FAMILY LYMEXYLIDAE
(Ship-timber beetles)

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Thirty-seven species of Lymexylidae are known worldwide. Only one rare species occurs in Canada. Adults are found in decaying wood, on tree trunks or under bark. The Canadian species is probably introduced since it also occurs in Europe and was formerly very destructive to ship timber.

The classification of the family is now fairly stable. Crowson (1955) and Wheeler (1986) believe that this family is closely related to the Cleroidea and Cucujoidea. Arnett (1968) places the family near the Lampyridae based on wing venation. The world genera and higher classification, including a study of the phylogeny, morphology, and known biology of the genera, were revised by Wheeler (1986).

ON (1); PQ (1); NB (1); NS (1)

Subfamily HYLECOETINAE

Genus HYLECOETUS Latreille
Elateroides J.C.Schaeffer
Hyloceotus Melsheimer

H. lugubris Say(+) - - - - - - - ON PQ NB NS - - -
americanus Harris