

Bark Beetles and their Natural Enemies on Oriental Spruce from the Black Sea Region of Turkey¹

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ABSTRACT Oriental spruce, *Picea orientalis* (L.) Link. (Pinaceae), is one of the main tree species that naturally grows in the Caucasus Mountains and the northeastern part of Turkey, known as the Black Sea Region. This tree species reaches optimal growth in the mountainous areas of heavy precipitation in Ordu, Giresun, Rize, Trabzon, and Artvin Provinces of the Eastern Black Sea Region of Turkey, but it can tolerate a wide range of climatic zones. The bark beetle species (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae) that attack oriental spruce, and their predators and parasitoids, were studied in Turkey in 2005–2006. Twenty-three species of bark beetles belonging to six subtribes and two tribes of Scolytinae were identified. In addition, 84 predatory species from 21 families and 23 parasitoid species from five families were detected. Identification of these predatory and parasitic species is an important starting point for the biological control of bark beetles attacking oriental spruce in Turkey.

KEY WORDS Pinaceae, Scolytinae, parasitoid, predator, survey

Oriental spruce, *Picea orientalis* (L.) Link. (Pinaceae), is present from Ordu Province in Turkey northeastward to the Black Sea and the Caucasus Mountains in the country of Georgia. This species is semi-tolerant of shade and reaches optimal growth under climatic conditions of year-round heavy precipitation and high humidity. However, oriental spruce is able to grow in semi-drought conditions, but long summer droughts adversely affect growth because sufficient moisture may not be acquired by the shallow root system (Ata 1980). Various species of beetles, including several bark beetles (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae), attack oriental spruce (Bodenheimer 1958). Poor silvicultural practices, such as heavy pasturage, illegal cutting, and precipitous land structure, can promote population increases of bark beetles to epidemic levels (Yüksel 1998). Additionally, the effect of natural enemies could likely explain the drastic fluctuations of bark beetle populations (Reeve 1997, Erbilgin et al. 2002, Gilbert & Grégoire 2003) within this region. In similar systems in North America and Europe, habitat fragmentation can increase the number of pests relative to predators, such as *Thanasimus* spp. (Cleridae), in isolated patches of forests (Ryall & Fahig 2005, Warzée et al. 2006).

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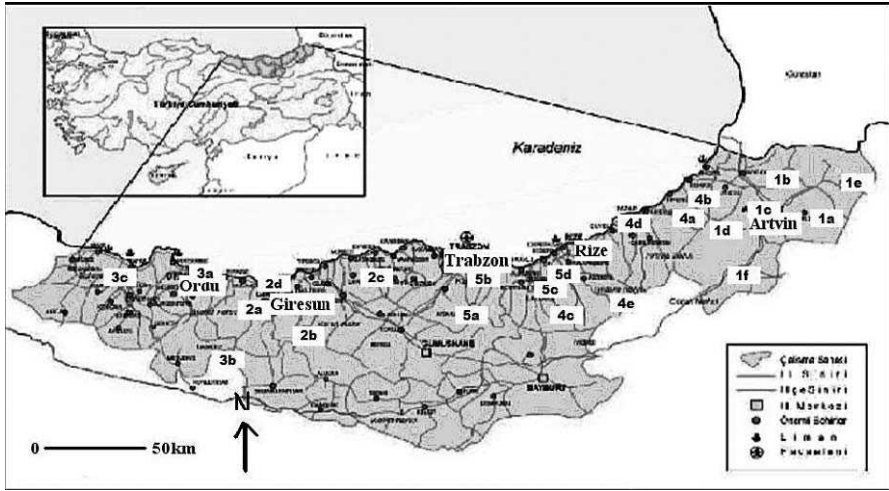


Fig. 1. The survey locations in the eastern Black Sea Region of Turkey—1a: Ardanuç District, Artvin Province; 1b: Borçka District, Artvin Province; 1c: Merkez District, Artvin Province; 1d: Murgul District, Artvin Province; 1e: Şavşat District, Artvin Province; 1f: Yusufeli District, Artvin Province; 2a: Bulancak District, Giresun Province; 2b: Dereli District, Giresun Province; 2c: Espiye District, Giresun Province; 2d: Merkez District, Giresun Province; 3a: Merkez District, Ordu Province; 3b: Mesudiye District, Ordu Province; 3c: Ünye District, Ordu Province; 4a: Ardeşen District, Rize Province; 4b: Fındıklı District, Rize Province; 4c: İkizdere, Rize Province; 4d: Pazar District, Rize Province; 4e: Çamlıhemşin District, Rize Province; 5a: Maçka District, Trabzon Province; 5b: Merkez District, Trabzon Province; 5c: Sürmene District, Trabzon Province; and 5d: Of District, Trabzon Province.

For years, bark beetle control using mechanical and chemical methods has had limited success in Turkey (Selmi 1989). Mechanical methods of control (e.g., trapping with pheromone traps) are difficult to implement and chemical control methods (i.e., pesticides) may cause ecological and environmental problems. Recently, genetic and biological methods of control have come into prominence. Conservation and enhancement of natural enemies is a promising approach for decreasing the detrimental effects of bark beetle populations (Bodenheimer 1958). In this study, we surveyed the bark beetle species and their predators and parasitoids on oriental spruce in the eastern Black Sea Region of Turkey.

Materials and Methods

This study presents a survey of bark beetles and their natural enemies on oriental spruce in the Black Sea Region of Turkey in 2005–2006. Survey locations are marked on Figure 1.

Fifty vertical and horizontal trap trees were used to monitor bark beetle species (Christiansen & Bakke 1988). The vertical trap trees were either trees that were

Table 1. Bark beetle species (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae) collected from the Black Sea Region of Turkey (collection sites listed in Figure 1).

Subfamily	Tribe	Genus & species	Collection site		
Hylesinini	Hylastina	<i>Hylastes angustatus</i>	5a		
		<i>Hylastes ater</i>	1b,1e,3a,5a		
		<i>Hylastes cunicularis</i>	1b,1e,5a		
		<i>Hylurgops glabratus</i>	1a,1c,1e,5a		
		<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1a,1b,1c,1e,2a, 2d,3a,5a		
		<i>Blastophagus Tomicus minor</i>	5a		
		<i>Blastophagus Tomicus piniperda</i>	1e,5a		
		<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1a,1b,1c,1d,1e,1f, 2a,2b,2c,2d,4b,4d		
		Scolytini	Crypturgina	<i>Crypturgus pusillus</i>	1a,1b,1e,1f, 2d,3a,3b,5a
				Cryphalina	<i>Cryphalus abietis</i>
<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	1a,1b,1c,1d,1e,3a,5a				
Pityophthorina	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>		1b,1c,1e,1f,5a,5c		
	<i>Pityophthorus pubescens</i>		1e		
Ipina	Pityogenes		<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	1a,1b,1c,1e,2a,2b, 2d,3a,3b,3c, 4b,4d,5a,5c	
			<i>Pityogenes bistridentatus</i>	1e	
			<i>Pityogenes chalcographus</i>	1b,5b	
			<i>Pityogenes quadridens</i>	1e	
			<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>	1a,1b,1c,1d, 1e,1f,2d,5a,5c	
			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1a,1d,1f,3b,4a, 4c,4d,5a,5b	
			<i>Ips acuminatus</i>	1a,1b,1e,1f,5a	
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1a,1b,1c,1e,1f,2c, 2d,3a,3b,4a,4b, 4c,4d,4e,5a,5c	
				<i>Ips typographus</i>	1a,1b,1c,1d,1e,1f
Xyloterina	<i>Xyloterus lineatus</i>		1a,1b,1c,1e,1f,2a, 2d,3a,5a,5c,5d		

dying due to bark beetle damage or trees that were killed by a ligature placed tightly around the trunk 1–2 m above the roots. The horizontal trap trees were trees that were left on the ground after logging (legally and illegally), and trees that had fallen over due to storms, snow, or winds. The trap trees were located in pure and mixed (with *Pinus* spp.) stands of oriental spruce (Bodenheimer 1958).

Logs of vertical or horizontal trap trees containing live larvae or pupae were collected from the field and placed into plastic boxes with small holes to allow

Table 2. Predator species and their reported prey insects in the Black Sea Region of Turkey (collection sites listed in Figure 1).

Species	Order	Family	Known prey species	Locality
<i>Litargus connexus</i> (Geoffr.)	Coleoptera	Mycetophagidae	<i>Hylastes ater</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
<i>Trigoderma versicolor</i> (Creutz)		Dermestidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1f
<i>Nathrenus verbasci</i> (Linnaeus)			<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>	5b
<i>Calyptomerus alpestris</i> (Redt.)		Clambidae	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	1c
<i>Rhizophagus grandis</i> (Gyll.)		Rhizophagidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	1a,1b,1c,1d,1e,1f
<i>Rhizophagus depressus</i> (F.)			<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1e,5a
<i>Rhizophagus dispar</i> (Payk.)			<i>Ips acuminatus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Hylurgops palliatus</i> <i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1a,1b,1c,1e,2a, 3a,3b,3c,4a,4b,5a,5c
<i>Rhizophagus ferrugineus</i> (Payk.)			<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Pityokteines spinidens</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	
<i>Thanasimus formicarius</i> (L.)		Cleridae	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Hylurgops palliatus</i> <i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Cryphalus abietis</i> <i>Cryphalus piceae</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Pityokteines spinidens</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips acuminatus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	3a 1a,1b,1c,1e,1f,2a, 2b,2c,2d,3a,3b,3c,5a,5c

Table 2. Continued.

Species	Order	Family	Known prey species	Locality
<i>Clerus mutillarius</i> (F.)			<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>	1e
<i>Nemosoma elongatum</i> (L.)		Ostomidae	<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1a,1c,1e,5a,5b
			<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	
			<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	
			<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	
			<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	
			<i>Pityogenes bistridentatus</i>	
			<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>	
			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
			<i>Ips typographus</i>	
			<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	1a,1c,1e
<i>Temnochila coerulea</i> O.			<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	
			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	
			<i>Ips acuminatus</i>	
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
<i>Thymalus limbatus</i> (F.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1f,2d
			<i>Cryphalus abietis</i>	
			<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	
			<i>Ips typographus</i>	
<i>Ostoma ferruginea</i> (L.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1c,2b
<i>Cylister oblongum</i> (F.)			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1e,1f,5a,5c
		Histeridae	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
<i>Cylister lineare</i> (Er.)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
<i>Plegaderus otti</i> (Mars)			<i>Hylastes ater</i>	1b,1c,1f,5a
			<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	
			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
<i>Paromalus parallelepipedus</i> (Hrbst.)			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1e,3c,5a
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	

Table 2. Continued.

Species	Order	Family	Known prey species	Locality
<i>Silbanus bidentatus</i> (F.)		Cucujidae	<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i> <i>Crypturgus pusillus</i> <i>Cryphalus piceae</i> <i>Pityokteines spinidens</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Hylurgops palliatus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Crypturgus pusillus</i> <i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	1a,1c,1e,5a 2d,3a,5a 1a,1e,5a
<i>Pediacus dermestoides</i> (F.)			<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	5a
<i>Cryptolestes alternans</i> (Er.)			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1b,2a,2c,2d 1a,1e,5a
<i>Laemophloeus testaceus</i> (F.)			<i>Ips acuminatus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	
<i>Hypophloeus unicolor</i> (Faller and Mitterp.) <i>Paraphloeus longulus</i> (Gyll.)		Tenebrionidae	<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1e,1f
<i>Paraphloeus fraxini</i> (Kug.)			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	
<i>Paraphloeus linearis</i> (Fabr.)			<i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Crypturgus pusillus</i> <i>Cryphalus piceae</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Pityokteines spinidens</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	1a,1c,1e,5a

Table 2. Continued.

Species	Order	Family	Known prey species	Locality
<i>Menophilus cylindricus</i> (Hrbst.)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1e
<i>Hoplocephala haemorrhoidalis</i> (Fabr.)			<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	2b
<i>Dromius quadrimaculatus</i> (L.)		Carabidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1e
<i>Cis hispidus</i> (Gyll.)		Cisidae	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	5a
<i>Anisotoma humeralis</i> (F.)		Liodidae	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5c
<i>Agathidium nigripenne</i> (F.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	3c,5a
<i>Agathidium seminulum</i> (L.)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1b,2d,3a,5a,5c
<i>Rhinosinus ruficollis</i> (L.)		Pythidae	<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	3c
<i>Platichna scutellaris</i> (Charp.)		Erotylidae	<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	3a
<i>Megalephorus aquaticus</i> (L.)		Hydraenidae	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
<i>Goerius olens</i> (Müll.)		Staphylinidae	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1e,2b,3a,5a
<i>Staphylinus caesareus</i> (Ced.)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
<i>Megarthus depressus</i> (Payk.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	5a
<i>Omalius rivulare</i> (Payk.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1d,2d,3a
<i>Omalius exiguum</i> (Gyll.)			<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	5a
<i>Stenus scrutator</i> (Er.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1e
<i>Paedoris littoralis</i> (Grav.)			<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	1b,1e,5a
<i>Stillicus mixtus</i> (Lohse)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
<i>Scopaeus bicolor</i> (Baudi)			<i>Ips typographus</i>	5a
<i>Achenium depressum</i> (Grav.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	5a
<i>Metoponcus brevicornis</i> (Er.)			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
			<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>	1b,1c,5a
			<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	

Table 2. Continued.

Species	Order	Family	Known prey species	Locality
<i>Baptolinus affinis</i> (Payk.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i> <i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Crypturgus pusillus</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	1b,1e,1f,2d,3a,5a
<i>Homalota plana</i> (Gyll.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1c
<i>Bolitochora lucida</i> (Grav.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1f
<i>Exochomus illaesticollis</i> (Roubal)		Coccinellidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1c
<i>Formica rufa</i> (L.)	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i>	1a,1c,1e,3a
<i>Myrmica ruginodis</i> (Nyl.)			<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1b
<i>Raphidia ophiopsis</i> (L.)	Raphidioptera	Raphidiidae	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i> <i>Crypturgus pusillus</i> <i>Cryphalus piceae</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Orthotomicus erosus</i> <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> <i>Ips typographus</i> <i>Tetropium castaneum</i>	1a,1e,1f,5a
<i>Lycotocoris campestris</i> (Fall.)	Heteroptera	Anthoridae	<i>Cryphalus abietis</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i> <i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i> <i>Pityokteines spinidens</i> <i>Cryphalus abietis</i> <i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	1f
<i>Scoloposcelis angusta</i> (Reitt.)				1b

ventilation and prevent dampness and mildew. The logs were kept in glass rearing cages in the laboratory and the live larvae and pupae were reared until adult emergence. Adults collected from the collected logs were used for identification.

Identification of the bark beetles and their natural enemies were based on Bernhard (1935), Essig (1958), Freude et al. (1967, 1974, 1979), Postner (1974), Grüne (1979), Schedl (1980), Selmi (1989), Weslien et al. (1989), Wermelinger (2004), and Sariyildiz et al. (2008). Furthermore, specialists (Temel Sariyildiz, Kastamonu University, Kastamonu, Turkey, and Erdal Selmi, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey) were contacted for identifications of these species and confirmed identifications.

Results and Discussion

Twenty-three species of bark beetles from six subtribes and two tribes of Scolytinae were found in the oriental spruce stands in this study (Table 1). Twelve of the 23 species are known as primary bark beetle species of spruce. They are *Hylurgops glabratus* (Zett.), *Hylurgops palliatus* (Gyll.), *Hylastes cunicularius* (Erich.), *Dendroctonus micans* (Kug.), *Crypturgus pusillus* (Gyll.), *Pityophthorus pityographus* (Ratz.), *Pityogenes bidentatus* (Herb.), *Pityokteines spinidens* (Reiit.), *Ips sexdentatus* (Boern.), *Ips typographus* (L.), *Orthotomicus erosus* (Woll.), and *Xyloterus lineatus* (Erich.) (Schedl 1980).

Cryphalus piceae (Ratz.) and *Pityokteines spinidens* generally develop in the upper parts of the trees on thin boughs, but they also can attack larger branches or trunk during an outbreak (Schimitschek 1953). *Hylastes ater* (Payk.) can develop on roots that break through the ground and on the adjacent trunk (Milligan 1978). *Ips sexdentatus* generally prefers older trees (Schimitschek 1947). *Ips acuminatus* (Gyll.) damages younger trees or thin boughs of old trees (Postner 1974). *Ips typographus* prefers young trees (Sariyildiz et al. 2008). *Hylastes ater* and *H. cunicularis* can suffice on thicker ancillary roots that appear on the ground after storm damage (Akkuzu & Guner 2008).

Cryphalus abietis (Ratz.) and *C. piceae* do not kill spruces but they severely weaken trees and create opportunities for other bark beetles (Bodenheimer 1958). *Crypturgus* species compete with more harmful bark beetles, such as *I. sexdentatus*, preventing their development and causing death. Hence, *Crypturgus* species can be viewed as both harmful and beneficial species. Under optimal conditions, *Pityogenes bidentatus* populations can quickly grow to large numbers and cause serious harm to younger spruces (Christiansen & Bakke 1988). The tunnels of *X. lineatus* can turn black, which reduces the quality and value of the lumber (Yüksel 1998).

Eighty-six predator species from 23 families were collected from oriental spruce forests in the Black Sea Region of Turkey (Table 2). The predatory species that are most effective and have the highest populations can be arranged in the following order of importance: *Thanasimus formicarius* (L.), *Rhizophagus depressus* (F.), *R. grandis* (Gyll.), *R. dispar* (Payk.), *Silvanus bidentatus* (F.), *Paraphloeus longulus* Gyll., *Raphidia ophiopsis* L., *Formica rufa* L., *Nemosoma elongatum* (L.), and *Paraphloeus linearis* F. (Postner 1974, Essig 1958, Grüne 1979, Schedl 1980).

In addition, 23 parasitoid species from five families were collected during this study (Table 3). Many of these natural enemies may prove useful in the biological control of bark beetles in Turkey (Wermelinger 2004). Successful biological

Table 3. Parasitoid species (all Hymenoptera) and host insect species in the Black Sea Region of Turkey (collection sites listed in Figure 1).

Family	Species	Known host insect	Locality
Pteromalidae	<i>Pteromalus lanceolatus</i> (Ratz.)	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
	<i>Rhopalicus suspensus</i> (Ratz.)	<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>	5a
		<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
		<i>Ips typographus</i>	1e
		<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	
		<i>Pissodes notatus</i>	
		<i>Pityokteines curvidens</i>	
		<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
		<i>Crypturgus pusillus</i>	1f
		<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	
	<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>		
	<i>Orthotomicus erosus</i>		
	<i>Hylurgops palliatus</i>	1f	
	<i>Crypturgus pusillus</i>		
	<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>		
	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>		
	<i>Pityokteines spinidens</i>		
	<i>Ips typographus</i>		
	<i>Cryphalus abietis</i>	1f	
	<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>		
	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>		
	<i>Cryphalus abietis</i>	1f	
	<i>Cryphalus abietis</i>	1c	
	<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>		
	<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	1a	
	<i>Hylastes ater</i>	1c	
	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1a, 5a	
Torymidae			
Pteromalidae	<i>Monodontomerus opsoletus</i> (Fabr.)		
	<i>Dibrachys boarmiae</i> (Walk.)		
Cleonymidae	<i>Cheiropachys colon</i> (L.)		
	<i>Macromesites ampifretus</i> (Walk.)		
	<i>Macromesites</i> sp.		
	<i>Dinotiscus eupterus</i> (Walk.)		
	<i>Roptrocerus</i> sp.		
	<i>Entedon pineterum</i> (Ratz.)		
	<i>Roptrocerus brevicornis</i> (Thorns.)		

Table 3. Continued.

Family	Species	Known host insect	Locality
Ichneumonidae	<i>Endasys</i> sp.	<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	1f
	<i>Megastylus</i> sp.	<i>Pityogenes bidentatus</i>	1f
Bethylidae	<i>Scleroderma</i> sp.	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	1b
Braconidae	<i>Coeloides bostrichorum</i> (Gir.)	<i>Pityokteines curvidens</i>	1a, 1e
	<i>Coeloides abdominalis</i> (Zett.)	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1e, 5a
	<i>Dendroster middendorffii</i> (Ratz.)	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1e, 1f, 2d, 5a
	<i>Dendroster middendorffii</i> (Ratz. var. Schmitscheki F.)	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	5a
	<i>Dendroster protuberans</i> (Nees.)	<i>Dryocoetes minor</i>	5a
		<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	
	<i>Calyptrus atricornis</i> (Ratz.)	<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	1c
	<i>Meteorus</i> sp.	<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	1c
		<i>Ips typographus</i>	
	<i>Meteorus varinervis</i> (Tobias)	<i>Cryphalus piceae</i>	1c
		<i>Pityophthorus pityographus</i>	

control programs require that the appropriate predators and parasitoid species be chosen for each pest species (Yüksel 1998). Increasing predator populations could be achieved by releasing predatory species that are likely to control bark beetle outbreaks (Reeve 1997). For instance, *T. formicarius* could be released through augmentative releases of adults (Hopkins 1899), or by using eggs deposited on or nearby infested trees (Weslien & Renander 1992, Costa & Reeve 2012) during *Ips* outbreaks.

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