

FAMILY MICROMALTHIDAE
(Telephone-pole beetles)

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This family contains only one species which was described from the eastern United States but has subsequently become established in western Canada, Cuba, Brazil, Hawaii, Hong Kong and South Africa. The larvae are wood borers and are found in decaying oak logs and in moist, creosote treated timbers and poles. The life cycle of *Micromalthus debilis* is one of the most complex known to occur in Coleoptera. The larvae are paedogenetic, producing either living larvae or a single egg which develops through a different larval type to produce an adult male (Pringle 1938).

Atkins (1982) catalogued the species for North America.

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Genus MICROMALTHUS LeConte

M. debilis LeConte

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