

## SCIENTIFIC NOTE

### *Ceutorhynchus oregonensis* Dietz in eastern Canada (Curculionidae: Ceutorhynchinae)

A recent paper (McCorquodale *et al.* 2005) recorded the ceutorhynchine weevil *Ceutorhynchus squamatus* LeConte, 1876 from Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada. Unfortunately this represents a misidentification (by R. S. A.) of the species *Ceutorhynchus oregonensis* Dietz, 1896. As implied by the specific name, this latter species was described from Oregon and until recently had been regarded as a western North American species, extending as far east as the province of Manitoba (O'Brien and Wibmer 1982; McNamara 1991). However, Bouchard *et al.* (2005) have now recorded the species from Quebec and specimens have been examined from Ontario indicating the species does occur further east than previously known.

The record of *C. oregonensis* from Cape Breton Island as well as a second specimen from the Nova Scotia mainland (Majka *et al.* 2007) confirms the presence of the species in the Maritime Provinces. Adults of *C. oregonensis* have been recorded from *Rorippa palustris* (L.) Besser. (Brassicaceae) in Utah and it is likely that this or related Brassicaceae are the host plants in eastern Canada. At the Bible Hill, Nova Scotia collection site *R. palustris* is a common species (S. M. Townsend, pers. comm.). Collections consulted were: Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada (CBU); Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (CMNC); and Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids, and Nematodes, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (CNCI).

Specimens examined: **NOVA SCOTIA: Cape Breton Co.:** North Sydney, Munroe Park, 11.vi.1996, D. B. McCorquodale (1, CBU); **Colchester Co.:** Bible Hill, NSAC Pasture, 45 21'N 63 15'W, 30.vi.2005, S. M. Townsend (1, CMNC). **ONTARIO:** Pickle Lake, 36 mi. S., 22.vi.1973, J. M. Campbell and R. Parry (2, CMNC; 2, CNCI).

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