

**ANTHIDIELLUM ROBERTSONI** AND ITS NEST (Hymenoptera: Megachilidae).—While splitting part of my winter's wood supply on September 15th, 1945.

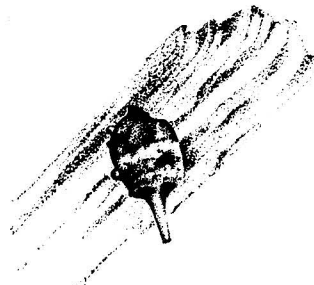


Fig. 1. Nest of *Anthidiellum robertsoni* (Cockerell) attached to the underside of a piece of wood.

I found a curious little waxen cell on the underside of a piece of Douglas fir. It was 13 mm. long, including the ventral spike (fig. 1), warty, greenish black with a vitreous surface. Thin flakes of some yellowish white material stuck to the surface formed two irregular bands.

The nest was left outside until January 30, 1946; the next day it was placed in an incubator operating at 74°F. and 90-95% relative humidity. A pretty black and yellow bee emerged on March 19, and was subsequently identified as a female of *Anthidiellum robertsoni* (Ckll.) by O. Peck of Ottawa. I am indebted also to Mrs. D. K. Campbell (nee Rita Beckingham) for the illustration of the bee and to Ben Sugden for that of the nest.

—Hugh B. Leech, Vernon, B.C.\*

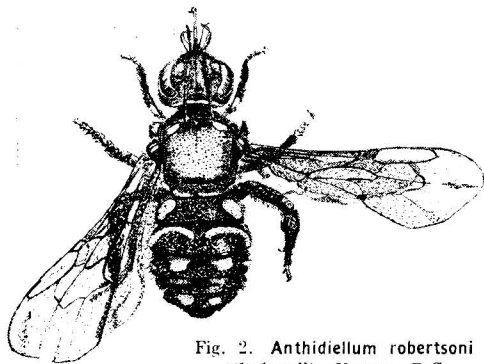


Fig. 2. *Anthidiellum robertsoni* (Cockerell), Vernon, B.C.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO A LIST OF THE HETEROCERA OF THE NELSON-ROBSON-TRAIL DISTRICT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (Lepidoptera)

AGARISTIDAE

1117 *Alypia ridingsi* Gt. Robson .....29.V.46

PHALAEINIDAE

2025 *Pteroma apposita* Sm. Robson .....26.III.46

GEOMETRIDAE

4680 *Semiothisa granitata* Gn. Robson ...12.V.46

4687 *Semiothisa sexmaculata incolorata* Dyar..... Robson .....24.V.46

AEGERIIDAE

8693 *Sanninoidea graefi* Hy.Edw. Robson 25.VII.45

8724 *Thamnosphecia americana* (Beut.) Robson .....11.V.41, 24.V.46

I am much indebted to Dr. T. N. Freeman of the Division of Entomology, Ottawa, for making the identifications.—Harold R. Foxlee, Robson, B.C.

**CYCHRUS RICKSECKERI** (Coleoptera: Carabidae).—

The first British Columbia record of *Cychnus rickseckeri* Lec. was on May 20, 1923, when Chas. Lallamand took a few (3?) specimens of this rare beetle at Creston. Then I took one at Sanca on May 17, 1933. In 1946 I discovered a small "patch" of them at Wynndel. It was in a deep, wooded ravine, on one side only of a mountain stream, a strip of about 500 feet that had been run over by fire and grown up to weeds and grass. Here, under loose stones and driftwood, they were found. Frequent visits were made, collecting them again under stones I had turned before, with a total catch of 19 between May 3 and June 16. Several individuals were observed feeding on snails, crushing the shells with their great jaws.—G. Stace Smith, Creston, B.C.

THE W. H. A. PREECE COLLECTION OF CERAMBYCIDAE, containing many British Columbia specimens, is now in the Canadian National Collection at Ottawa, through the kindness of W. Downes. Mr. Preece was a member of our Society for some years, and did much of his collecting in company with George A. Hardy. Some of their findings were published in the "Pan-Pacific Entomologist" and in the Annual Reports of the Provincial Museum of Natural History, Victoria. —H.B.L.

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