

Ips pilifrons utahensis

Scientific Name

Ips pilifrons utahensis Wood, 1960

Diagnostic notes

Species:

-Has four spines on the elytral declivity and general appearance is similar to *I. borealis*.

-Potentially sympatric with related species *I. borealis*, *I. tridens*, *I. hunteri*, and morphologically similar species *I. pini*.

-Differs from related species by deep, coarse **strial punctures**, large size, 3.9–5.0 mm and from *I. pini* by uniseriately punctured discal interstriae.

Subspecies:

-Diagnosable by female only.

-Female **frons** weakly protuberant, with sparse vestiture, elevated area without median sulcus (groove) and not extending above level of eyes, width of elevated about half of width of **frons**, most without dense pile-like patches of setae,. 4.4–5.0 mm. (Wood 1982)

Morphological Summary

sexes combined

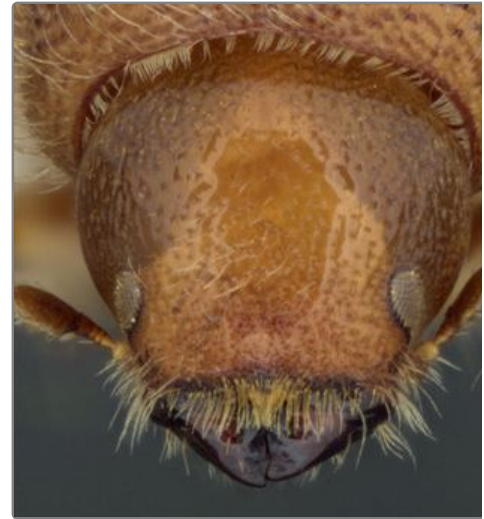
Body. 4.4–5.0 mm long, 2.5–2.7 times longer than wide; **pronotum** 1.0–1.1 times longer than wide.

Head. **Epistomal** margin with uniseriate row of tubercles with gap at midline. **Frons** outline convex or protruding in lateral view; vestiture fine (not hiding part of integument); surface sculpture near epistoma densely tuberculate-punctate or with isolated tubercles; **central carina** absent; central tubercle absent; **transverse carina** absent or present; **frons** central fovea absent; circular tubercles above top of eyes absent or present - up to one third of all tubercles. Vertex and **pronotum** without **stridulatory apparatus** (pars stridens). **Antennal club sutures** bisinuate.

Prothorax. Protibiae with three or four **socketed teeth** on apical half (does not include apical **spine**).

Elytra. **Interstriae punctate** (observed on interstriae 2 and 3 on middle third of elytral disc), punctures 0.5–0.7 times diameter of adjacent **strial punctures** (punctures and striae measured at steepest part of puncture wall), interstitial setae longer than width of scutellar shield, **interstriae** 3–4 times as wide as adjacent **striae**. Elytral **declivity** with four spines per side, **spine 3** largest; **spine 1** (largest on 2nd interstria) closer to **suture** than **spine 2**; spines 1 and 2 separated at base by distance greater than height of **spine 1**; **spine 2** closer to **spine 3** than **spine 1**; **spine 3** pedunculate (capitate), apex acute or right-angled, with apical half symmetrical or asymmetrical in lateral view; spines 2 and 3 on shared tumescence, not in line with spines 1 and 4 (posterodorsal view); declivital integument shiny.

Geographic Distribution



Ips pilifrons utahensis, female frons



Ips pilifrons utahensis, male frons



Ips pilifrons utahensis, female head, lateral

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Hosts

Picea engelmannii (Wood 1982)

Notes

I. borealis, *I. pilifrons*, and *I. tridens* form clade (Cognato and Sun 2007). Female frons little or not produced, and little vestiture dimorphism between sexes.

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Internet resources

https://www.barkbeetles.info/regional_chklist_target_species.php?lookUp=1722



Ips pilifrons utahensis, female head, lateral



Ips pilifrons utahensis, female declivity



Ips pilifrons utahensis, male declivity



Ips pilifrons utahensis, female lateral habitus



Ips pilifrons utahensis, male lateral habitus