

**TRECHUS OBTUSUS ERICHSON IN CALIFORNIA
(COLEOPTERA: CARABIDAE)**

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Lindroth (1961) recorded the European species *Trechus obtusus* Erichson from the Pacific northwest, south to Oregon. He stated that it was introduced into North America and has been found at Boundary Bay, British Columbia, in the company of 3 other Old World species (*Bradycellus harpalinus*, *Harpalus affinis*, and *Pterostichus melanarius*). In a collection of general Carabidae submitted to me for identification by Michael Druckendrod (illustrator in this department), I found 1 specimen of this species collected at ultra-violet light (the specimen is fully winged although the species is wing-dimorphic) in Niles Canyon, Alameda County, California, 12-IX-71.

Niles Canyon is in the "vicinity of ports" as mentioned by Lindroth, but the species lives in Europe as "an inhabitant of the open country, on meadows &c., also among the leaves under *Salix*-bushes." Niles Canyon is full of *Salix* of various species and probably provides a similar habitat to that in Europe. Having spent many collecting years (1961-1966) in this area, I strongly suspect that the species is established in the Canyon, but only quite recently. Further study should determine: 1) whether it is established in Niles Canyon and environs; 2) what are the differences in population structure (with regard to wings) in comparison with port populations; and 3) what are the associated species.

REFERENCE

LINDROTH, C. H. 1961. The ground-beetles of Canada and Alaska. Part 2. Opusc. Ent., Suppl. 20:1-200.



BOOK NOTICE

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