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First record of *Lucilia bufonivora* Moniez, 1876 (Diptera: Calliphoridae) from North America and key to North American species of the *L. bufonivora* species group

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Abstract

The obligate anuran myiasis blow fly *Lucilia bufonivora* Moniez is reported from North America for the first time. The *L. bufonivora* species group is defined on the basis of the aedeagus and the history and biology of the North American species (*L. bufonivora*, *L. elongata* Shannon and *L. silvarum* (Meigen)) are discussed. A key is provided to separate the three North American species of this group. The North American species *L. thatuna* Shannon, a member of the *L. sericata* (Meigen) species group, is also treated because it is likely a parasite of anurans and is poorly known. The male abdominal sternites, aedeagus (*L. elongata* only), pregonites, postgonites, bacilliform sclerites, ejaculatory sclerites, and female ovi-positors and spermathecae of *L. elongata* and *L. thatuna* are illustrated for the first time.

Key words: Calliphoridae, *Lucilia bufonivora*, *L. elongata*, *L. silvarum*, *L. thatuna*, anuran myiasis, North America

Introduction

Lucilia bufonivora Moniez, 1876 is widely distributed in the Palaearctic Region (Zumpt 1956, 1965; Schumann 1986; Grunin 1988; Fan *et al.* 1997; Verves 2005; Verves & Khrokalo 2010; Martín *et al.* 2012; Rognes 1991, 2013; Draber-Moňko 2013). Prior to this study, it was unknown in North America (Hall 1965; Baumgartner 1988; Whitworth 2006; Rognes 2013). This study reports for the first time the presence of *L. bufonivora* in North America. We found specimens of this species in the Canadian National Collection of Insects (Ottawa) that were misidentified as *L. silvarum* (Meigen, 1826) (Appendix 1). The specimens were collected from western Canada (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia), with 1954 as the earliest collection record. Species confirmation was based on the structure of male and female terminalia as described by Rognes (1991). It is noteworthy that Zumpt (1965) stated “*L. bufonivora* may occur in North America, where it is perhaps confused with *L. silvarum*, but this is a problem which remains to be cleared up.”

Morphologically, *Lucilia bufonivora* is closely related to the Holarctic *L. silvarum* (Rognes 1991) and the western North American *L. elongata* Shannon, 1924 (Whitworth 2006). Moreover, the three species are known to cause myiasis in anurans (Baumgartner 1988). In this study, the three species are grouped in the *L. bufonivora* species group based on the structure of the aedeagus and other external morphological characters. This study aims to define the *Lucilia bufonivora* species group and document our new record of *L. bufonivora* in North America.

Based on our North American specimens, it is of interest to note that adults of *L. bufonivora*, *L. silvarum*, and *L. elongata* have been collected from the same area in the same month and year: 32 miles southwest of Terrace, B.C., June 1960. This coexistence might have contributed to the misidentification of *L. bufonivora* as *L. silvarum* since it was assumed the former species was absent in North America. Also, variation in the number of postacrostichals of *L. bufonivora* may have contributed to the erroneous identification. For these reasons, we provide a key to separate the adults of the three species of the *L. bufonivora* species group. This key will assist entomologists, herpetologists, and wildlife naturalists to accurately identify the three species reared from anuran myiasis cases. Recently, the third instar of *L. bufonivora* was described by Martín *et al.* (2012) and that of *L. silvarum* was described by Fremdt *et al.* (2012).

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APPENDIX 1. Specimens examined.

Lucilia bufonivora (15 males, 14 females) (CNC)

- Alberta:** 1 female (**terminalia examined**), Kananaskis Forest Experiment Station, Seebe, 11.vii.1968, H.J. Teskey.
- British Columbia:** 1 male, 32 mi. S.W. Terrace, on flowers of *Heracleum lanatum*, 4.vi.1960, G.E. Shewell; 1 male, same data except 6.vi.1960, W.W. Moss; 1 female, same data except J.G. Chillcott; 1 female, same data except C.H. Mann; 2 males (**terminalia of one specimen examined**), same data except 8.vi.1960, G.E. Shewell; 1 male (**terminalia examined**), same data except 11.vi.1960, W.W. Moss; 1 male, same data except B. Heming; 2 males (**terminalia of one specimen examined**), same data except R. Pilfrey; 1 male, Terrace, 17.vii.1960, W.R. Richards; 1 female (**terminalia examined**), Tyee, 27 mi. E. Prince Rupert, 24.vi.1960, W.W. Moss; 1 female, Liard River Hot Springs, 24.viii.1962, P.J. Skitsko; 1 female, same data except 23.vii.1987, M. Polak; 3 males (**terminalia examined**), 3 females (**terminalia of one specimen examined**), 25 km S.W. Terrace Hwy 25, 7–8.vii.1984, J.E. O'Hara.

Manitoba: 1 male, 5 mi. N. Minnedosa, 8.vii.1958, R.L. Hurley; 1 male, 9 mi. N. Forrest, 29.vii.1958, R. Madge.

- Saskatchewan:** 1 female, Canora, 22.viii.1954, Brooks-Wallis; 1 female (**terminalia examined**), Mossbank, 25.v.1955, A.R. Brooks; 1 male, Assiniboia, 18.vi.1955, A.R. Brooks; 3 females, same data except on flowers of *Achillea*, 25.vi.1955, J.R. Vockeroth.

Lucilia elongata (32 males, 15 females; 3, sex not recorded)

- Alberta:** 2 males, Waterton Lakes National Park, 14–20.vii.1980, H.J. Teskey (CNC).
- California:** 1 male, San Mateo Co., Corte Madera Creek, Vic, Portola, 18.vii.1959, P.H. Arnaud, Jr. (TW); 1 male, San Mateo Co., Portola Valley, Alpine Rd., Corte Madera Creek, 1.xi.1985, P.H. Arnaud, Jr. (TW); 1 male, Mendocino Co., Dunlap Campground, 29 km W. Willits, 12.vii.1969, P.H. Arnaud, Jr. (TW); 3 females, Tehama Co., Red Bluff, 2.v.1970, B. Villegas (TW); 2 females, Yolo Co., Davis, 21.x.1979, B.L. Herbold (TW); 2 females, same data except 27.x.1979, Bosque (TW).

- British Columbia:** 4 males (**terminalia of one specimen examined**), Cultus Lake, 1,9,12,13.vii.1948, H.R. Foxlee (CNC); 1 male (**terminalia examined**), Macmillan Park, Nanaimo Co., 13.vi.1958, D.M. Wood (CNC); 2 males, 32 mi. S.W. Terrace, 11.vi.1960, W.W. Moss & G.E. Shewell (CNC); 1 male (**terminalia examined**), 1 female, Prince Rupert, 18.vi.1960, B. Heming (CNC); 1 male, 8 km S. Hope, 1–2.viii.1990, A. Borkent (CNC); 1 male, 1 female (**terminalia examined**), 25 km S.W. Terrace Hwy 25, 7–8.vii.1984, J.E. O'Hara (CNC); 1 male, Cathedral Provincial Park, 26.vii.1988, Sid Cannings (TW); 1 female, Vancouver, 29.viii.2002 (TW); 1 male, same data except 6.ix.2002 (TW); 3 males, same data except 16.ix.2002 (TW); 1 male, Glacier National Park, Loop Trail, 1140m, 16.vii.2010 (Guelph DNA); 1 male, Yoho National Park, Emerald Lake Trail, 1307m, 21.vii.2010 (Guelph DNA).

Idaho: 1 female, Kootenai Co., Wolf Lodge Bay KOA, 12.5 km E. of Coeur d'Alene, 29.viii.1981, Paul Arnaud, Jr. (TW).

- Oregon:** 1, sex not recorded, Crook Co., Ooccoo Reservoir, 8.vi.2006, G. Dahlem (GD); 2, sex not recorded, Douglas Co., 11.vi.2006, G. Dahlem (GD); 1 female, Washington Co., S.W. Nicol Rd., 3.vii.1981, E. Eaton (TW); 1 female, Harney Co., Malheur Wildlife Refuge, 28.vii.2005, T.L. Whitworth, bait trap (TW).

- Washington:** 10 males (**terminalia of 2 specimens examined**), Whatcom Co., Glacier, 6.viii.1982, M. Wood (CNC); 1 female, Pierce Co., Tacoma, 3707 96th ST E, 28.v.1997, T.L. Whitworth (TW); 1 female, Spokane Co., Sprague, 4.vi.2006, T. L. Whitworth, bait trap (TW).

Lucilia silvarum (131 males, 88 females) (CNC)

- Alberta:** 1 male, Lethbridge, 12.vi.1930, R.W. Salt; 2 males, same data except 8.vi, 5.vii.1956, E.E. Sterns; 1 male, same data except Gaol Lake, 4.vii.1926, H.E. Gray; 1 male, Onefour, 13.vi.1956, E.E. Sterns.

- British Columbia:** 1 female, Agassiz, 29.vii.1926, R. Glendenning; 1 female (**terminalia examined**), Nicola, 27.viii.1923, E.R. Buckell; 1 male, Oliver, 8.viii.1923, C.B. Garrett; 2 males, same data except 25.v.1959, L.A. Kelton; 1 male, same data except 24.v.1959, E.E. MacDougall; 1 male (**terminalia examined**), same data except Vaseux Lake, 29.v.1959, R.E. Leech; 1 male, Point Grey, 19.viii.1972, J.R. Vockeroth; 1 male, 1 female, Summerland, 8.ix.1931, A.N. Gartrell; 1 male, Terrace, airport, 10.viii.1960, B. Heming; 2 males, 32 mi. S.W. Terrace, 4,11.vi.1960, J.G. Chillcott.

- California:** 1 female, Antioch, Contra Costa Co., 26.iv.1968, D.D. Munroe; 1 male, Dos Palos, Merced Co., 7.ix.1949, J.E. Gillapsy.

Colorado: 1 female, Boulder Reservoir, Boulder, 31.v.1961, B.H. Poole.

Illinois: 1 male, Champaign, 3.x.1956, J.F. McAlpine.

Indiana: 2 males, Valparaiso, 4,9.vii.1954, D. Cobb.

- Manitoba:** 1 male, Brandon, 3.vi.1968, H.J. Teskey; 1 female, 6 mi. N.W. Brandon, 1.vii.1958, C.D.F. Miller; 1 male, same data except R.B. Madge; 1 male, 2 mi. N. Forrest, 19.vii.1958, R.L. Hurley; 4 males, 4 females, 9 mi. N. Forrest,