FAMILY PTILODACTYLIDAE (Toed-winged beetles)

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The family, primarily tropical in distribution, comprises about 500 species worldwide but only three species occur in Canada. Adults hide in the riparian vegetation or in the leaf litter during the day; they come readily to light. Larvae of *Ptilodactyla* prefer moist or wet habitats, such as beaver houses or wet decaying plant matter; those of *Anchytarsus* are truly aquatic, burrowing in submerged decaying wood in creeks (LeSage & Harper 1976a).

The recent key of Stribling (1986) is useful for the identification of the genera. The genus *Ptilodactyla* needs to be revised but new species are not likely to be discovered in Canada.