

The larva of *Hydora annectens* Spangler and Brown (Coleoptera: Elmidae, Larainae) and a key to New World Larainae larvae

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Abstract

The larval stages of the riffle beetle *Hydora annectens* Spangler and Brown are described and illustrated for the first time. They are compared to *Hydora* larvae from New Zealand. A key to the larvae of the New World genera is given. The distribution of known species of Larainae is synopsisized and a checklist of genera and species is given.

Key words: Elmidae, Larainae *Hydora*, Neotropical, New World, larvae

Resumen

Se describe e ilustra, por primera vez, la larva de *Hydora annectens* Spangler and Brown. La larva de esta especie es comparada con larvas de *Hydora* provenientes de Nueva Zelanda. También se incluye una clave genérica para identificar las larvas de Larainae del Nuevo Mundo. La distribución de las especies de Larainae del Nuevo Mundo se resume y se incluye una lista de los géneros y especies conocidos.

Introduction

Elmidae is a common family of aquatic beetles, with a worldwide distribution. It is subdivided in two subfamilies, Elminae and Larainae. Despite being common, mostly in lotic habitats, the knowledge of this family is poor in many parts of South America, especially in Argentina. The genus *Hydora* Brown, 1882 is included within the subfamily Larainae. This subfamily has a worldwide distribution, and includes 11 genera and 37