

A PALAEARCTIC DECTICID CAPTURED IN CALIFORNIA
(Orthoptera)

In a lot of California Orthoptera sent to me for study by Dr. Paul Hurd, Jr. I found a single male specimen of the circum-Mediterranean species *Platycleis tessellata* (Charpentier). The label accompanying the specimen noted its capture at Placerville on June 15, 1951 by R. O. Schuster.

In returning the specimens I asked Dr. Hurd to confirm the record of *P. tessellata*. He informs me that Mr. Schuster is quite certain of the accuracy of the data and adds the pertinent note, "Mr. Schuster, the collector, points out that since the U. S. Forest Service has brought in the majority of the world pine species to the Placerville area, it is possible that the grasshopper may have come in along with them."

It seems improbable that a single introduced specimen would be captured, but only additional search will disclose whether the species is actually established in California. This insect is a small decticid with completely developed wings. From our few long-winged native decticids it can be distinguished by its small size and a row of quadrate black spots along the discal area of the tegmina. It is unlikely that it could ever be of economic interest.—H. F. STROHECKER, *University of Miami*.

Strohecker HF. 1955. A Palaeartic decticid captured in California (Orthoptera). *Pan-Pacific Entomol* 31:203.