

An Immigrant Tenebrionid Beetle New to Hawaii

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In determining a collection of insects made at light by Mr. A. C. Browne at his residence on Kalawahine Place, Oct. 28, 1941, two beetles were found of a species which has not been previously reported in Hawaii. Apparently they are the cosmopolitan species *Lyphia tetraphylla* (Fairm.) which was described on a single specimen taken in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. (*Bius tetraphyllus* Fairmaire, Ann. Soc. Ent. France, (3), IV, p. 534, 1856). There are seven species of *Lyphia* listed in the Junk Coleoptera Catalog. They are mostly described from meager material, and very few references are given in literature. They are from such scattered places as Japan, Australia, Tasmania, Algeria, Madagascar, and *tetraphylla* is cosmopolitan according to the Leng Catalog, where two synonyms are given: *ficicola* and *rugosus*. The localities given in United States are District of Columbia and Ohio. I have found no recent records, but it may be present in localities without attracting attention. It is quite likely that this species has become established from the Pacific coast of United States. The descriptions of the species in literature are not very distinctive, apparently all species being very similar in color and size.

Perris has given a description of the larva of *ficicola*, which is a synonym of *tetraphylla*, from specimens collected in old grape vines, and dead branches of fig and live oak. He expressed the opinion that the presence of these larvae was due to the presence of other insects to which they may be attached or associated with, rather than having any connection with the cause of the dead branches. (Perris, Larves de Coleopteres, Paris, p. 283, 1877.)

(NOTE: The two specimens were later studied by Dr. F. E. Blaisdell, who ascertained that they were not *tetraphylla*, and thought that they might be *angusta* (Lucas), the determination being from literature only, not having specimens at hand for comparison.)

Corrections in Use of the Name *Oecharia grisea* (Burm.) (Hem.)

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In arranging specimens of the Genus *Oecharia* in the Experiment Station, H.S.P.A. collection in accordance with Dr. Usinger's revision of the genus which appeared in the last number of the "Pro-