

FAMILY DASCILLIDAE
(Soft-bodied plant beetles)

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The status of this family has changed considerably since it was reviewed by Horn (1880). Its size has been greatly reduced by the removal of species now included in the families Scirtidae, Eucinetidae, Armatopidae, and Ptilodactylidae, so that only one species is now known from Canada. Fifteen genera and about 80 species are known from throughout the world. The adults are usually found on foliage and feed on plants or are carnivorous. The larvae live in soil or are aquatic; they feed on vegetative matter such as roots or leaf mold.

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Subfamily DASCILLINAE
Tribe Cneoglossini

Genus ARAEOPIDIUS Cockerell
Araeopus LeConte

A. monachus (LeConte)

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