

**NEW SPECIES OF CERAMBYCIDAE (COLEOPTERA)  
FROM PUERTO RICO WITH RECORDS AND NOTES  
FOR OTHER SPECIES**

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*Abstract.*—An intensive survey for Cerambycidae of El Yunque National Forest and many of the state forests in Puerto Rico showed 49 species representing over half of the hitherto reported species from the Island. Two tribes and four genera are recorded from Puerto Rico for the first time. The description of a new genus, *Pseudothoalmus* Guerrero, is included. Four new species are described: *Elateropsis julio* Lingafelter and Micheli, *Pseudothoalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, *Styloleptus taino* Lingafelter and Micheli, and *Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter and Micheli. The larva of *Parandra tavakiliani* is described. Locality data and method of collection are provided for all encountered Cerambycidae.

*Resumen.*—Una expedición para coleccionar Cerambycidae en el Bosque Nacional El Yunque y varios otros bosques estatales de Puerto Rico encontró 49 especies lo cual representan más de la mitad de las especies reportadas para la Isla. Dos tribus y cuatro géneros son reportados por primera vez para Puerto Rico. Se describen un nuevo género, *Pseudothoalmus* Guerrero, y cuatro especies: *Elateropsis julio* Lingafelter and Micheli, *Pseudothoalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, *Styloleptus taino* Lingafelter and Micheli y *Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter and Micheli. La larva de *Parandra tavakiliani* se describe. Datos de localidad y método de colección se proveen para todos los Cerambycidae encontrados.

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There have been few studies of Puerto Rican longhorned woodboring beetles and never an intensive survey throughout the island specifically for Cerambycidae. Several general faunal lists that include the cerambycids of Puerto Rico have been published, including Stahl (1882), Gundlach (1894), Wolcott (1924, 1936, 1948), Blackwelder (1946), and Ramos (1946). Warren Fisher was the most prolific describer of cerambycids from Puerto Rico (and elsewhere in the Caribbean), publishing numerous papers from the 1920's through 1940's (Fisher, 1925, 1926, 1932, 1935, 1942, 1947). Other researchers who have described or treated the cerambycid fauna of Puerto Rico include Leng and Mutchler (1914), Dillon and Dillon (1946), Gilmour (1963), Tyson (1973), J. Micheli (1978, 2003 with Hovore), Chemsak (1979), and Ivie (1985, in prep. with Schwengel-Regala). Other important references relating to Caribbean cerambycid taxa include Zayas (1957, 1975) and Cazier and Lacey (1952).

Two expeditions were made by the authors to Puerto Rico in June–July, 2002, and June, 2003. Although much of the island has lost its virgin habitat due to agriculture and development, there are many state forests as well as a national forest (El Yunque) that are protected and contain relatively rich fauna and flora. We maximized coverage of ecological zones and chose 12 forests (Fig. 1) in which to survey for Cerambycidae. These include (with

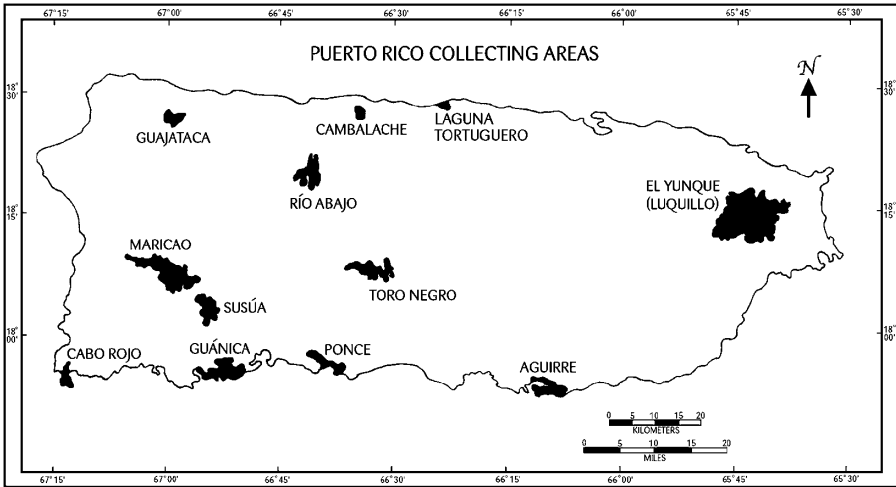


Fig. 1. Map of Puerto Rico showing collecting localities.

ecological descriptions of L. R. Holdridge from a map prepared by Ewel and Whitmore, 1973): Cambalache, Guajataca, Laguna Tortuguero, and Susúa (subtropical moist forests), Río Abajo and Maricao (subtropical and lower montane wet forests), Toro Negro (lower montane wet forest), Cabo Rojo, Guánica, Ponce, and Aguirre (subtropical dry forests), and El Yunque Caribbean National Forest (subtropical lower montane rainforest). Collecting methods included beating of vegetation, examination of lights at night, and sugar-bait trapping.

The following acronyms are used throughout the paper: National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC (USNM); Julio and Charyn Micheli private collection, Ponce, PR (JAMC); West Indian Beetle Fauna Project, Michael Ivie, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT (WIBF); Roy Morris private collection, Lakeland, FL (RMPC); Robert Turnbow private collection, Ft. Rucker, AL (RTPC); and Dan Heffern private collection (DHPC).

## RESULTS

Forty-nine species of Cerambycidae were collected (Table 1) which together represent over half of the previously recorded species from Puerto Rico. We report the first records for Puerto Rico of two tribes (Heteropsini and Callichromatini) and four genera (*Elateropsis*, *Plinthocoelium*, *Styloleptus*, and *Pseudonthalmus*, new genus). Four new species were discovered and descriptions of them and the larva of *Parandra tavakilianii* are presented. These new species are: *Elateropsis julio* Lingafelter and Micheli (Prioninae: Solenopterini), *Pseudonthalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero (Cerambycinae: Heteropsini), *Styloleptus taino* Lingafelter and Micheli (Lamiinae: Acanthocini), and *Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter and Micheli (Disteniinae: Disteniini). A complete list of the 49 species encountered (arranged alphabetically within each subfamily) and their localities and methods

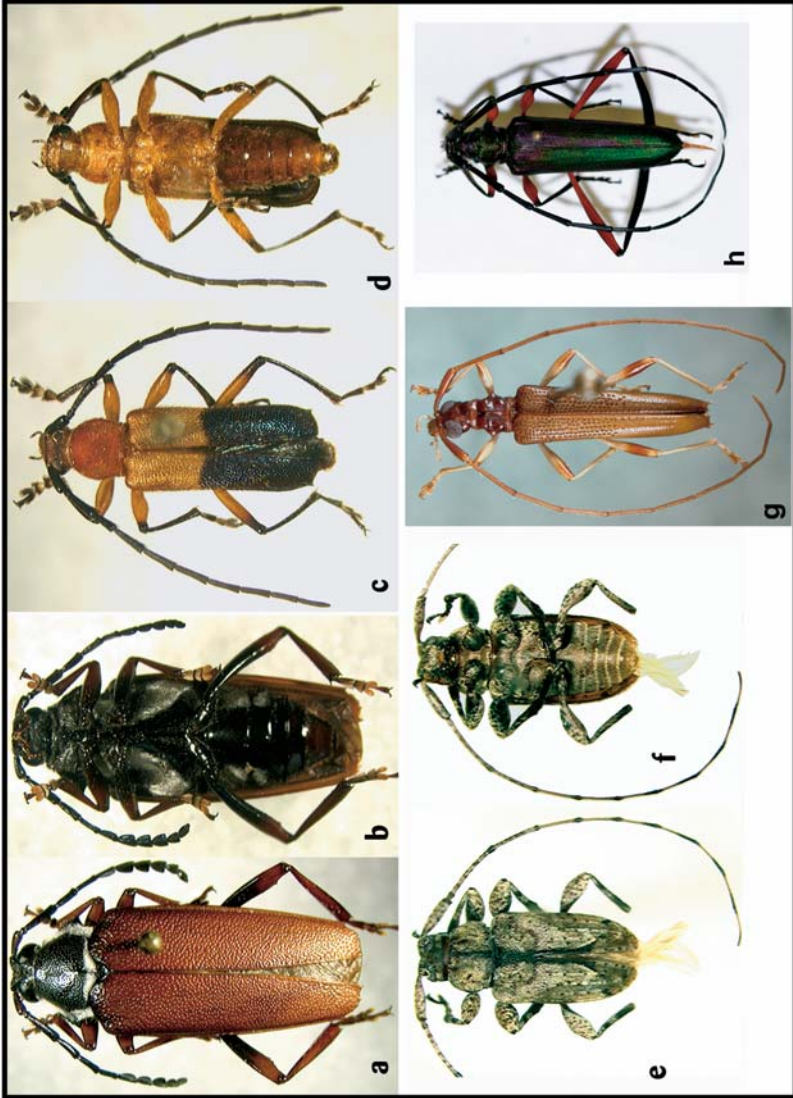


Fig. 2. a. dorsal view of holotype of *Elateropsis julio* Lingafelter and Micheli, new species; b. same, ventral view; c. dorsal view of holotype of *Pseudothomalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, new species; d. same, ventral view; e. dorsal view of holotype of *Syleptus taino* Lingafelter and Micheli, new species; f. same, ventral view; g. dorsal view of paratype of *Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter and Micheli, new species; h. dorsal view of *Plinthocoelium domingoensis* (Fisher).

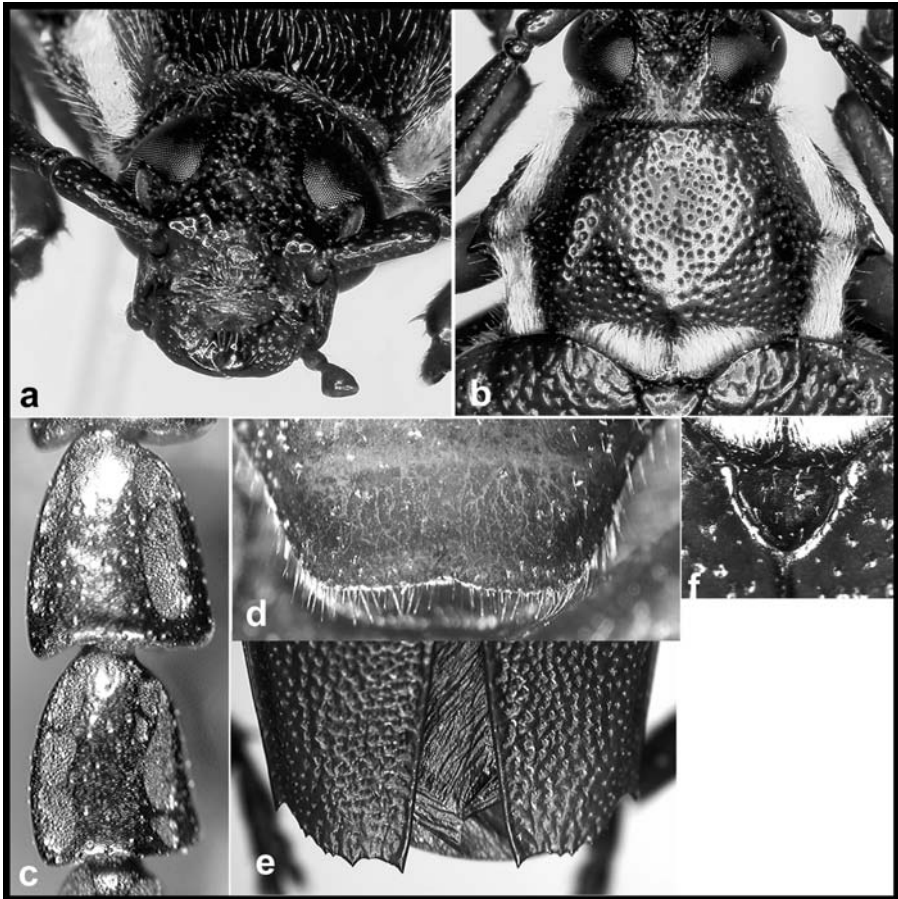


Fig. 3. Characters of *Elateropsis julio* Lingafelter and Micheli, new species: a. anterior view of head; b. dorsal view of pronotum and head vertex; c. closeup of sensory poriferous regions of antennomeres 8–9; d. last ventrite of female; e. apex of elytra; f. scutellum.

of collection follows the species descriptions. This information is provided to be available for a book on Cerambycidae of Puerto Rico that is being prepared by Julio Micheli.

***Elateropsis julio*** Lingafelter & Micheli, new species

Figs. 2a, b; 3a–f

**Description** (based on unique female specimen). Medium, 17.5 mm long; integument mostly black, except for elytra, legs beyond basal one-half of femur, palpi, and ventrites which are ferruginous. *Head* (Fig. 3a) with v-shaped interantennal and vertex notch; finely punctate; with sparse pale hairs, most numerous along posterior eye margin. Antennal tubercles not

pronounced. Antennae glabrous, reaching middle of elytron. Antennomeres flattened, poriferous sensory areas present mesad (Fig. 3c) and laterad on all antennomeres but not on central portions. Poriferous areas oval in shape, not striolate. Last antennomere 1.25 times length of penultimate antennomere. Antennomeres gradually decreasing in length to antennomere 10, antennomeres 9–11 noticeably narrower than 6–8. *Pronotum* (Fig. 3b) about 1.3 times as wide as long, surface without raised calli or indentations; rather flat on disk. A poorly delineated longitudinal line present at posterior middle. Pronotum broadly rounded and widened at sides; a blunt, posteriorly directed projection at margin just posterior to middle, then an arcuate indentation to posterolateral margin. Pronotum not conspicuously pubescent except at lateral and posterior margins where a dense, white coating of hairs is present. Otherwise sparse, inconspicuous, translucent hairs present on disk. Pronotal disk with numerous, shallow punctures, but these not confluent and mostly spaced from their neighbors by at least their radius. Apex of prosternal process strongly notched around mesosternum; sparsely pubescent and punctate. *Elytra* glabrous, gradually narrowing apically; divergent at suture (particularly at apical one-third). Punctuation dense, in part confluent, but punctures not deep and surface not reticulate, rough or uneven. Elytral apex (Fig. 3e) rounded and unevenly dentate with seven denticles. *Scutellum* (Fig. 3f) shaped as a broad, equilateral triangle, posterior not narrowed and elongate; mostly smooth without punctuation or pubescence. *Legs* short, hind femur extending to about apical one-third of elytron. Metafemur with 2–3 denticles ventrally between middle and apex. *Venter* (Fig. 2b) mostly glabrous or indistinctly pubescent with translucent hairs except for mesepisternum, metepisternum (primarily posterior one-third), most of metasternum, and first and second ventrites which have dense, white pubescence as on margins of pronotum. Last ventrite of female (Fig. 3d) with small medial notch.

**Discussion.** Based on the divergent elytral apices and lack of a sulcus or impression on the pronotum, this species is most similar to the variable *Elateropsis fulvipes* (Chevrolat) and would key near that species in Galileo and Martins (1994). Most commonly black with dense, white pubescence on the lateral and posterior margins of the pronotum and on each elytron. *E. fulvipes* can vary by having only the head and pronotum black while having the legs, antennae and elytra entirely ferruginous, or by being entirely black, without any dense, white pubescence dorsally. The new species, *E. julio*, differs in having uniformly ferruginous elytra, bicolored legs (black at basal one half, ferruginous in remainder), black head, pronotum, antennae, and venter, and elytron without dense, white pubescence. *Elateropsis julio* has a distinctively short, equilateral triangle shaped scutellum that is mostly smooth, without punctuation. Only *E. fellerae* (Chemsak), which is superficially similar to *E. julio* in the coloration of body and appendages, has a similarly shaped scutellum. Comparing the holotype of *E. fellerae* with the holotype of *E. julio* (both female), *E. fellerae* differs in having the scutellum obviously punctate, in having deeper punctures on the elytron, and in having many more poriferous areas on the antennae, including the center of the terminal four antennomeres (in *E. julio*, the antennal poriferous areas are restricted to oval regions on the mesal and laterad areas of each antennomere).

The single known specimen was collected during day after it alighted on a small *Croton* sp. (<2 m tall) that was covered by a leafy vine. This species is quite rare and consequent attempts to collect more specimens have proven fruitless.

**Etymology.** This species epithet is a noun in apposition named for Julio Micheli with our admiration for his contributions to art and coleopterology.

**Types.** Holotype, female, PUERTO RICO, Municipio de Ponce, Tuque, elevation 70–80 m, 17°58'42"N, 66°40'21"W, 20 June 2002, S. W. Lingafelter & N. E. Woodley (USNM).

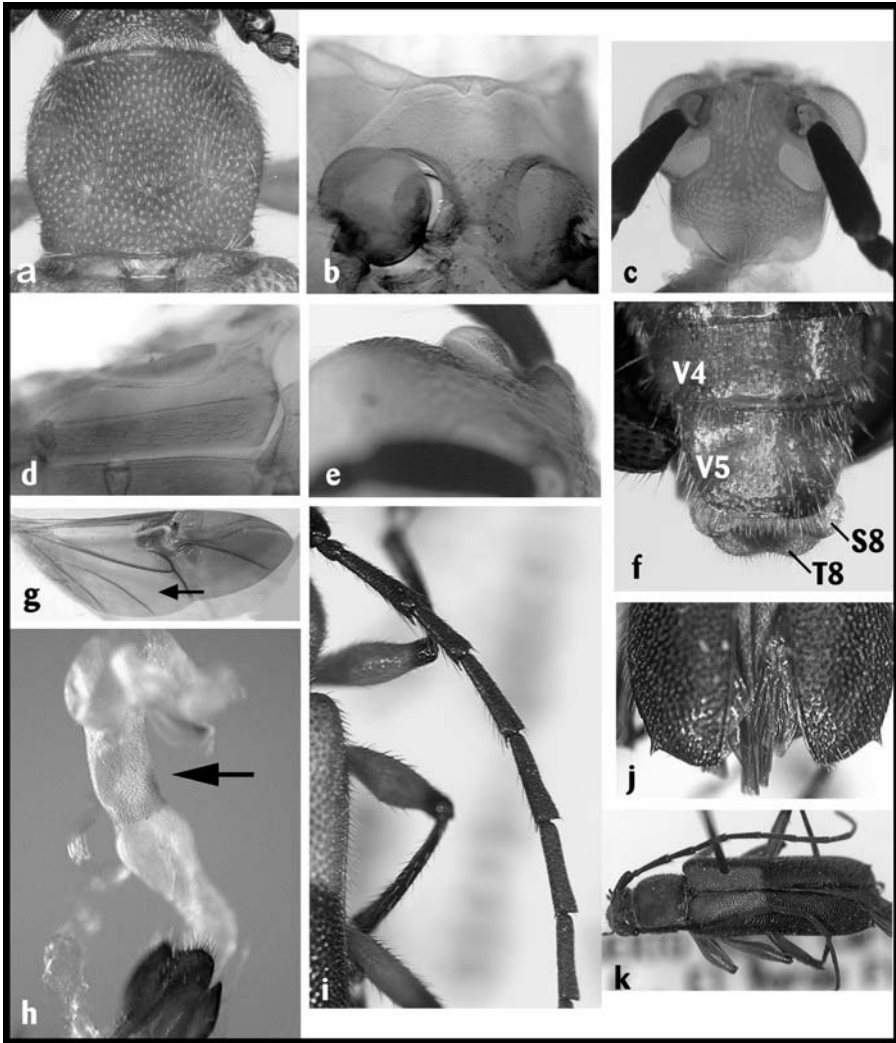


Fig. 4. Characters of *Pseudothonalmus* Guerrero, new genus, and *P. woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, new species: a. dorsal view of pronotum; b. cleared mesosternum; c. cleared head; d. cleared metepisternum; e. lateral view of cleared antennal tubercle and upper eye lobe; f. abdominal apex of male, showing ventrites 4–5, sternite 8, and tergite 8; g. hind wing (note absence of veins in region at arrow); h. extruded internal sac (note microspicules at arrow); i. closeup of antennae showing mesal spines on 3–7; j. apex of elytra; k. paratype of *P. woodleyi* showing variant elytral maculation (RTPC).

**Pseudothonalmus** Guerrero, new genus

Figs. 2c, d; 4a–k

**Type species.** *Pseudothonalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, new species.**Other included species.** *Pseudothonalmus divisus* (Chevrolat, 1858: 210), **new combination** (formerly *Trichrous*)*Pseudothonalmus terminalis* (White, 1853: 123), **new combination** (formerly *Trichrous*)*Pseudothonalmus major* (Gahan, 1895: 117), **new combination** (formerly *Trichrous*)**Diagnosis.** The variably costate elytra, coarse punctation on head, pronotum, and elytra, curved, acute, offset apicolateral spine of the elytron, deeply sinuate epipleural margin, relatively long third antennomere, mesal antennal spines, coarsely-faceted eyes, erect elytral setae and absence of elytral eburneous calli distinguish this genus.**Description.** Small, 7.5–9.0 mm. *Head* frons, vertex, occiput coarsely, confluent punctured, becoming denser at posterior margin. Impunctate region on vertex between upper eye lobes very narrow (Fig. 4c). *Antenna* 11-segmented. Antennal tubercles short, not extending above plane of upper eye lobe (Fig. 4e). Mesal spines on antennomeres 3–6 or 7 (7th spine may be minute) (Fig. 4i) (females unknown, may differ). Antennomeres subequal in length except fourth antennomere which is distinctly shortest of all and last antennomere which is approximately 1.25 times length of others. Antennomeres slightly flattened and produced apicolaterally. *Eye* large, protruding from sides of head (Fig. 4c). Ratio of width of head between eyes at widest point versus width at postoccipital region (behind upper eye lobes) is 1.4. Lower eye lobes extending anteriorly to plane of frontoclypeal margin. Eyes finely faceted, with upper eye lobes of 8–9 rows of facets. *Labium* with palpus 4-segmented (basal-most segment indistinct). *Maxilla* with palpus 5-segmented (first palpomere [palpifer] minute and barely protruding above plane of lacineal base). Well-defined digitiform sensillum patch on outer (lateral) region of apical palpomere extending from just distal to base to apical one-third. *Mandible* broadly triangular, cutting surface weakly excavated with one or two teeth. *Gula* approximately one-fourth to one-fifth width of head at occipital region. *Pronotum* (Fig. 4a) coarsely and confluent punctured, each puncture bearing a single, short seta. No calli, lateral swellings, or spines present. *Prosternal intercoxal process* about one-fourth width of procoxa; apex weakly expanded. Each coxa open posteriorly by approximate width of procoxal process. *Mesonotum* with lateral margin containing patches of regularly distributed setae and a medial, rounded articulation. Stridulatory region of mesonotum ill-defined, striae not visible. *Scutellum* triangular, elongate, narrowly rounded posteriorly; very sparsely pubescent; distinctly delineated from remainder of mesonotum; weakly constricted anteriorly. *Mesepimeron* not contacting mesocoxa, therefore mesocoxal cavities closed laterally by contact of mesosternum and metepisternum. *Mesepisternum* with distinct carina on dorsal and anterior margin. *Mesosternum* (Fig. 4b) with anterior margin delineated with narrow, arcuate, pigmented sclerotization with narrow, acute, V-shaped indentation at middle. *Mesosternal intercoxal process* slightly narrower than coxa; without lateral projection into coxa. *Metasternum* densely pubescent (Fig. 2d), finely punctate with subacute notch for reception of first ventrite process; broadly articulating with mesosternal process. *Metasternal notch* attaining apex of metatrochanter plane. *Metepisternum* (Fig. 4d) with distinct transverse carina with stronger sclerotization on ventral half. *Elytron* densely, completely covered with mostly uniform-sized punctures; costae weak to moderate. Apex with outer apical spine present, otherwise rounded to

suture (Fig. 4j). elytral pubescence uniformly distributed, but varies in density and color (translucent, amber, or black) among species. *Hind wing* with derived venation typical for Trachydroinea, MP4+CuA1+2 absent (Fig. 4g). *Legs* with profemur and mesofemur weakly enlarged near middle; metafemur linear. Apices around tibial insertion acute, but not spinose or dentiform. Tibiae linear, without carinae. Two well-developed spurs apically on all tibiae. Tarsal claws simple, divaricate. Fifth tarsomere about twice as long as third on all legs. *Abdomen* with apex of male terminal ventrite broadly rounded, without depression or indentation at apex (Fig. 4f). *Male genitalia* (based on *P. woodleyi*) with median lobe weakly curved; parameres short, with apices densely setose and narrowly separated. Internal sac transparent, membranous, with band of microspicules at middle extending one-fifth of overall length (Fig. 4h). Eighth sternite deeply cleft and much broader at apex than apex of last ventrite or tergite 8 (Fig. 4f). *Female genitalia* (females unknown).

**Etymology.** Based on the superficial similarity of the included species to members of the genus *Thonalmus* Bourgeois (Lycidae).

**Discussion.** Kelvin Guerrero is working on other papers involving the description and transfer of various species of West Indian Heteropsini (Guerrero, 2001, in prep. [with M. Ivie]). He has kindly consulted with us regarding the following new species and written the description of *Pseudothonalmus*, new genus, for inclusion in our paper and into which he recommends placement of the new species and three others formerly included in *Trichrous*. This genus belongs in the Heteropsini, but the presence of the ventral metepisternal sclerotization combined with mesal antennal spines and lack of eburneous calli on the elytra are characters not present in *Heterops* and justify proposing a new genus.

### ***Pseudothonalmus woodleyi* Lingafelter, Micheli, & Guerrero, new species**

Figs. 2c, d; 4a–k

**Description.** Small, 7.5–9.0 mm long; integument variably colored from pale orange to piceous in regions. *Head* mostly pale orange to partially piceous; glabrous and coarsely, densely punctate. Interantennal impression weak; antennal tubercles not pronounced. Antennae piceous, coated with short, translucent to amber pubescence; surpassing elytron by about 1–2 antennomeres. Antennomere four noticeably shorter than adjacent antennomeres. Antennomeres 3–7 having apical-mesad spines (Fig. 4i). *Pronotum* (Fig. 4a) darker orange than surrounding integument; some specimens with black at sides; about as wide as long, weakly, broadly rounded at sides, with inconspicuous, pale, suberect hairs, more abundant at sides. Pronotum completely punctate, somewhat intermediate condition of alveolate and areolate pattern. *Scutellum* pale orange to dark, narrowly rounded posteriorly and with very inconspicuous, translucent pubescence. *Venter* punctation of prothorax sparse. Prosternal process between procoxae about one-half width of procoxa; apex weakly expanded, procoxa open posteriorly by about one-half width of apex of prosternal process. *Venter* of mesothorax, metathorax, and abdomen variably colored from pale orange to piceous. *Elytron* mostly parallel-sided but slightly constricted at middle. Posterior one-half or more dark, weakly iridescent purple; purple macula extending on side to anterior margin in one specimen (Fig. 4k); otherwise orange. Pubescence translucent, regularly, densely distributed and erect (but short), though weakly posteriorly directed. Punctation coarse, confluent, regularly distributed. Base of elytron sinuate with parascutellar area and humeral area raised and a lower channel present between them extending posteriorly about one-third length of elytron. Outer



elytral apex with small spine and apex as in Fig. 4j. *Legs* moderate in length, hind femur extending to about apex of elytron. Tibiae dark brown to black; apex of femora dark brown to black; most tarsomeres bicolored with at least apical one-half dark brown to black and basal half pale orange. *Genitalia* (see generic description).

**Discussion.** This species is very similar to *Pseudothonalmus divisus* (Chevrolat) in overall coloration, the apically spined elytron, and the punctuation of the pronotum. It differs in having nearly the entire femur pale except for the apex (all black except the base in *P. divisus*) and in having the pubescence of the body denser, shorter, and translucent or amber colored (sparser, longer, and black, or a mixture of black and translucent in *P. divisus*).

**Etymology.** This species epithet is a genitive latinized noun named for our good friend and colleague, Norman Woodley, who collected the holotype. Kelvin Guerrero, the third author of this species, independently discovered the second known specimen in the USNM collection and the joint authorship reflects this mutual discovery.

**Types.** Holotype, male, PUERTO RICO, Maricao State Forest, Road 120 at km 13.2 (across from rec. cabins), 18°09'52"N, 66°54'14"W, 800 m, 14 June 2002, N. E. Woodley (USNM). Collected in daytime flight. Paratypes: 1 male, PUERTO RICO, Mayagüez, 10 April 1955, P. Rodríguez, coll., at light (USNM, specimen disarticulated and preserved in alcohol); 1 male, PUERTO RICO, Caribbean National Forest, El Verde Field Station, 26 May 1994, Robert Turnbow (RTPC).

#### ***Styloleptus taino*** Lingafelter & Micheli, new species

Fig. 2e, f

**Description** (based on unique male specimen). Small, 7 mm long; integument mostly shining, reddish brown, except tarsi, gena, postgena, and areas of the femora, which are dark brown; pubescence dense, short, recumbent, off-white to pale brown, with black spots and a longitudinal median black line from anterior of pronotum to apical third of elytra. *Head* with a deep v-shaped depression between the antennal tubercles, which are developed and divergent; impunctate; pubescence short, dense, appressed, off-white and pale brown giving a mottled appearance. Front subquadrate, almost flat, with a narrow, median line from epistoma to occiput. Eyes deeply emarginate, with upper eye lobes separated from each other by 1.5 times width of lobe. Antenna of male almost twice length of body (Fig. 2e, f). Antennomeres subcylindrical; gradually decreasing in length to segment 6; 6–11 subequal in length. Scape moderately robust, flattened ventrally at base, shorter than antennomere 3, subequal to 4. Antennomeres annulated with dark brown at base and apex, the width of annulations increasing apically, and with off-white pubescence, the first four mottled with dark brown. *Pronotum* about 1.5 times as wide than long, broadest at posterior third, without any distinct tubercles on disk; with sides inflated into a very broad tubercle which is constricted posteriorly. Pronotal disk finely punctate, with row of coarser punctuation at posterior and anterior transverse indentations. Pronotum with dense, recumbent, off-white and pale brown pubescence, with distinct median black longitudinal line and two inconspicuous maculae beside it. Pronotal lateral inflation with two black setae on base of each tubercle. *Elytra* slightly less than 1.5 times as long than wide, slightly broader than pronotum and 3.5 times as long as pronotum. Sides nearly parallel, then arcuately convergent, with suture apically separated; apex of elytron obliquely subtruncate. Punctuation, where visible, coarse, punctures approximately separated by width of one puncture. Elytral surface uneven, with several costae, basal tubercles weakly developed. Elytra with off-white, dense, appressed pubescence, with apical third a darker hue and anterior half of epipleura

even darker; with black points along costae and black sutural stripe extending to apical third, then obliquely, interruptedly, reaching lateral margin at apical fifth. *Scutellum* small, nearly twice as broad as long, with rounded apex and covered with black, dense pubescence. *Legs* short, successively longer posteriorly. Femora robust, clavate, pedunculate, arcuate in middle and hind pair; metafemur not attaining fifth sternite. Integument reddish brown with some dark areas; pubescence mottled with off-white and brown. Tibiae slender, subcylindrical, with two dark incomplete bands laterad, one at middle and one at apex, the latter one much broader. *Venter* with recumbent, moderately dense, off-white pubescence; impunctate. Prosternal process 0.4 times as wide as procoxal cavity; mesosternal process about as wide as mesocoxal cavity. Fifth abdominal sternite in male broadly truncate, slightly longer than 4th and with a broad, shallow, middle indentation.

**Discussion.** This species differs from others in the genus in having a median black stripe in its dorsal pubescent pattern and in having the sides of the elytra parallel to the apical fifth. Comparing the type species, *Styloleptus biustus* (LeConte), with *S. taino*, *S. biustus* also differs in the narrower prosternal process (0.3 times width of procoxal cavity), in the larger distance between the upper eye lobes, and in having antennomeres 1–6 mottled (1–4 in *S. taino*). Some specimens of *S. infuscatus* (Fisher) and *S. variabilis* (Fisher) may have a sutural stripe, but in both it is less distinct and their pronota have acute lateral tubercles.

**Etymology.** This species epithet is a noun in apposition named for the native inhabitants of Puerto Rico, the Taino Indians.

**Types.** Holotype, male, PUERTO RICO, Aguirre State Forest off Rd. 7710, 17°59'N, 65°09'W, 2 July 2002, Steven W. Lingafelter (USNM).

### ***Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter & Micheli, new species**

Figs. 2g, 5a, b

**Description.** Moderate size, 9–12 mm long; width at humeri 2.0–2.5 mm; integument pale orange to light reddish brown; head, pronotum, antennae, apical half of femora, third tarsomeres, most of venter slightly darker; remainder somewhat paler; shining and mostly glabrous; base of elytra and margins of pronotum with a few long translucent hairs, best viewed from lateral perspective. *Head* with antennal tubercles weakly protruding and connected at middle of head in evenly concave ridge. Head mostly impunctate and glabrous with exception of a few fine punctures at extreme post-occiput and a few long hairs between upper eye lobes; head moderately constricted at region posterior to eye. Eyes large, coarsely faceted, with weak indentation around antennal insertion; eye lobe extends from the vertex to nearly the ventral margin of head when viewed laterally. Upper eye lobes separated by distance greater than middle pronotal callus width. Antenna of male (female unknown) slender, scape at apex is twice as wide as base, remaining antennomeres cylindrical, not enlarged apically; antennomeres 4–7 subequal in length; antennomeres 8–11 slightly shorter but subequal to one another, antennomere 11 not modified; antennomere 3 the longest and slightly longer than scape; antennomere 2 short, approximately as wide as long. Antennae covered with very fine, short translucent pubescence, slightly longer towards apex of antennomeres. *Pronotum* (Fig. 5b) with large middle callus surrounded by four peripheral calli and with two large lateral tubercles. Constrictions before anterior and posterior margins. The punctures are simple, mostly separate, not rugose around the middle callus and between the middle callus and the four peripheral discal calli; the lateral pronotal tubercle is broad at base

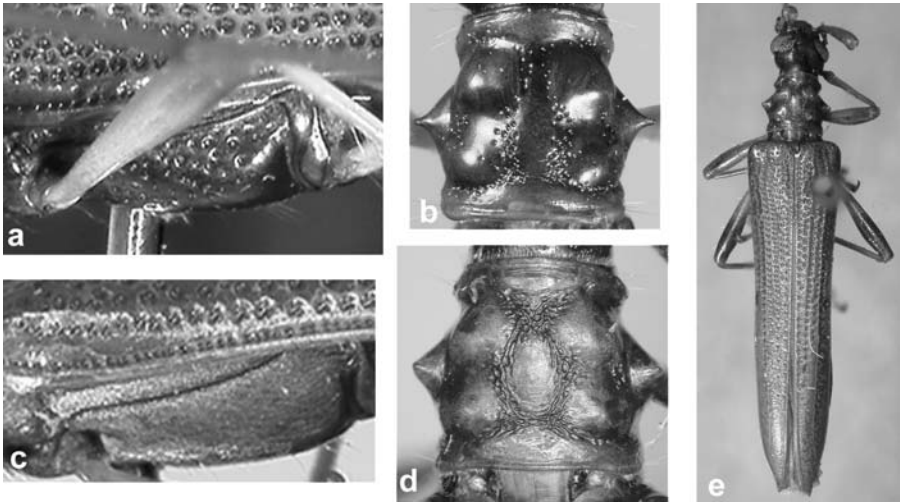


Fig. 5. Characters of *Distenia puertoricensis* Lingafelter and Micheli and *D. darlingtoni* Fisher. *D. puertoricensis*: a. lateral view of metasternum; b. pronotum. *D. darlingtoni*: c. lateral view of metasternum; d. pronotum; e. *D. darlingtoni*, paratype.

but greatly constricted at apex into a narrow nipple-like projection. Pronotum glabrous except for a few long translucent setae at anterior and posterior margins. *Elytra* at base much broader than pronotum; coarsely, deeply punctate, mostly in rows continuing to just beyond middle and abruptly terminating; elytra beyond that point to apex without punctures. Apex bispinose with outer spine strong and sutural spine weaker, rarely dentiform. Elytra gradually narrowed to apex without constriction at middle. Elytra glabrous except for a few long, translucent hairs at base. *Scutellum* glabrous, impunctate, truncate and slightly narrower posteriorly. *Legs* pale except for darker patches from middle to apex of femora and tarsomeres 3–5. Femora weakly enlarged at middle. Legs short, metafemur extending to apical fourth of elytra. *Venter* mostly glabrous; impunctate except for metasternum, especially at side and along metepisternal margin which has scattered large, mostly separated, punctures of differing size, some of which bear a single seta. Prosternal process narrow, half as wide as base of femur, not expanded at apex; procoxal cavities open posteriorly by more than half the width of procoxa. Mesosternal process broad between coxae, over two-thirds as broad as mesocoxa. Metasternal sulcus pronounced, attaining anterior third of metasternum. Abdominal sternites successively narrowing; ventrite 5 longer than wide.

**Discussion.** *Distenia puertoricensis* is very similar in appearance to *D. darlingtoni* (Fig. 5e), the only other known species of *Distenia* in the Caribbean, but *D. darlingtoni* has rugose punctures on pronotum around central callus and between central callus and four lateral discal calli (Fig. 5d). In *D. puertoricensis*, the punctures are simple, mostly separate, not rugose around the middle callus and between the middle callus and the four peripheral discal calli (Fig. 5b). In *D. darlingtoni*, the lateral pronotal tubercle is broad at base and broadly rounded at apex, not acute. In *D. puertoricensis*, the lateral pronotal tubercle is broad at base but greatly

constricted at apex into a narrow nipple-like projection. In *D. darlingtoni*, presumably the sister species of *D. puertoricensis*, the metasternum, especially from lateral view, is smooth and lacks noticeable punctures or at most very finely punctate and is covered with very fine, translucent setae (Fig. 5c). In *D. puertoricensis*, the metasternum, especially from lateral view, has large but differently sized and separated punctures, some of which bear a single seta, but is otherwise glabrous (Fig. 5a). In *D. darlingtoni*, the last maxillary palpomere is narrowed and acute at apex, while in *D. puertoricensis*, the terminal palpomere is obliquely truncate. In *D. darlingtoni*, the elytra have a slight lateral constriction at middle. In *D. puertoricensis*, the elytra are slightly but steadily narrowed apically, without any noticeable constriction at middle.

**Etymology.** This species epithet is named after the island, Puerto Rico, where this species is widely distributed.

**Types.** Holotype, male, PUERTO RICO, Maricao For. Carr. 120, km 9–15, 18°08'45"N, 66°58'52"W, 14 June 2002, 850–950 m, beating vegetation, Steven W. Lingafelter (USNM). Paratypes: PUERTO RICO: 3 females, Maricao For. Carr. 120, km 12–15, 18°08'45"N, 66°58'52"W, 19 June 2003, 850–900 m, beating vegetation, Steven W. Lingafelter (USNM); 1 female, El Yunque Peak, Luquillo, 18 March 1936, L. F. Martorell coll. (USNM); 1 unsexed, Toro Negro For., 10 June 2002, Steven Lingafelter (RMPC); 1 female, El Yunque, Luquillo, 6–9 July 1969, Henry and Anne Howden (JAMC); 1 male, El Yunque, Luquillo, 10–16 July 1969, Henry and Anne Howden (JAMC); 1 female, Maricao, Hwy 120, km 10.2, 25 July 1979, Charles O'Brien (JAMC); 1 female, Caribbean National Forest, El Yunque, 02 June 1983, near USFWS aviary, 3,000', at light, E. LaRue (WIBF); 1 male, Maricao For. Carr. 120, km 9–15, 18°08'45"N, 66°58'52"W, 14 June 2002—850–950 m, beating vegetation, Steven W. Lingafelter (DHPC).

DESCRIPTION OF LARVA OF *PARANDRA TAVAKILIANI* SANTOS-SILVA

Fig. 6a–d

**Description.** Cylindrical, prothoracic region and last three abdominal segments broader than segments between them. Mostly yellow-brown in color; clypeus, labrum, posterior prothoracic asperites darker brown; mandibles black. Sparsely pubescent with long, translucent to amber hairs on pleura and anterior of head. *Head* (Fig. 6a) short and broad, median suture short, connecting to broadly divergent margins of superior retractor muscle attachments. Labrum large, bluntly triangular, apical margin sparsely, short-setose, four longer sensory hairs arising from center. Clypeus glabrous, rectangular, short, about one half length of labrum. Epistoma not lobed over base of clypeus. Mandible very broad and massive at base; apex with acute projection leading to short, sub-apical, oblique cutting edge; mesal half with numerous closely-spaced longitudinal striations. Antenna (Fig. 6a, b, d) long, 4-segmented (plus small accessory antennomere); extending beyond anterior projection of mandible. Second antennomere shortest and weakly demarcated from first from dorsal view, but distinct from ventrolateral view. Fourth antennomere only slightly longer than second, but much smaller in diameter. Third antennomere slightly shorter than first. Maxillary palpus (Fig. 6d) 3-segmented (a deep fold at top of stipes gives false appearance of another segment). Apex of galea even with distal margin of third palpomere. Labium (Fig. 6d) with 2-segmented palpus attached to a fleshy prementum base. Prementum distinctly demarcated by larger mentum which is demarcated from broad arcuate submentum that attaches to base of stipes of maxilla. Anterior margin of gula approximately equal to width of mentum. Hypostoma broad,

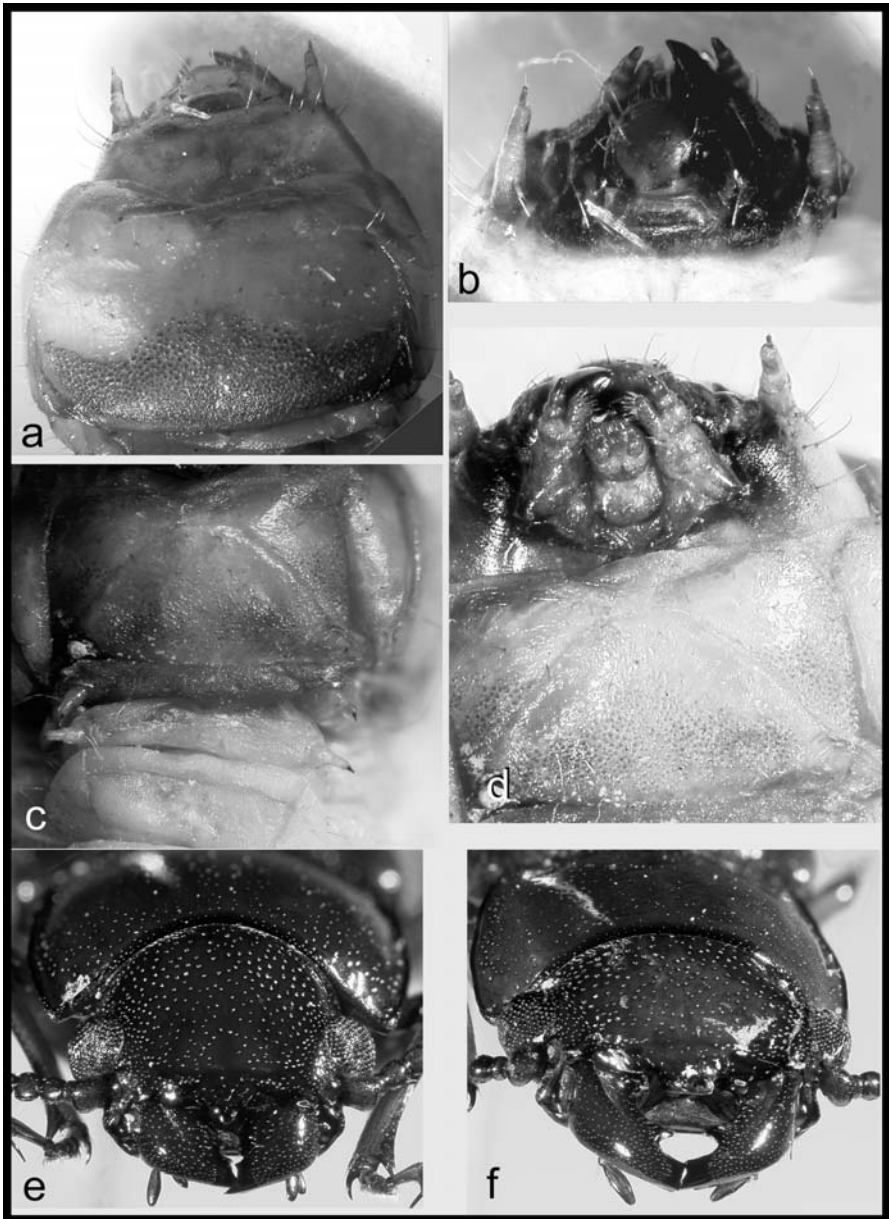


Fig. 6. *Parandra tavakiliani* Santos-Silva: a. dorsal head and prothorax of larva; b. closeup of dorsal mouthparts and antennae of larva; c. ventral thorax of larva; d. closeup of ventral mouthparts and prosternum of larva; e. head of adult female; f. head of adult male.

Table 1. Summary of species collected in Puerto Rico in 2002–3. *Abbreviations:* A = Aguirre, CA = Cambalache, CR = Cabo Rojo, GJ = Guajataba, GN = Guánica, LDB = Lago Dos Bocas, LT = Laguna Tortuguero, M = Maricao, P = Ponce, RA = Río Abajo, S = Susúa, TN = Toro Negro, U = Utuado, Y = El Yunque. See Fig. 1 for map of localities.

Cerambycidae taxon	# spec.	Locality	Collection method
<b>Cerambycinae</b>			
<i>Achryson surinamum</i> (Linnaeus)	1	P	lights
<i>Chlorida festiva</i> (Linnaeus)	3	P, U, Y	lights
<i>Curtomerus flavus</i> (Fabricius)	3	GJ, M	lights, beating
<i>Eburia portoricensis</i> Fisher	1	CR	UV light
<i>Eburia quadrimaculata</i> (Linnaeus)	15	GN, P, U	brown sugar bait
<i>Elaphidion</i> n. sp. (Ivie, in prep)	13	GJ, M, Y	lights, beating
<i>Elaphidion irroratum</i> (Linnaeus)	7	GN, P	lights, brown sugar bait
<i>Lamproclytus elegans</i> (Fisher)	1	GN	beating
<i>Caribbomerus attenuatus</i> (Chevrolat)	4	CR, P	beating, UV light
<i>Methia necydalea</i> (Fabricius)	12	A, GN, P, Y	beating Leguminosae trees, UV light
<i>Neoclytus araneiformis</i> (Olivier)	8	CR, LDB, U, Y	dead branches of <i>Prosopis juliflora</i>
<i>Plectromerus distinctus</i> (Cameron)	4	GN, P	beating <i>Thouinia portoricensis</i>
<i>Plectromerus</i> sp.	1	M	beating
<i>Plinthocoelium domingoensis</i> (Fisher) <b>new tribe record for PR</b>	2	M	canopy flowers of <i>Turpenia paniculata</i>
<i>Tilloclytus minutus</i> Fisher	5	GN, M	beating
<i>Pseudonthalmus woodleyi</i> Lingafelter, Micheli, and Guerrero, <b>new species, new tribe record for PR</b>	1	M	in flight
<b>Disteniinae</b>			
<i>Distenia darlingtoni</i> Fisher	6	M, TN	beating foliage
<b>Lamiinae</b>			
<i>Alcidion umbraticum</i> (Jacquelin du Val)	1	CA	beating
<i>Antilleptostylus nigricans</i> (Fisher)	24	A, M, S, TN, Y	beating
<i>Ataxia spinipennis</i> (Chevrolat)	14	A, GN, M, Y	beating dead branches
<i>Boricyrtnus nilseni</i> Micheli	2	M, Y	beating

Table 1. Continued.

Cerambycidae taxon	# spec.	Locality	Collection method
<i>Cacostola leonensis</i> Dillon and Dillon	2	A, M	light, dead branches
<i>Cyrtinus oakleyi</i> Fisher <b>first records for PR</b> since discovery	2	M	beating
<i>Decarthria boricua</i> Micheli	1	M	beating
<i>Desmiphora hirticollis</i> (Olivier)	1	M	light
<i>Ecyrus hirtipes</i> Gahan	5	LT, M	lights
<i>Eugamandus flavipes</i> Fisher	5	Y	beating
<i>Eugamandus oakleyi</i> Fisher	5	M, TN, Y	beating
<i>Eugamandus ricarti</i> Micheli	4	M	beating
<i>Lagocheirus araneiformis guadeloupensis</i> Dillon	2	Y	lights
<i>Leptostylopsis antillarum</i> (Fisher)	12	CA, M, RA, S	lights, beating
<i>Leptostylopsis argentatus</i> (Jacquelin du Val)	1	S	beating
<i>Leptostylopsis gundlachi</i> (Fisher)	5	M, S, U	light, beating
<i>Leptostylopsis monin</i> Micheli and Micheli [In press]	2	M	beating
<i>Leptostylopsis yukiyu</i> Micheli and Micheli [In press]	2	TN, Y	beating
<i>Spalacopsis filum filum</i> (Klug)	2	M	beating vines
<i>Styloleptus inflaticollis</i> (Chemsak)	2	P	beating <i>Avicennia germinans</i> (black mangrove)
<i>Styloleptus taino</i> Lingafelter and Micheli, <b>new species</b>	1	A	beating branches
<i>Trypanidius nocturnus</i> Fisher	2	Y	lights
<i>Urgleptes puertoricensis</i> Gilmour	1	M	beating
<i>Urgleptes sandersoni</i> Gilmour	46	CA, M, GJ, P, RA, S, TN, Y	beating
<i>Urgleptes borikensis</i> Micheli and Micheli [In press]	10	GN, M, Y	beating

Table 1. Continued.

Cerambycidae taxon	# spec.	Locality	Collection method
Parandrinae			
<i>Parandra tavakiliani</i> Santos-Silva	9	Y	rotting tree, light
Prioninae			
<i>Callipogon proletarium</i> Lameere	1	M	light foliage of vine-covered
<i>Elateropsis julio</i> Lingafelter and Micheli, <b>new species, new genus</b> <b>record for PR</b>	1	P	<i>Croton</i>
<i>Solenoptera bilineata</i> (Fabricius)	3	CA, M	in flight
<i>Solenoptera michelii</i> (Chemsak)	6	GJ, RA, Y	in flight
<i>Solenoptera thomae</i> (Linnaeus)	5	M, P	in flight, on foliage of <i>Croton</i>
<i>Stenodontes exsertus</i> (Olivier)	5	M	lights

distinctly delimited by suture. *Prothorax* prominent, greater in length than remainder of thorax plus first abdominal segment. Posterior half of pronotum distinctly asperate; the asperate region of a manta ray-like shape (Fig. 6a). Lateral margin with fold. Presternum separated distinctly from eusternum by broad, inverted V-shaped sulcus, apex of which meets anterior margin and ends of which terminate at prothoracic legs (Fig. 6c). Asperites present throughout eusternum (except at margins) and posterior half of presternum. Prothoracic leg well developed, apparently 3-segmented (actually 4-segmented) with apical segment darkly pigmented. Prothoracic spiracle not evident. Mesothoracic spiracle oval and approximately 1.5 times length of remaining spiracles. Meso- and metathorax reduced and without conspicuous asperites, legs well developed, apparently 3-segmented (actually 4-segmented). No pair of oblique furrows from middle to base of legs; single transverse furrow present (Fig. 6c). *Abdomen* with projecting, granulate ampullae on segments 1–7. Segments 8–9 broader and smoother than rest, with less distinctive ampullae and granulae. Abdominal segment 9 long and extended, without urogomphi or other modification.

**Discussion.** The adult of *Parandra tavakiliani* (Fig. 6e, f) was recently described (Santos-Silva, 2002) and compared with *P. cribrata* Thomson, the only known species previously known from the Caribbean National Forest (El Yunque) (Wolcott, 1936, 1948). We discovered a population of adults of *P. tavakiliani* and one larva. The only *Parandra* species for which larvae have been described include: *Parandra brunnea* Fabricius, *P. punctata* White, *P. glabra* (Degeer), *P. gabonica* Thomson, *P. caspia* Ménétries, and *P. expectata* Lameere (Costa et al., 1988; Zajciw, 1974; Craighead, 1915; Duffy, 1957, 1960; Svacha and Danilevsky, 1987). *Parandra tavakiliani* Santos-Silva is distinctive in its manta ray-like pattern of asperites on the pronotum, the inverted V-shaped sulcus separating the eusternum



from presternum and the pattern of asperites therein, the well developed, obviously 4-segmented antennae, and the transverse (neither oblique nor paired) meso- and metasternal sulcus between the legs.

**Material examined.** PUERTO RICO: 1 larva and 8 adults in large, decomposing fallen tree in the northeastern part of El Yunque (USNM, specimen preserved in alcohol).

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