FAMILY PHALACRIDAE

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The family Phalacridae comprises about 600 species worldwide; only five have been reported from Canada but many other species certainly occur. Adults are usually found on flowers; larvae feed in flower heads of Compositae or on spores and stomata of rusts and smuts.

The North American species of phalacrids were revised by Casey (1916) but this work is very difficult to use. The Phalacridae and the Ptiliidae are probably the most poorly known families of beetles in Canada and based on existing literature, reliable specific identifications of most genera are not possible.

BC (3); MB (1); ON (3); PQ (2)

Tribe Phalacrini

Genus PHALACRUS Paykull

P. penicillatus (Say) - - - BC - - - - - - - - - -

Tribe Olibrini

Genus OLIBRUS Erichson

O. rufipes LeConte - - - BC - - - - - - - - - -
tritus Casey
O. semistriatus LeConte - - - - - - - ON - - - - - -
striatulus LeConte

Genus STILBUS Seidlitz
Eustilbus Sharp

S. apicalis Melsheimer - - - BC - - - ON - - - - - -

Genus LITOCHROPUS Erichson

L. scalptus Casey - - - - - - - - PQ - - - - -

Genus ACYLAMUS Sharp

A. pugetanus Casey - - - - - - MB ON PQ - - - - -