n. sp.).

REMARKS: When Broun (1913) eventually described *Tychanus costatus* only mainland specimens were mentioned and no specimens from the Chatham Is are known to exist (see Lyal 1993).

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# Biogeography

Craw (1989, 1990) discussed the biogeography of the Chatham Is using a panbiogeographic approach, illustrated through examples drawn from his studies of molytine weevils. He concluded that there was evidence of a northern element in the fauna, with relationships to northern New Zealand and a southern element, with relationships to the extreme south of the South I., Stewart I. and the subantarctic islands. These ideas were supported by an interpretation of the geology of the islands in which the presence of a suture zone between two separate geological terranes was hypothesized to occur in the northern part of Chatham I.

I have previously discussed the size and biogeography of the Chatham Is beetle fauna in connection with the hypothesised age of separation of the Chatham Is from New Zealand (Emberson 1995). I argued that the Chatham Is must have been connected to New Zealand in the relatively recent past, as the fauna did not have the characteristics that would indicate that it had been isolated from direct land contact with New Zealand for 70 million years, as has been suggested (Campbell *et al.* 1993), or that all the fauna had reached the Chatham Is over water.

My original analysis was based on records of 214 species in our collection and a total beetle fauna of 234 species. Since then a more complete survey of the existing literature, investigation of specimens held in NZAC, and additional collecting, have increased the size of the currently known fauna to the 286 species included in the annotated list. These include 249 species in our own collection, 29 species reported in the literature but not collected by us, and 8 species known from specimens in NZAC but not collected by us or recorded in the literature. 123 of the species in our collection and the 8 species listed from NZAC have not been recorded from the Chatham Is previously.

The additional species have not changed the main conclusions of the paper. A strong relationship with the fauna of southern New Zealand and flightlessness continue to be the dominant features of the endemic part of the fauna. The rate of endemism at 27.6% (79 species) has increased slightly from the 25% reported previously and is likely to increase further with taxonomic revisions of several families. As predicted, the proportion of introduced or adventive species has increased substantially, from 8% to 11.5% (33 species), with more collecting of synanthropic species and inclusion of additional literature records. A previously overlooked endemic genus, *Chathamneus* Franz (Scydmaenidae), is noted, increasing the number of monotypic, endemic genera from 3 to 4, but the proportion of endemic genera is unchanged, with the number of recognised nominal genera in the Chatham Is beetle fauna increasing from 159 to 202.

# Island faunas

The number of species in our collection at Lincoln University, from each of the islands of the group that we have visited and Little Mangere, is shown in Table 1.

|            | Number of beetle species in LUNZ Chatham Is Collection, island areas | , and |
|------------|--|-------|
| person col | ecting days for each of the Chatham Is visited                       |       |

| Island         | beetle species | area (ha) | person collecting |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Chatham        | number<br>121  | 90650     | days<br>18        |
| Pitt           | 174            | 6203      | 74                |
| Rangatira      | 139            | 219       | 30                |
| Mangere        | 65             | 113       | 8                 |
| Little Mangere | 29             | 17        | 1                 |
| Star Keys      | 41             | 15        | 1                 |
|                |                |           |                   |

The material from Little Mangere was collected by a party from the Department of Conservation which was mainly engaged in other activities, so is not comparable in terms of collecting days.

The relatively large number of species collected from Rangatira, in spite of its small size and limited range of habitats, e.g., lack of sandy beaches and restricted freshwater habitats, is probably a reflection of its lack of introduced predators (particularly rodents), its areas of relatively intact forest, and the nutrient-rich

habitats associated with abundant burrowing seabirds. Our group has collected over 30 species from Rangatira that we have not yet collected from the much larger Pitt I., in spite of considerably greater collecting effort on Pitt I. These species fall into three main groups: relatively large, ground inhabiting species, that might be vulnerable to mouse predation e.g., Amychus candezei, Pristoderus bakewelli, Hadramphus spinipennis; forest litter inhabiting species e.g., the cerambycids, Adriopea spp. and Ptinosoma waitei; and species often associated with burrow nesting birds and bird carrion e.g., Saprinus sp. 2 and Quedius antipodum. Some of these species may occur on Pitt I. but they are evidently much more numerous and thus more readily collected on Rangatira. The impact of vertebrate predators on beetles (Bremner et al. 1984), and the lack of intact forest habitats with well developed leaf litter, probably explain most of these differences. Similar explanations can be advanced for the poor representation of beetle species from Chatham I. in our collections, though collecting effort has also been substantially lower on Chatham I. than on either Pitt I. or Rangatira.

The data suggest that the beetle faunas of the different islands are still incompletely known. Fig. 2 shows a strong correlation between species number and collecting effort, as measured by the logarithm of person collecting days ( $r^2$ =0.906, p<0.05), rather than island area (Fig. 3). The logarithmic relationship accounts for the normal decline in collecting success with continuing effort.

The inclusion of historic records of species would change the view of the fauna presented here, but the issue is complicated because some species may have become extinct on the inhabited islands (see below). For this reason I have limited the analysis to material we have collected, or had donated, in the last ten years in order to give a picture of the current distribution of species on islands, rather than an historic one.

The number of species on each island of the Chathams Archipelago (Fig. 3) does not conform to the classic species-area relationship (MacArthur & Wilson 1967). There is probably a variety of reasons why Fig. 3 does not show the usual linear relationship, including uneven collecting effort, varying levels of predation and disturbance, and prevalence of intact forest. The beetle fauna of the Chatham Is may have been characterised by the expected species area relationship before the extensive habitat degradation that has taken place, particularly in the last 150 years, and the introduction of a suite of vertebrate predators. The beetle faunas of Pitt I. and Chatham I. in particular, have evidently been significantly depleted in relation to their size (Fig. 3).

# Smaller predator-free islands

Of the vegetated smaller outer islands of the Chathams group (The Sisters, The Forty Fours, Star Keys, Little Mangere, The Castle, The Pyramid), which have all remained predator-free, we have only visited Star Keys. The faunas of these islands are very poorly known. The Sisters have been visited by several groups, including the 1954 Canterbury Museum Expedition and the 1967 Entomology Division Expedition to the Chatham Is., but the results of the collecting have never been published. Wildlife Service and Department of Conservation personnel have visited all these islands and made occasional collections, with most of the material going either to NZAC or to LUNZ. All the material we have received, primarily from Little Mangere, is included in the annotated list. On the basis of published records and our material it is clear that the small outer islands are extremely valuable sanctuaries, at least for many of the larger flightless species.

The Sisters Is have two known endemic beetle species, *Geodorcus* n.sp. and *Pseudhelops chathamensis*. The endangered *Hadramphus spinipennis* has recently been found on Little Mangere, which establishes that there is a third surviving population of this species in addition to those on Rangatira and Mangere. *Amychus candezei*, another species thought to be endangered, has populations on The Sisters, Star

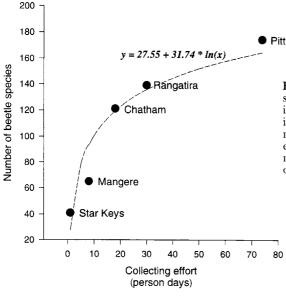
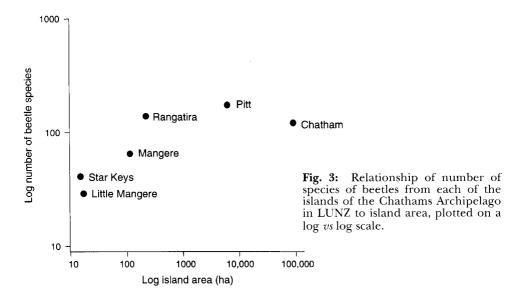


Fig. 2: Relationship of number of species of beetles from each of the islands of the Chathams Archipelago in LUNZ to collecting effort, measured in person days. The line expresses the expected species number in relation to the logarithm of the collecting effort.



Keys and Little Mangere as well as on Rangatira and Mangere. Similarly, *Geodorcus capito* and *Mecodema alternans*, both flightless species which are evidently becoming more restricted on the inhabited islands, have populations on Star Keys and Little Mangere as well as on Rangatira and Mangere.

The small outer islands of the Chathams group provide important sanctuaries for many endemic Chatham Is species, but because the faunas of these islands are still poorly known and their longer term security is uncertain, urgent efforts should be made to establish the extent of their contribution to the conservation of the terrestrial invertebrate fauna of the Chatham Is.

# **Implications for Conservation**

The Chatham Is have a beetle fauna that is of global significance because of the high degree of endemicity at the species level and the four endemic genera. The fauna is vulnerable to losses caused by vertebrate predators and, on the larger, inhabited islands, land clearance. Predation, particularly by rodents and pigs, and loss of habitat are well known threats to endemic invertebrates, especially those that are large bodied, long lived and flightless (Bremner et al. 1984; Ramsay 1978; Watt 1976). Extinctions of Chatham Is beetles have probably already occurred. Two large weevils previously collected on Pitt I., the only species in the endemic genus Thotmus Broun and the more widespread Rhyncodes ursus, have not been seen on the Chatham Is since 1907 in spite of careful, targeted searches in suitable habitat on both Chatham I. and Pitt I. Xylotoles costatus and Hadramphus spinipennis, both originally described from Pitt I. (Pascoe 1875, Broun 1911), are examples of large flightless species that have probably been lost from Pitt I. Geodorcus capito and A. candezei have both suffered significant contractions of range and the latter has been lost from Chatham I. There are numerous other, less well documented, examples of suspected loss of diversity of beetle species on both the inhabited islands.

If the loss of species is to be halted, secure fencing of remnants of native vegetation must remain a priority for conservation on the inhabited islands of the group. In the longer term, selective control or elimination of introduced vertebrate predators needs to be seriously considered. All possible steps must also be taken to ensure that the smaller, uninhabited islands remain predator-free, as these currently provide the only safe haven for many unique Chatham Is species.

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