

New species of Heteroceridae from Belize

(Insecta: Coleoptera)

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Abstract: Two species of Heteroceridae from Belize (*Heterocerus lacyorum* n. sp. and *Tropicus belizensis* n. sp.) are described, illustrated and compared with similar species.

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Introduction

This paper is based on the study of Heteroceridae deposited in USNM, partially sorted and labeled as new species by Dr. W. V. MILLER. These species remained unpublished and, after Dr. MILLER stopped his activity in Heteroceridae, they were kindly sent to me by W. E. STEINER for the description.

I do not know about any record of Heterocerid fauna from Belize (former British Honduras). Nevertheless, there are 2 species known from Guatemala, 11 species from Mexico and 1 species from Honduras (cf PACHECO (1964)). Later research or exploration of older collections may reveal the occurrence of some of those species also in Belize.

The following acronyms are used in the text to indicate the depository of the material examined:

CSU -- Coll. S. SKALICKÝ, Ústí nad Orlicí, Czech Republic

USNM -- The Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D. C., USA

Separate labels are indicated by double slashes, locality data are cited verbatim in "quotation marks". Author's remarks are given in square brackets.