

Ips plastographus plastographus

Scientific Name

Ips plastographus plastographus (LeConte, 1868)

Synonyms

Common names: California pine engraver (English)

Diagnostic notes

Species:

-Has four spines on the elytral declivity and sutures of antennal club acutely angulate.

-Lacks frontal carinate elevation present in most specimens of related species *I. integer* (more details under *I. integer*).

Subspecies:

-Median tubercle of male frons usually larger than in *I. plastographus maritimus*.

Morphological Summary

females

Body. 4-5.2(-6.2) mm long, 2.3-2.6 times longer than wide; pronotum 1.0-1.2 times longer than wide.

Head. Epistomal margin with uniseriate row of tubercles with elongate mesal tubercle. Frons outline convex in lateral view; vestiture fine (not hiding part of integument); surface sculpture near epistoma densely tuberculate-punctate; central carina absent; central tubercle present and single, separated from base of epistomal setae by 2-4(-5) tubercle diameters, without pair of circular tubercles on either side of midline; transverse carina absent or present; frons central fovea absent; circular tubercles above top of eyes present - up to, or more than one third of all tubercles. Vertex and pronotum with stridulatory apparatus (pars stridens). Antennal club sutures acutely angulate.

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

Elytra. Interstriae impunctate or punctate (observed on interstriae 2 and 3 on middle third of elytral disc), punctures 0.6-0.9(-1) times diameter of adjacent stria punctures (punctures and striae measured at steepest part of puncture wall), interstitial setae shorter than width of scutellar shield, interstriae 3-5 times as wide as adjacent striae. Elytral declivity with four spines per side, spine 3 largest; spine 1 (largest on 2nd interstria) closer to spine 2 than suture or 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 tapered, apex acute or right-angled, with apical half symmetrical in lateral view; spines 2 and 3 on shared tumescence, not in line with spines 1 and 4 (posterodorsal view); declivital integument mat or shiny.

males



Ips plastographus plastographus, male frons



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Geographic Distribution

Species: Canada (British Columbia); USA (California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming).

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Hosts

Pinus spp. (also *Picea*)

Notes

I. pini, *I. integer*, and *I. plastographus* form clade (Cognato and Sun 2007).

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Ips plastographus plastographus, female frons



Ips plastographus plastographus, male declivity



Ips plastographus plastographus, female declivity

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Internet resources

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Ips plastographus plastographus, male lateral habitus