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THE PSYLLIDAE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WITH A KEY TO SPECIES

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ABSTRACT

A list is presented of the 38 plant-lice or Psyllidae recorded from British Columbia. Keys to the species are given with locality records, together with an additional 28 species recorded from adjacent areas of Alberta, Washington and Alaska. The keys are adapted from those given in monographs by Crawford (1914), Caldwell (1938a) and Tuthill (1943) with the addition of ten species not included in their keys.

INTRODUCTION

The Psyllidae (=Chermidae) of British Columbia have been neglected as a group and no comprehensive check-list has been published since Downes' (1927) list which consisted of eight species only. Two monographs on the group for the whole of North America have been produced, namely those of Crawford (1914) and Tuthill (1943), but the latter work covered the sub-families Triozinae and Psyllinae only. Other writers, notably Klyver (1932b), Caldwell (1936, 1937, 1940), Strickland (1938, 1939) and Jensen (1956), have described species and published records of the occurrence of psyllids from British Columbia and adjacent areas and the list of Hemiptera of North America by Van Duzee (1917) also contains some records for the region. The list given below is based upon these works and upon the collection of the late W. Downes preserved in the Spencer Entomological Museum of

the University of British Columbia and brought to my attention by Dr. G. G. E. Scudder.

CHECK-LIST OF THE PSYLLIDAE RECORDED FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

In this list the nomenclature follows Crawford (1914) and Tuthill (1943) and, therefore, conflicts to some extent with that of Caldwell (1938a). I base this choice on what appears to be the most common modern usage both in North America and among European workers (eg. Kloet and Hincks, 1964). The reference following the author and date of each species gives the source of my record which is a published work except when drawn from the Downes' collection ('Downes coll.') or from the notes of Downes preserved with the collection ('Downes notes'). I have given the oldest reference I could find in each case although I do not claim that these are the earliest records of the occurrence of each species in the province.

Subfamily: LIVIINAE Genus: Livia Latreille

Crawford 1914 caricis Crawford 1914 Species:

Aphalara Förster Genus:

Downes coll. ²calthae (Linnaeus 1861) Species: Klyver 1932b rumicis Mally 1894 Downes 1927 angustipennis Crawford 1911 Downes coll.

veaziei Patch 1911 nebulosa kincaidi Ashmead 1910 Klyver 1932b vancouverensis Klyver 1932 Klyver 1932b Waddell 1952 ²persicaria Caldwell 1937

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Calthae is not accepted by Caldwell (1937) as a North American species and he has described several further species including persicaria from North American material previously ascribable to calthae (see keys and notes below).

Subfamily: TRIOZINAE Genus: Trioza Förster

Species: maura Förster 1848

quadripunctata Crawford 1910 Downes' notes albifrons Crawford 1910 Tuthill 1943 frontalis Crawford 1910 Klyver 1932b inversa Tuthill 1939 Tuthill 1939 varians Crawford 1910 Van Duzee 1917 incerta Tuthill 1943 Tuthill 1943 occidentalis Tuthill 1939 Tuthill 1939

Klyver 1932b

longicornis Crawford 1914 Crawford 1914

Subfamily: PSYLLINAE Genus: Psylla Geoffroy Species:

alni (Linnaeus 1758) Downes 1927 caudata Crawford 1914 Klyver 1932b galeaformis Patch 1911 Downes coll. floccosa Patch 1909 Downes coll. trimaculata Crawford 1914 Klyver 1932b striata Patch 1911 Tuthill 1943 coryli Patch 1912 Tuthill 1943 ³?stricklandi (Caldwell 1939) Downes' notes Tuthill 1943

magnicauda Crawford 1914 buxi (Linnaeus 1758) Downes coll. pyricola Förster 1848

Downing, Morgan & Proverbs 1956 parallela Crawford 1914 Klyver 1932b

Crawford 1914

minor Crawford 1914 Crawford 1914 3?latiforceps Tuthill 1943 Downes' notes

Genus: Arytaina Förster

Species: fuscipennis Crawford 1914

robusta Crawford 1914 Tuthill 1943 pubescens Crawford 1914 Downes coll. spartiophila (Förster 1848) Downes 1957

Genus: Psyllopsis Löw

Species: fraxinicola (Förster 1848) Downes coll.

Genus: Euphyllura Förster Species: arbuti Schwartz 1904 Klyver 1932b Klyver 1932b arctostaphyli Schwartz 1904

KEYS TO THE SPECIES OF PSYLLIDAE RECORDED FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ADJACENT AREAS

The keys that follow include all the species listed above together with additional species recorded from Alberta, Washington State and Alaska south of the 63°N parallel. I include these because the list above cannot claim to be complete and species recorded from adjacent areas may well be found within the borders of the province. The keys are based upon those of Crawford (1914), Caldwell (1938a) and Tuthill (1943) suitably abridged and added to. I have added eight species of Aphalara and one of Psylla that were not included in these works although none of the nine is recorded yet from British

Columbia. The keys to these additional species are based on the published descriptions and exact references are given. Except where otherwise stated, place names in parentheses represent records within British Columbia.

KEY TO SUB-FAMILIES OF THE PSYLLIDAE (AFTER CRAWFORD 1914)

- 1. Frons not covered by genae; genae not produced into conical processes; front ocellus
- Frons covered by genae; genae usually produced into conical processes ('genal cones'); front ocellus embedded between vertex
- 2. Vertex flat and horizontal, with frons beneath it in the form of a narrow (usually elongate) sclerite from clypeus to front ocellus; wings often more or less thickened and maculated. LIVIINAE

These two species of Psylla are marked with a question mark in Downes' notes and I can locate no further records for them. I retain them as records needing confirmation.

- Vertex rounded downward in front, not horizontal, with frons as a distinct sclerite usually forming a uniformly smooth surface with vertex and genae; wings usually membranous.

 PAUROPSYLLINAE
- 3. Basal tarsal segment of hind-legs without a pair of black claw-like spines at their tip; radius, media and cubitus usually diverging at same point from basal vein; wings usually angulate at apex. TRIOZINAE
- Basal tarsal segment of hind-legs with two black claw-like spines at tip; the three veins not diverging at the same point from basal vein but media and cubitus with a common stem; wings rarely angulate at apex. PSYLLINAE

One other sub-family of psyllids, the CAR-SIDARINAE, is recorded from North America but I have found no records for farther north than Ohio (Caldwell 1938a). This sub-family is distinguished from all others by having 'a head deeply cleft in front, with the antennae attached to the truncate anterior ends on each side of the cleft' (Crawford, 1914).

KEY TO GENERA OF THE LIVIINAE (AFTER CRAWFORD 1914)

- Eyes more or less hemispherical; vertex not longer than broad. Aphalara Förster

KEY TO SPECIES OF THE LIVIINAE

Genus: Livia

Only one species of Livia, caricis Crawford, is recorded from the region and is characterised by Crawford as follows: 'length seldom more than 3mm., often less, vertex not deeply emarginate in front, scarcely raised on margins, flagellum of antennae usually about two and a half times as long as segment II; forceps of male usually short, stout, not pyriform, truncate at apex; wings not maculated, semi-transparent, thick and transversely wrinkled.'

(Glacier, Duncan, Riske Creek and Kamloops).

Genus: Aphalara

- 1. Clypeus much elongated, more or less cylindrical, rounded or truncate at apex extending down and forward. 'calthae' group...8 (Recorded as calthae L. from Quesnel, Stanley and Soda Creek).
- Wings distinctly maculated or banded. 3
 Wings not distinctly maculated or banded. . . 7
- 3. Forceps of male clavate, with inwardly directed tooth or inner anterior margin, subapically. 4

- 4. Wings clear with an irregular brown band running diagonally across their apices; colour of body reddish to flavous. ..rumicis Mally (Chilliwack).
- 5. Wing spots running together to form maculae, more numerous distally; general colour grey with yellowish or brownish tinge on head and thorax and dark transverse stripes on dorsum of abdomen.vancouverensis Klyver (Recorded and described from Duncan).
- Wing spots small, round; general colour greenish yellow with whitish stripes on dorsum of thorax.....angustipennis Crawford (Vernon, Quesnel and Soda Creek).
 - 6. Posterior process of male anal valve tapering uniformly to apex, not lanceolate; forceps deeply bifurcate with two long, thin processes; antennae one and a half times as long as head width alaskensis Ashmead (Recorded from Fox Point, Alaska and Easton, Washington (Crawford 1914)).
- Posterior process of male anal valve conspicuously lanceolate, petiolate at base; forceps T-shaped; antennae 1½ times head width.
 nebulosa kincaidi Ashmead (Chilliwack and Triangle Island).
- 7. Forceps of male with caudal margins appearing straight or slightly concave; dorsal valve of female genital segment relatively straight with rather abruptly upturned apex; antennae varying in length, at least as long as head width. ... veaziei Patch (Victoria, Ouesnel and Prince George).
- Forceps of male with caudal margins distinctly sinuate or convex in lateral aspects; female genital segment with dorsal valve sinuate or, if appearing straight, apex not upturned; antennae almost twice as long as head width.

(Recorded by Strickland (1939) from several localities in Alberta).

- ⁴8. Body entirely black. .manitobaensis Caldwell (Recorded by Strickland (1939) from Wabumun, Alberta).
- Body orange to red but not entirely black 9
 Fore-wings not hyaline often with dark areas.

The key to this and the following six species of Aphalara is constructed from Caldwell's original descriptions (1937, 1938b) of the species previously designated as calthae. I was restricted, therefore, to the characters included in his descriptions. The four species, confusa, simila, persicaria and loca, will be found difficult to separate, especially the females, and this should not be attempted without Caldwell's (1937) diagrams of the genitalia to hand (e.g. the females of confusa and simila are separated on the length of the proboscis-like extension of their dorsal valves).

(Records from Medicine Hat, Alberta in Strickland (1938)).
 Fore-wings with no bands or spots, ter- minations of all veins usually have surrounding
dark areas, sub-apical faint brown cloud may
be present
Beaverlodge, Alberta).
11. Males.
—. Females.
12. Forceps of genitalia having relatively long
anterior-mesal processes widely separated at their tips from the apices of the forceps 13
— Anterior mesal processes of forceps relatively
short and not widely separated from the apices
of the forceps at their tips
13. Tips of forceps squarely truncate
(Recorded family Confusa Caldwell
(Recorded from several localities in Alberta by Strickland (1938)).
Tips of forceps tapering and rounded.
by Strickland (1938)).
14. Anterior-mesal processes short and closely
adpressed to bodies of forceps with tip not quite
reaching apices of forceps, forcep tip more or less square
(Creston).
 Anterior-mesal processes short but not closely
adpressed to bodies of forceps, forcep tip
oblique. simila Caldwell
(Recorded by Strickland (1938) from Wabamun, Alberta).
15. Dorsal valve of genitalia with a proboscis-like
downward pointing extension circum-anal ring
of even width all round.
 Dorsal valve with no proboscis-like extension: circum-anal ring with an apron-like distal
extension
10. Head greatly deflexed confusa Caldwell
—. Head not greatly deflexed simila Caldwell
11. Dorsum of dorsal valve sinuate beyond anal
opening, apex of this valve narrowing to a nose-
like apex; anal vein finely serrate. persicaria Caldwell
— No nose-like apex to the dorsal valve; anal vein
not finely serrate.
A further species A lala loca Caldwell
A further species, Aphalara hebecephala, described by Caldwell in 1936 is recorded by
Strickland from Alberta but I found Caldwell's
description too incomplete to include the species in
this key

One final word on the 'calthae group' and that is that if Caldwell's supposition holds, that the North American 'calthae' are, in fact, several closely related species, then we may expect that more species will be described and determination to a particular species at this stage must be made with cir-

this key.

cumspection which will be removed only after further work on the group.

THE PAUROPSYLLINAE

Only one species of this sub-family, namely Calophya triozomima Schwartz, is recorded from the region, by Strickland (1939) from Medicine Hat, Alberta. Crawford (1914) characterises the species as follows: 'genal cones not longer than broad, usually much reduced; wings more or less angulate at apex, hyaline, transparent, shining, pterostigma short and small; prescutum long'.

KEY TO GENERA OF THE TRIOZINAE (AFTER TUTHILL 1943)

- Radius, media and cubitus not arising at same point, radius and media or media and cubitus with a short, common petiole.
- Genal processes, if present, very short, conical or pad-like, sometimes lacking, or genae smoothly, spherically swollen.

Paratrioza Crawford

KEY TO SPECIES OF THE TRIOZINAE (AFTER TUTHILL 1943)

Genus: Trioza

- Genal processes not longer than vertex (usually distinctly shorter).
- 3. Antennae at least twice as long as width of head. longicornis Crawford (Vancouver)
- Antennae less than twice as long as width of head (rarely over 1¾ times as long).
- Marginal cells typical size for **Trioza**; female genital segment less than half as long as rest of abdomen.
- 5. Dorsal valve of female genital segment straight and acute apically; length about 4 mm.

(Recorded and described from Kaslo Creek).

 Dorsal valve of female genital segment upturned and blunt apically; length about 3.5 mm.
 rubicola Tuthill

(Described by Tuthill (1943) from Tacoma, Washington). 6. Antennae 1½ times as long as width of head. — Antennae at least 1¾ times width of head — varians Crawford (From British Columbia (Van Duzee, 1917)). 7. General colour black; female genital segment straight and acute. incerta Tuthill (From British Columbia (Tuthill, 1943)). — General colour green to orange, head often black; female genital segment shorter, strongly curved ventrally. 8. Vertex strongly bulging anteriorly; caudal lobes of male proctiger short, only half as long as axial portion minuta Crawford (Recorded by Strickland (1938) from several localities in Alberta and by Tuthill (1943) from Washington).	recorded from the region, from several localities in Alberta by Strickland (1938, 1939). The species is characterised by Tuthill (1943) as follows: 'a small (3 mm. to tip of folded wings) species with hyaline fore-wings and having genae produced as small but distinct conical processes'. Genus: Hemitrioza Again a single species of this genus, washingtonia Klyver, is recorded from the area. The species was described from a single individual from Toppenish, Washington by Klyver (1932b). Tuthill (1943) characterised it as follow: 'species with costal margins of fore-wings not strongly arched, Rs long, straight, extending beyond furcation of media; general colour brown, forewings immaculate'.
— Vertex not strongly bulging; caudal lobes of	KEY TO GENERA OF THE PSYLLINAE
male proctiger as long as axial portion.	(AFTER TUTHILL 1943)
(Thormanby Island). 9. Thorax very strongly arched; male proctiger arcuate caudally but not produced into an extended lobe; both valves of female genital segment straight, about equal in length, ventral valve not upcurved to meet dorsal valve 10 — Thorax moderately arched; male proctiger with a prominent caudal lobe (either apical or basal); female genital segment with at least the ventral valve strongly upcurved	1. Genal processes large, flattened, contiguous, on same plane as vertex; fore-wings thickened, rugose, rhomboidal. Euphyllura Förster — Genal processes not flattened, rarely contiguous; fore-wings usually membranous, sometimes thickened and rugose but not rhomboidal
width of head	KEY TO SPECIES OF
than axial portion, lobe basal in origin; an-	THE PSYLLINAE (MODIFIED FROM TUTHILL 1943)
than axial portion, lote has a tennae 1 1/3 times as long as width of head. inversa Tuthill (From British Columbia (Tuthill, 1943)). 12. Forceps of male in lateral view parallel sided, not enlarged apically; species about 3 mm. in length; colour typically orange with black tarsi and antennae but may be much darker with brown markings. (Recorded by Strickland (1938) from Edmonton, Alberta). — Forceps of male in lateral view slender basally enlarged apically; species about 3.5 mm. ir length; colour orange-red to brown with darker antennae, genal processes and abdomen. (Victoria). Genus: Paratrioza A single species of this genus, cockerelli (Sulc) in	Genus: Psylla 1. Eyes borne on prominent stalk-like portion of the head

wings) species; without above combination of characters
(Quesnel and Soda Creek). 7. Female genital segment larger than rest of abdomen, slender, styliform, abruntly enlarged.
basally; male forceps not notched apically. floccosa Patch (Quesnel and Soda Creek). Female genital segment shorter than rest of
abdomen, stout; male forceps notched apically. trimaculata Crawford (From Thormanby Island and Esquimalt, by Klyver (1932b) who regarded the variety astigmata Crawford as a separate species). Small (2-2.5 mm.) species; genal processes separate basally, strongly divergent; fore-wings more or less fumate
— Head and thorax not pubescent.
 10. Female genital segment distinctly longer than rest of abdomen and male forceps simple11 — Female genital segment at most as long as rest of abdomen or, if longer, male forceps not simple
12. Apex of dorsal valve of female genital segment curved ventrally

- (Recorded from several localities in Alberta by Strickland (1939)).

- Ventral valve of female genital segment nearly as long as dorsal valve, latter very abruptly upturned apically; male forceps slender, gradually narrowing to apices.

tuthilli (Caldwell) (Recorded by Strickland (1939) from Medicine Hat, Alberta).

- 15. Antennae slightly longer than width of head.
 parallela Crawford
 (Chilliwack, Chilcotin and Nicola Lake,
 (Klyver 1932b)).
 (see also couplet 22 below).

- Fore-wings immaculate. americana Crawford (Recorded by Tuthill (1943) from Banff Springs, Alberta).
- Pterostigma narrow. . . . ⁵ pararibesiae Jensen (Recorded by Jensen (1956) from Ellensberg, Washington).
 (see also couplet 20).
- Pterostigma large. pyricola Förster (Interior of British Columbia (Downing et al., 1956)).
- 20. Fore-wings with a prominent dark spot at apex of clavus ______ pararibesiae Jensen (see couplet 19 above).

The species, pararibesiae, was described and separated from ribesiae (Crawford) by Jensen (1956) along with notapennis Jensen. Of these three only one, pararibesiae, is recorded from the area of interest; ribesiae being recorded from no nearer than Oregon and notapennis being restricted to California. From Jensen's descriptions I surmise that the complex of all three species would key out as ribesiae in Tuthill's (1943) key. I have therefore retained Tuthill's method of determination as a means of identifying pararibesiae in the region being considered here.

—. Male forceps not T-shaped
22. Length to tip of folded wings 3 mm. parallela Crawford
(see couplet 15 above).
(Victoria and Vancouver (Crawford, 1914)).
(note that americana flava = minor flava —
23. Male forceps broad, apices very broadly
Quesnel (Downes, but with a question mark
against the determination), recorded by Tuthill
(1943) from Easton, Washington). — Male forceps otherwise
24. Male forceps strongly sinuate on caudal margin
(Recorded from Edmonton and Nordegg, Alberta by Strickland (1938)).
— Male forceps otherwise
25. Entire apical portion of forceps hooked, heavily pubescent; female genital segment shorter than
rest of abdomen
Springs Albertal.
 Forceps bearing a small apical hook, scarcely visible in lateral view; female genital segment
as long as or longer than rest of abdomen. alaskensis Ashmead
(Recorded from Fox Point and Seldovia, Alaska by Tuthill (1943)).
Genus: Arytaina
Fore-wings conspicuously maculate, spotted or entirely dark
more or less evenly tumate
2. Fore-wings with prominent pterostigma. pubescens Crawford
(Penticton). — Fore-wings with pterostigma almost or com-
pletely obsolete

- Fore-wings white with brown spots or maculae; male forceps not bilobate.
 - (From British Columbia (Tuthill, 1943)).
- 4. Pterostigma lacking. ...spartiophila (Förster) (Victoria).
- Pterostigma prominent. . . . ceanothi Crawford (Recorded from Easton, Washington by Tuthill (1943)).

Genus: Psyllopsis

A single species of this genus is recorded from this region. This is fraxinicola (Förster) from Victoria. Tuthill (1943) characterises the species as follows: unicolourous, including wings, greenish yellow, wings hyaline.

Genus: Euphyllura

- Veins Rs and M (including branches) of forewings very strongly sinuate; wings brown basally, light apically. arbuti Schwartz (Galiano).
- Veins Rs and M not or only very slightly sinuate; wings generally brownish with red veins. arctostaphyli Schwartz (Merritt).

Note that in the above keys the most exact localities recorded for the species from British Columbia are given. Species occurring in adjacent areas but not within the province are included only when a definite record has been published.

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